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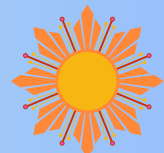
SUMMER 2025 HOSTING



4 WEEKS IN JULY/AUGUST



HOLT  **INTERNATIONAL**
Uplifting children. Strengthening families.



With preparation, guidance and support from Holt International, you can be an Adoption Advocate and host for an older child from the Philippines.



Frequently Asked Questions



WHAT IS HOSTING?

Hosting is a way for children to live with a family in the U.S. for a month to learn what it is like to be in a family. Hosting also gives families the opportunity to meet older children who need adoptive families and learn more about these wonderful children.

WHO ARE THE CHILDREN BEING HOSTED?

Most children are between the ages of 11-14. There are sibling groups and individual children ready to be hosted and they all speak a basic level of English.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO HOST?

Families in OR, WA and CA who meet Philippines Adoption eligibility. Families must complete background checks and 10 hours of education/training, complete a psychosocial assessment, and be in adequate mental and physical health. Families should have a strong Christian faith, as most children are raised in the Catholic or Protestant faith.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HOST FAMILIES?

Families are expected to open their hearts and homes to children from the Philippines for a summer of FUN! Host families will plan activities and share meaningful experiences with the children. They provide housing and meals to the children, and the chaperone from the Philippines will join in meals and activities for 1 week.

WHAT ARE THE FEES?

The fee for the psychological assessment is \$750 and the fee for hosting is \$2500 plus the round-trip plane ticket for the child.

WHAT IF I WANT TO ADOPT THE CHILD I HOSTED?

Families who wish to adopt their host child would begin the adoption process with Holt International. Families send a "Letter of Intent" along with completing a home study and dossier to and gain approval from the Philippines government. Children are required to return to the Philippines after hosting for adoption processing. Most cases take around 12 months to complete the adoption.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact Luisa Barnes at luisab@holtinternational.org to apply!