



AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE MISS TENN KY TEAM NEWS

BRINGING FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO MISSISSIPPI, TENNESSEE, AND SOUTHERN KENTUCKY

Bring the world to your family ...and peace to the world!

Would you share your home with an AFS foreign exchange student eager to learn about America and eager to be part of a family for the school year?

AFS has led student exchanges for more than fifty years. We know family life makes all the difference for a young visitor. When you welcome a student from another country-even for a short time you learn about the world with your children and family, and give your AFS student the opportunity to take home a part of America.

Please call Jenny Myers, local hosting coordinator at 615-385-9644 or Becky Heywood at 615-383-5458 or AFSHosting@nashville.com if you're interested. Open, loving families are need for student who will arrive in August 2001.

Thank you for helping us place outstanding exchange students with caring American families like yours. Visit our website at <http://afs.nashville.com>

HELP US HOST

The most challenging part of being an AFS volunteer is finding host families. Our goal is to find all of our host families by July 1!

Please cut this announcement out and post in your local newspaper, grocery store, church bulletin, bookstore, or library! Talk to people

about your experience with AFS and help find families! Thank you.

THE "AFS-USA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP MEETING"

Over the summer, I was elected Miss Tenny Area Team's Representative to the AFS-USA Southeast Regional Council. The RC's March Meeting was in conjunction with all Other RC's Meetings and in conjunction with the AFS-USA "National Leadership Conference" in Los Angeles, California.

It was inspiring to see SO MANY volunteers all in one Place with the same spirit and mission of supporting the Wonderful thing we call "AFS." It was exciting to be a part of this historic organization and see first hand its continued dynamic evolution. On the RC level, several things have happened. Carol Mattes has been elected RC Chair. Carol is a kindred spirit to many of us and though she has big shoes to fill, I'm sure she will make her own mark on the RC. RC's are a relatively new part of AFS-USA's structure and Carol does not have "precedent" as a crutch nor as a binding. Also on the RC/Regional level, the SE Regional Office has moved to Baltimore, as has the Northeast Regional Office. Good things are happening in the AFS-USA hierarchy!

Which brings me to the focus of the presentation made by Connell Saltzman, the Chair of the National Council. Connell used the little book, "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson, M.D. to encourage us

WE WANT YOU TO VOLUNTEER THIS SUMMER!

Host families aren't the only things we need! Summer is a busy time for AFS. We need all the open hearts and minds AFS has to offer. In June, We need leaders to prepare AFS students for departure. In August, we need someone to pick up the new arrivals at the airport. Desserts so the newly arrived students are welcomed by some home made goodies! We need group leaders to lead students through their first few days in the US and liaisons for our new arrivals. You can help, call 383-5458 or AFSAreaChair@nashville.com to volunteer!

MISSISSIPPI FRIENDS?

We are hosting an AFS student in Mississippi in 2001. Do you know residents of Mississippi who would help AFS support a student there? Please let an any area team member know who they are. Thank You!

all not to cling to "how it's always been done" as our paradigm for how to do things within AFS-USA. If you haven't read this book, I'd advise you to do so before trying to find that next host family, or attending that next AT meeting, or even attending your next church business meeting!

Another theme was presented by AFS-USA staff, -- volunteer appreciation. One way to "integrate" volunteers and to "retain" volunteers is to appreciate them and to let them know that they are appreciated. The same goes for Schools, -- letting them know that we appreciate their "hosting" AFS students. I like an organization that appreciates its most valuable resources!

A LOT more went on over the weekend that I don't have space to write about, but I was inspired by the organization's willingness to listen, change, and adapt, -- and the organization's awareness of how good and valuable our volunteers are. The NLC made me feel good about the SE Region and about AFS-USA!

CONGRATULATIONS:

Luke Naylor, American Abroad to Sweden for receiving a 4.0 at MTSU and being selected the MTSU mascot for next year!

Sue Courey, AFS volunteer for competing her 2nd Music City Marathon!

Kaiser Faroque, American Abroad to Argentina and Japan for being Valedictorian of Overton High School

Sarah Myers, American Abroad to Argentina for being named alternate for both the Governors' School for International Studies and Girl's State.

Claire Chan from Hong Kong for receiving the most outstanding Chemistry, Pre Calculus, and Trig award.

THANKS...

... to club sponsors **Barbara Wills** and **Carolyn Graham** and the Hunter's Lane AFS club for organizing both the exchange weekend in Lisle, IL and at Hunter's Lane HS.

West Wilson AFS for the tye dye party. The shirts turned out great!

Npt volunteers **Linda and Brent Grubb, Dana Lockhart, Meredith Richardson, Becky and Rob Heywood, Alberto Betancourt, Emilia Bucheli, Barbara Wills, Jessica Green.**

Thanks to **Betsy McMullen** for inviting us to Hendersonville High School for an It's Your World presentation.

Lorraine and Ron Greathouse for the donation of tickets to performances of Fiddler on the Roof, Stomp and Riverdance!

All of those who helped with thanking our schools.

Vanderbilt Tutors for all their help this year!

GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

If you are interested in attending please let Becky Heywood know! It is an exclusive enrichment program for selected Tennessee students. They graciously extend an invitation to hosted AFS students in Tennessee. This is at no cost to the students. Students will be housed on the University of Memphis campus and experience a college like atmosphere. We will need help driving to and from Memphis. The dates are June 17-24th and June 24th through July 1st.

MARK THESE DATES:

Check the website for the latest AFS News you can use! <http://afs.nashville.com>

- **May 20** Area Team Meeting 2 PM.
- **June 17-24** Governor's School for International Studies
- **June 24-July 1** Governor's School for International Studies
- **August 4** Host family orientation
- **August 4** Liaison training
- **August 8, 9, 10**
New AFS students arrive.

