

Navigator Host Home Guide

Expectations for a host family:

- Provide a safe encouraging environment away from campus for a young staff guy/gal to live and work
- Provide a room free of charge to live in as well as access to a bathroom.
- Young staff will likely be away from campus during the major holidays (a week at Thanksgiving and 3-4 weeks at Christmas) visiting family and raising funds.
- If needed, they could also spend a weekend or even a week elsewhere, if a host family had out of town guests visiting and needed the space.
- Understanding of the uniqueness of the EDGE job: Because these staff are young adults with a full time job, they will spend much of their time on campus, particularly in the evening hours. This should give host families the freedom and space to continue with their own daily routines. There will be some days that the staff will be on campus until midnight or after and will sleep in later in the morning.
- Provide access to kitchen and appliances for them to be able to prepare their own meals, do laundry, etc.
- How food will work is flexible depending on the situation. Our young staff will be on campus for many lunches and dinners or may run home, grab a quick bite and head back to campus. Our initial thought is that it would be very helpful for a host family to provide simple breakfast items (cereal, milk, toast, etc.). It might fill up the kitchen too much to double all of those items. If there is a second refrigerator available, the staff guy or gal could purchase and store most of their own food. Another option is for them to contribute an agreed upon amount for groceries.
- Encourage them in their ministry on campus when the opportunity arises (ask questions, give verbal encouragement, listen to stories etc.)

Optional:

- Depending on schedules, they would probably love to join you for an occasional meal and benefit greatly from this time with you.
- Give them an occasional opportunity to invite some of the students they are working with to your home.

Expectations for Nav staff living in a home:

- Keep personal space clean including room and the bathroom.
- Clean up after using the kitchen.
- Be courteous and respectful of hosts (noise levels from music or phone, coming in quietly at night, etc.)
- They would be open to helping with occasional household projects. For example, if you are gone for the week and need someone to mow, water the plants, walk the dog, helping to rake leaves, etc.
- Provide own food (unless other arrangements are made.)