

## **First Night Questions for New Host Family:**

What do I call you? “Mom”, “Dad”, or given (first) name?

What am I expected to do daily other than:

- a. Make my bed
- b. Keep my room tidy
- c. Clean the bathroom up after I use it?

What is the procedure about dirty clothes? Where do I keep them until wash day?

Should I wash my own underclothes?

What is the procedure if I need to iron my clothes?

May I use the iron, washing machine, sewing machine, etc.?

Where can I keep my bathroom accessories?

When is the most convenient time for me to use the bathroom on weekday mornings?

When is the best time for me to shower or bathe?

When are mealtimes?

Do I have a regular job at meal times? Set, clear, wash, dry the dishes; the garbage?

May I help myself to food and drinks (non-alcoholic) at any time or must I ask first?

What areas are strictly private e.g. your study, bedroom, pantry, etc.?

May I put posters and pictures in my room? On the wall? How do you want things hung?

What time must I get up weekday mornings?

What time should I get up weekends and holidays?

What time must I go to bed weekdays? Weekends?

What time must I be in on school nights if I go out? (Exceptions by special arrangement).

What time must I be in on weekends if I go out?

What dates are the birthdays of family members?

May I have friends stay overnight?

What is your rule on entertaining friends in my room with the door closed?

Can I invite friends over during the day? After school? When no one else is home?

What are the rules about phone calls? Local?, Long Distance?, Overseas? How and when may I pay for calls I make? How do you want me to keep track of my pay telephone calls?

What are the rules about access to the Internet and e-mail if there is a computer in the house? Are there time limits or time periods that use is permitted or prohibited?

May my friends call me? What times are not good?

What is the procedure about posting mail?

Do any of you have any dislikes? Example: chewing gum, music types, being late, wearing curlers or a hat at the table, being interrupted while reading, etc.

How do I get to where I need to go? Bus, bicycle, will I be driven in a car? Can I ride with friends in their car, etc.

What about transportation to the mall or movies?

May I play the stereo or TV?

May I use kitchen appliances? Microwave? Dishwasher? Stove?

What is the family practice about going to church?

If I have something bothering me, how do you want me to handle it?

- a. Write a note explaining it
- b. Ask for a heart to heart discussion
- c. Tell my counselor
- d. Keep it to myself and live with it

How often can I go out each week?

Who pays for "event" expenses? me? you? Rotary? (movies, sports events, concerts/shows )

Can I use the family shampoo and tooth paste or buy my own?

What do I do about school lunch? Buy- who pays- me, you, Rotary? Bring from home?

Are there any eating habits or foods I need to discuss? I don't like \_\_\_\_\_.

**In general, ask about those things you feel are most important the first night, and then other over the next couple nights. Try to always keep an open and honest communication with your Host Family and Rotary.**