Mandatory Dates:

- **June 2, 2001:**
Departure Orientation for hosted students, host families, Americans Abroad and their families.
- **July 6, 2001**
Hosted students leave on Bus Trip.
- **July 10, 2001**
Return Departure from New York.

HELP WANTED

Orientation Leaders for June 2nd. • Leaders for hosted students • Leaders for hosting families • Leaders for Americans Abroad • Leaders for Parents of Americans Abroad

Arrival Shuttle Service Coordinator: helps ensure that all arriving students have a volunteer to meet them at their arrival point and a ride to the orientation site, everyone has flight information, and appropriate phone numbers.

Arrival Shuttle Drivers. This is a great job for a new AFS volunteer. It is a short assignment with lots of perks. They get to be the first volunteer a student meets in TN! Recruit friends and give their names to the Shuttle coordinator!

Student/Family Liaisons are always needed. Liaisons are responsible for documented monthly contact with students and families. Contact Elmer Woods at 615-297-4257 or ewoods@dtus.com

Newsletter Editor: The Miss Tenny area team produces 4 newsletters a year. Contact Rob Heywood at 615-383-5458 or rheywood@telalink.net

Returnee Coordinator: The AFS Area Team Returnee Coordinator is responsible for developing an ongoing connection with the organization and providing involvement opportunities for returning AFS students. The Returnee coordinator works with returnees and fellow Area Team coordinators to assess returnee skills and interests and to refer returnees to volunteer needs within the Area Team. Assist in orientations and represent returnee interests on the Area Team. Contact Becky Heywood at 615-383-5458 or AFSAreaChair@nashville.com

Sending Coordinator Apprentice: Our current sending coordinator needs someone to train to be sending coordinator in 2001-2003. Brent plans to pursue other volunteer positions. The Area Team

Sending coordinator is the area volunteer with the principal responsibility for coordinating volunteers, returnees, and schools in recruitment for and implementation of AFS outbound programs. This position also serves as the principal liaison between the area team and the Regional Service Center for procedural and policy issues related to student recruitment and outbound programs. Contact Brent Grubb: 758-3445 or attabeast@aol.com

Host Family Interviewers: We are building an interviewing team willing to interview and complete applications of potential host families. Contact Jenny Myers 385-9644

These don't interest you? Other volunteer opportunities include planning a holiday party, providing a ride to a student or arranging for returnees and students to give a presentation for your local club or civic organization.



Jukeon Li of Costa Rica and Nick Grant of New Zealand present Franklin High Principal Dr. Calton a gift of thanks during a recent school day.

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SOUTHEAST AND NORTHEAST OFFICE BECOME ONE!

And they have moved to a new location!

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410-539-5997(new)
410-539-5636 fax(new)

800-876-2376 remains the same

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FAREWELL LIXET

RADAELLI

Lixet Radaelli left for Oklahoma on May 2nd. We are sorry she had to leave so soon. Good bye Lixet! Good Luck at the University of Tulsa!

ATTENTION HARRIS TEETER SHOPPERS:

You can help AFS raise money by linking your VIC card to AFS. Next time you shop, tell them to link your VIC card to Nashville Neighbors Account 4558. This costs you nothing. Every time you shop after you ask them to link your VIC to AFS, Harris Teeter will donate 1% of your total purchase dollars to AFS. Even if you already link your VIC to another organization or school, you can still add our number. The Harris Teeter 1% donation will be split with up to 5 non-profits linked to each shopper's VIC card.



Link up to our Nashville
Neighbors Account number at
Harris Teeter!

AFS Miss Tenny

our Nashville Neighbors
Account # is:

4558



SUPER ORIENTATION DAY! IT'S SUPER FUN!

Who: Parents, students, and families come to Super Orientation Day to get prepared for departure. Whether your child is going home to their home culture or going abroad to a new culture everyone should attend. Lunch will be provided.

Where: First Baptist Church 1106 Hadley Ave in Old Hickory. Hadley Ave is in between the Madison Bridge and the strip of antique stores on Old Hickory Blvd. Please see the map on our website at afs.nashville.com. Lost? Call 473-4389 for help.

When: Saturday June 2nd
9:30am to 4:30 pm

Parents will be finished after lunch (around 1pm). You are welcome to join us in remaining sessions or you can shop or tour the area until 4:30!

Coming from out of town? Need a place to stay? We can help. Call Brent Grubb 615-758-3445.

If you are unable to attend please contact Becky Heywood at 383-5458 or AFSAreaChair@nashville.com to schedule a review before departure.

TPAC TICKETS FOR AUCTION

Special thanks to the Greathouse family for their donation of TPAC Tickets!

We are offering entertainment at TPAC on our first ever AFS auction. Two tickets for Sunday evening performances of Stomp and Riverdance are available. Great orchestra level seats! If you would like to have a pair of tickets to either performance, bid today! Our treasurer will reveal the winning bids on the Sunday before the performance. All bids are blind. The top bidders will be notified at the close of the auction.

- Sunday May 27 Stomp
Auction closes May 20 at 5pm
- Sunday June 17 Riverdance
Auction closes June 10 at 5pm

Minimum bids are \$30.00 for a pair of tickets to one of the performances. Send your bids to Sue Courey at nashcourey@home.com or call her at 297-4636. Bids must include the bid, mailing address and phone number.

Tickets will be mailed after the auction closes. Thank you for your support.

WHERE DO I GO ON JULY 6?

Your bus start coordinator Suzanne Reiss knows! Watch for a letter from her in June with all the instructions. Also check the web site.

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AFS works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership.



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