



# Marlboro-Wujiang Youth Exchange Program

The Marlboro-Wujiang Youth Exchange Program has forged a long-lasting relationship between Marlboro Township and Wujiang, China. The intent of the program is to help our students appreciate cultural differences and foster a sense of global understanding among the students and their host families.

- **Founded in 2011**
- **Non-profit organization that relies on community fundraising**

## Marlboro Host Families

Since inception, 52 students from Wujiang City, China have been welcomed into the homes of Marlboro host families. Wujiang City students will visit Marlboro every other summer. Wujiang City students will stay in a home with a host child of the same gender and the host child is typically between the ages of 13 and 18.

- **Students visit Marlboro for one week typically (4-5 days)**
- **Students and host families get to know each other at a Welcome Reception**
- **Students receive a photo ID for the Marlboro Swim Club for their stay and an optional day at the swim club is often organized for everyone**
- **Day trips to New York and/or Philadelphia will be scheduled during the visit for the students and interested host family members**
- **Other activities are organized including a tour of Marlboro municipal buildings and schools, the beach and bowling**
- **During the times when structured activities are NOT scheduled, the students get a glimpse of the life of a typical American family**
- **A Farewell Dinner Party ends the week where the visiting students put on a special performance to thank the host families**

## Travel to China

During the Summer of 2017 six (6) Marlboro students were the third group of student Ambassadors delegated to representing Marlboro township as part of this program.

- Marlboro students will tour Shanghai, Suzhou, and Beijing with chaperones from Marlboro.
- In addition to they will spend six (6) days with host families in Wujiang City. During the home stay, Wujiang City provides trips for all Marlboro students to various places of interest in the area.
- The week concludes with a farewell dinner party where our Marlboro Student Ambassadors thank Wujiang City with a presentation.
- In preparation for the trip, Marlboro students meet regularly as a group to learn about the culture and language of China.

This tremendous opportunity is offered to students who are interested in representing Marlboro Township as young Ambassadors. **Consideration for students to travel to China include:**

- **Written essay**
- **Previous or same year hosting of Wujiang City students**
- **Participation in fundraising activities and events**

The costs incurred by the family for the trip vary based on various factors including the exchange rate. Travelers are expected to participate in fundraising activities and to represent the program at various events both before and after hosting the Chinese students, including a Town Council Presentation of their trip.

To Host Students from China or For More Information  
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