

# Orange Connection Overnight Host FAQs

## *What is Orange Connection?*

Orange Connection is a career mentoring experience designed to allow students to connect and job shadow with Wartburg alumni in metropolitan areas. Students participate in a one-day job shadowing opportunity with an alumni or friend of the college that allows them to gain an insider's view into a career field of their interest, observe on-the-job activities, and participate in hands-on learning experiences in the workplace.

Orange Connection also includes an opportunity for students to stay in the homes of alumni mentors, learn about balancing work, family, and community commitments after college, and discover what alumni learned from their Wartburg college experience.

## *When would students be staying with us?*

Students will stay with overnight hosts Sunday evening into Monday morning. We ask that you attend the Knights Connect alumni event on Sunday and take the student back to your home at the completion of the event. Students would stay with you through Monday morning.

## *How many students would I host?*

The number of students you host is up to you and your ability to accommodate. We prefer two students to one host family, but we are open to you hosting one student. If you can accommodate a larger number of students, please also let us know.

## *What are the host family's responsibilities?*

The host family provides students with a room furnished with a place to sleep. They are also expected to involve the students in their Sunday evening activities. We ask that a simple breakfast is offered to the student on Monday morning.

## *Do I need to provide entertainment for the students?*

Some hosts will plan special entertainment, but it is not an expectation. The students really enjoy the conversation with their hosts and sharing fun Wartburg stories.

## *Does it cost me anything to participate as a host?*

As a personal host, you provide lodging and one breakfast meal.

## *Do students have any special requirements (allergies, diet)*

Sometimes students have special dietary restrictions such as no pork, vegetarian, vegan, no dairy, etc. Others have allergies to certain foods or may not eat certain foods for personal or religious reasons. Some students also may have environmental allergies such as hay, pets, or perfume. All these questions are asked on the student's profile form which you will receive for each student you host.

## *Do I need to provide bedding/towels for the student?*

Students should have access to shower at your home. Logistically, it is helpful if you can provide bedding and a towel for the student; however, students may also be requested to bring these items if needed. Please note these needs on your host information form.

## *Will I need to drive the student?*

We do not expect hosts to drive students to their professional job shadow sites unless you are willing and able to do so. Typically, students use their own vehicle, utilize public transportation, or a college staff member will assist with transportation needs. We ask that you attend the Knights Connect alumni event on Sunday and drive the student back to your home following the event.

## *How can I provide feedback?*

You will be asked to complete an evaluation after the program.

## *What if I need to cancel?*

If some unforeseen event occurs that requires you to cancel, notify your student and college contact.

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