



Dear Host Family,

The International Training Centre (ITC) at TRU receives students for a variety of training or language immersion programs that typically last between three to 16 weeks. Many of these programs run in the summer months and are preferable for families who wish to host, but have busy schedules during the fall and winter months. Some short-term programs also require hosts for a few weeks during the regular academic year. Whether you are a new or existing family, we would like to remind all families of the following considerations:

- 1) Airport pick-up and drop-off is mandatory: The Kamloops airport is the most prominent method of transportation for our students. Please ensure that you are available for both the arrival and departure date/time. Depending on group size, your student is required to be at the airport 1.5 – 2 hours before their departing flight. These flights can include early morning departures or late evening arrivals, such as 5 AM and midnight, respectively. *If you have a scale at home, we would also encourage families to weigh the students' luggage prior to their departure. The maximum weight of checked luggage is 23kg.*
- 2) Travel/days off: Many of our ITC programs include various travel arrangements including camping, and trips to places such as Banff or Vancouver, etc. It is important to note that students are not here for vacation and any absences or travel arrangements outside of their scheduled program must be identified to our staff. If a student would like to go on vacation, he/she needs to discuss this matter with their chaperone and coordinator to receive an excused absence/approval. If a host family would like to invite a student to join a vacation or trip of any kind, they also need to request permission from the coordinators.
- 3) Occasional pick-up and drop-off at school or activities: Due to the sometimes intense and busy schedules of our short-term groups, we would like to remind families that occasional pick-up and drop-off might be required. Late night classes or weekend activities is not uncommon. Although students receive a bus pass we would like to ask families to be conscious of their students' schedules and activities should they need transportation assistance.
- 4) Airport package: At the time of your students' arrival at the airport, you will receive a package about your student and their program schedule. Please ensure you take the time to familiarize your student(s) with the Kamloops transportation system. It is recommended that hosts accompany the students on their first bus ride to ensure proper familiarization of transit schedules, bus stops, routes, etc. Another useful tool for both families and students is the Kamloops bus app. This app allows you to have a complete overview of all Kamloops bus routes and real time updates of bus systems. Please treat your student(s) the way you would your own children or family members.
- 5) Student's Bedroom inspection: Upon the students' arrival and prior to departure, ensure you go through the student's bedroom with them to identify any damages caused and submit your claim (including pictures) right away to homestay@tru.ca – thank you!