

## Top Ten Reasons to Host



## Association for Teen-Age Diplomats

### TOP TEN REASONS TO HOST AN ATAD INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

10. It is a fun way to learn more about the world without leaving home. Children who have International siblings develop a better knowledge of the globe and understanding about the world.
9. ATAD students are carefully matched with host families, and excellent support is provided for the International student, family, and school by experienced Program Liaisons.
8. ATAD is an academic home stay program, not a travel program. The applicants are carefully screened before coming here. The result is that our International students are highly motivated teens who are expected to do well in school, and are eager to learn about family life in the United States.
7. Having an International student in your home promotes understanding of other cultures through personal relationships, rather than through stereotypes perpetuated by the news media or by misconceptions of people without first-hand knowledge. By having someone from another culture in your home, you actually learn about the culture through your International student. One's mantra becomes: "It's not wrong, it's not stupid, it's just different."
6. If your child is anticipating going overseas on an exchange program, having an International student in your home gives your child first-hand experience with what it is like to adjust to another culture.
5. You often learn much about our community because you go to museums, galleries, and special events that you might not otherwise attend.
4. You provide schools and the community many opportunities for learning about other parts of the world and intercultural understanding.
3. You may learn new things about yourself through the eyes of an International student.
2. You get to meet and develop friendships with other families who are hosting International students in the community.
1. You are extending hospitality to a young person from another country who will learn about another culture and way of life. You are preparing young people for their responsibilities and future in a changing, interdependent world.