

Host Family Responsibilities

August 17-23, 2014

Thanks to the generous support of host families, participating global university students are housed with local residents of the New River Valley during the VT KnowledgeWorks Global Partnership Week (GPW).

In summary, host families provide:

- Lodging for one or more visiting global students, including Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday night accommodations.
- Breakfast every morning except for Thursday, August 21.
- Some of the daily transportation needs of student(s).

As a small token of our appreciation, you are invited to attend several celebratory events during the GPW. The event agenda listed below only highlights the host family responsibilities and invitational meals, emphasized in bold font. Closer to the event, we will provide a more detailed event agenda. To view a summary of the activities and events offered to our global students go to http://www.vtkwglobal.com/event_agenda2014.

Sunday, August 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student teams arrive and meet host families. Host family will pick up their student at The Inn at Virginia Tech. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation from the Roanoke Regional Airport to The Inn at Virginia Tech, unless otherwise arranged by the host family.
Monday, August 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host family drops off student(s) for Welcome Lunch at Noon at Custom Catering Center.• Welcome dinner with students and host families at the Wikiteria in the VT Corporate Research Center at 6:00 p.m. Host families will meet their students at the Wikiteria Café.
Tuesday, August 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host family drops off student(s) at host company location in Blacksburg at 9:30 a.m.• Host family picks up student(s) at Lane Stadium parking lot (lot located at the corner of Spring Road and Southgate Drive) on the Virginia Tech campus.• Host family provides dinner for student(s).
Wednesday, August 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host family drops off student(s) in the morning at The Inn at Virginia Tech to take chartered bus to Hotel Roanoke.• Tastes and Sounds of the Valleys Reception, Hotel Roanoke at 5:30 p.m. Attendance optional for host families; ticket registration at http://www.vtkwglobal.com/registration2014.• Students spend overnight at Hotel Roanoke. No lodging required at host family this night.
Thursday, August 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Global Student Business Concept Challenge at Hotel Roanoke, 8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Host families are welcome to attend presentations; free ticket registration at http://www.vtkwglobal.com/registration2014.• Students take the chartered bus back to The Inn at Virginia Tech. Pickup by host families.• Awards presentation and banquet with host families at the Inn at VT (Latham Ballroom) at 7:30 p.m., plus an after party celebration for all.
Friday, August 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host family drops off student(s) at Panera in Christiansburg at 10:30 a.m.• Host family picks up student at the German Club Manor in Blacksburg at 3:30 p.m.• Downtown Blacksburg festivities. VT student liaisons will go to dinner with the students and help coordinate driving the global students back to their host family. Plans TBA.
Saturday, August 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student teams depart. Students are responsible for arranging their own transportation to the Roanoke Regional Airport or host families can take them there.

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