



THE HOMESTAY PROGRAM

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GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL 2015

... In Tune with the World

Become a Host Family to Choristers from around the Globe and experience the Festival through their eyes and ears.

Open your home to choristers from other cultures and show them the best of the Bay Area as you and your guests enjoy the Golden Gate International Choral Festival 2015. Providing a home away from home for visiting choristers is one of the most rewarding things you can do.

Students come here from around the world to join in friendly choral

and solo competition. This year marks the 10th Golden Gate International Choral Festival and promises to be filled with new and exciting dynamics.

By inviting choristers into your home, you and your family learn about other cultures and traditions.

Hosting and homestay often

leads to the development of long-term relationships, with the host family visiting their homestays in their home countries.

We are proud of the hundreds of choristers our local families have homestay since 1982, enriching the Golden Gate International Choral Festival for participants and families. We hope you will join us!

For more information, visit us at:

GOLDENGATEFESTIVAL.ORG



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOMESTAY FAMILY

To Provide:

- a safe, warm, and welcoming environment for their guests
- all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and water) with the exception of the Festival Picnic
- all transportation to and from Festival events, all rehearsals, concerts, meeting points for arrival and departure with their choirs, and return from the Bay Cruise. Pickup times are within 15 minutes of the end of a rehearsal, concert, activity, or event.

Additionally, the Homestay Family will:

- check on the schedules for their chorister guests and make certain that they arrive at the correct venue on time and well rested. This includes dropping off your choristers before daily rehearsals and by the call time for all concerts
- pick up your guests at the appropriate place and time
- check the Festival website - goldengatefestival.org - daily to verify the schedule, venue and times needed for your choristers. Directions to the venues and Google groups for all homestay families housing the same choir will be posted here as well.
- ensure that your choristers have all their necessary materials, including concert uniform, lunch and music binder.
- be responsible for your choristers at the end of daily activities and any evening concert
- prepare for your guests by reading up on the country and area from which they come

An Important Note:

- Homestay families will be provided with two contact names in the event of an emergency (such as health issues, intense homesickness, loss of uniform, etc.) Please note them here and keep available.

- - PEBCC LIAISON to your chorister's choir
 - Name _____
 - Telephone _____
 - Email _____
 - DESIGNATED CHOIR CONTACT from your chorister's choir
 - Name _____
 - Telephone _____
 - Email _____

- Each choir has its own Festival schedule. If you have a singer in PEBCC or another homestay hosting organization, please note that the schedules may be different for each. While all efforts will be made to ensure that there are no direct conflicts in performance schedules, homestay families will need to make arrangements in the event of any conflicts.

REASONS TO HOST

- Enjoy glorious music from around the world as sung by top Children's Choirs
- Be involved in your community and the rich traditions of the Choral Music Community
- Uniquely connect your family to the world
- Build lasting friendships



GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL
 July 12 – 18, 2015
HOMESTAY FAMILY APPLICATION

We are excited to host the Golden Gate Choral Festival in July 2015. We have Festival singers from all around the world to house and appreciate your willingness to open your home to them. Please complete the application below, which will help us match your family with visiting choristers and make your homestay experience a memorable one.

FAMILY NAME: _____ FAMILY PHONE: _____

FAMILY ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

Family Member Name <i>(Please list all members who will potentially be in the home during the Festival – use a separate sheet if needed))</i>	Check if Driver*	Date of Birth	Please print Driver’s License Number	Gender	E-mail	Cell phone	Check if Choir Alum
1.	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>						<input type="checkbox"/>

*** Any driver must possess a valid driver’s license and maintain liability insurance to meet California DMV financial responsibility law.**

Family Member with fluency in a foreign language:

Name: _____ Language(s): _____

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Animals in home (for allergy concerns):

This is my first time as a Host Family: I was previously a Host Family In which year(s)? _____

Number of children and gender you prefer to host: Two Three Boys Girls Either Gender

What nationality would you like to host? _____ Any would be exciting to host

GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH CHORAL FESTIVAL

July 12 – 18, 2015

HOMESTAY FAMILY TERMS AND CONDITIONS/AGREEMENT OF HOMESTAY

Thank you for offering to provide homestay opportunities for choristers participating in the 2015 Golden Gate International Choral Festival (“GG-Festival”). If you (“Host”) accept choristers for homestay then the terms and conditions upon which homestay is to be provided by you shall be as set out in these Terms and Conditions of Homestay and Agreement and will apply upon acceptance as a Host Family and for the duration of the Festival. Any amendments or variations to the Terms and Conditions and Agreement shall only have effect as notified to you in writing by the Festival organizers.

**Please read the following, then sign and date at the bottom. Return completed application (pages 3 and 4) to:
Golden Gate International Choral Festival, Homestay Program, 3629 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610**

1. The “GG-Festival” may share my name, address, email, phone, and mobile phone among families within the homestay community, and I understand my information may be used within the “GG-Festival” organizations and sponsorships.
2. **Please initial here** to confirm that no member in the “Host” household over 18 has been convicted of a criminal offense including sex related or child-abuse and sexual abuse related (felony or serious misdemeanor).
3. The “Host,” not the “GG-Festival,” Piedmont East Bay Children’s Choir, or any of its employees or directors shall be liable for all costs, expenses and outgoings incurred by the “Host” Host Family or friend as a result of providing Homestay for the choristers. This includes, but is not limited to, costs and expenses for transportation, food, telephone calls, breakages, property damage, and other such expenses.
4. Should any dispute or difference arise between the parties concerning this agreement or the provision of Homestay accommodation, the parties agree that they will, in good faith, endeavour to resolve the dispute by consultation and negotiation.
5. The “GG-Festival” and its subsidiaries, employees and directors shall not be liable for any costs, expenses, damages, or other claims against the “Host” arising from any acts or omissions of the choristers.
6. The “Host” agrees that, if providing transportation of choristers, any driver will possess a valid driver’s license and will maintain liability insurance to meet California DMV financial responsibility law.
7. The “Host” agrees to immediately notify the PEBCC LIAISON and the DESIGNATED CHOIR CONTACT in the event of an emergency.
8. The “Host” agrees to provide two personal references as below. The “GG-Festival” will perform reference checks.

Reference #1	Reference #2
Name	Name
Address	Address
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Email	Email
Telephone	Telephone
How Long Known?	How Long Known?
In what capacity known?	In what capacity known?

I have read, understand, and agree to the Terms and Conditions of becoming a “Host” for the “GG-Festival.”

Signed _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

The Golden Gate International Choral Festival is a program of the
Piedmont East Bay Children’s Choir, 3629 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA 94610,
USA. (510)-547-4441 piedmontchoirs.org / goldengatefestival.org.