

“Host a German! You won’t regret it!”

The Kinard Family, 6-time hosts

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Become a Host Family!

“Our family has hosted 4 interns from all parts of Germany. Each one brought something new into our home that we never could get through any other experience. Even our appreciation of our own city and our state has grown by having an intern stay with us! We’ve gotten out to see new places and do new things in Alaska while having them here. You share your home and make great memories! Don’t hesitate!

Our family, and especially our daughters, have gained so much by having interns in our home. They’ve made lifelong memories with all 4 interns. Our family memories are often intertwined with which intern was with us over those holidays.

Without a doubt – it’s been one of the best decisions we have made. Become a host family! Sometimes you can’t travel the world but having an intern in your home invites a piece of the world to join you and your family.”

-The Popovici Family



The Popovici family with intern Pascha Port (2022)



The Popovici girls on a hike with intern Onyekachi Oshionwu (2018)

For more information about hosting, please contact Ann Weese at rilkeinterns@asdk12.org

Host families are needed now for the upcoming school year!



The Colvins with intern Paul Schmidpeter (2022)

Discover Culture and Food!

“We’d always heard that hosting an intern was a life changing experience, and in 2022 we finally experienced it for ourselves. We discovered German culture (and German food!) firsthand. A family trip to an apple orchard resulted in him sharing his grandmother’s apple strudel recipe. Our son’s birthday included homemade Papageienkuchen (parrot cake), which is a treat for children’s birthdays. The conversations of our similarities and differences were often hilarious and surprising. I simply can’t say enough about how much we enjoyed hosting, and I hope you can do the same!”

-The Colvin Family

Visit a friend in Germany!

“The cultural exchange and friendships continue long after you host an intern. Our former interns have been back to Alaska, and we’ve seen them in Germany on our trips. We’ve been lucky to get to know their families too! Last summer, we even had a visit from the mom of our very first intern (from 2008)! She’s become a dear friend over the years as we travel back and forth.”

-The Weese Family



The Weeses at Europark in Germany in 2016, with former interns Julia Starz (2013) and Tina Hallweger (2008)



The Laughlin family out at a race with intern Janne Raguse (2022)

“Our family can’t say enough about what a positive experience hosting an intern was. It provided such a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about the German culture and they truly become “one of the family”. We will be visiting our past intern on our summer trip to Germany and hopefully meeting up with our upcoming intern before the fall semester starts.”

- The Laughlin Family