

Bridges needs help welcoming new international students



Welcome Party

Ways to serve

We have many ways you can serve during the welcome party; from helping to pick up trash, to serving food, or by greeting students as they arrive to the venue. *[Look for details to come on how to sign up for one of these tasks.]* Our greatest need, however, is to find volunteers who are willing to give a little more of their time.

We really need people who will commit to welcome students through friendship at the event, but more importantly to follow up with students afterward. This is how the Gospel is going to go to the nations that come to us if we are willing to open our lives through friendship. We are calling this role **Welcome Party Hosts**.

What is a Welcome Party Host?

There are three main responsibilities:

- **Join a coaching call.** Before the Welcome Party, Bridges staff will talk through some pointers of how you can engage different cultures in friendship.
- **Host a small group of students during the party.** When students arrive each host will have lunch with 3-5 students and hang out with them all afternoon.
- **Invite your group to your home or an activity that next week.** In order to build friendship we want each host to follow-up with their students by the next weekend. Bridges staff will help coach hosts. Some ideas: go to the movies, help

them with getting groceries, or go to a park, etc.

When:

Saturday, August 19

11 am—4:30 pm at the Forest Club

Friday-Sunday, August 25-27
Host follow-up activities

Will you prayerfully consider joining us as a Welcome Party Host? Email james.bartlett@cru.org to sign up.

Airport pickups

One of the greatest ways to welcome new students is to pick them up at the airport as they arrive this summer. We have students arriving throughout the summer, but most come in August. Please email james.bartlett@cru.org if you would like to help with this effort.

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Thanks to Tom and Linda Lott for hosting our July 4 Picnic on Saturday, July 1! Everyone who came had a good time and plenty to eat.

