**Community Friends Program Orientation**

**Academic English Studies**

**Lewis & Clark College**

Student tips for a successful Community Friends experience:

* The Community Friends Program is optional for AES students.  Community Friends usually meet students once or twice a month.  It can be a fun way to learn English and meet new friends.
* Introductions and meetings with your Community Friends often take place on weekends or in the evenings.  You may need to stay on campus after classes end.
* Exchange contact information.  Find out what activities you both enjoy.
* Please respond quickly to your Community Friend. You do not have to accept every invitation, but please reply promptly.
* While the Community Friends Program is not a homestay program, sometimes Community Friends invite students to stay as guests at their homes.
* Check your @lclark.edu email address regularly.  That is where notices about the Community Friends Program are sent.
* Invite your Community Friend to explore Portland with you!  Resources include:
  + AES Facebook page
  + Lewis & Clark Campus events: [**http://www.lclark.edu/calendars/**](http://www.lclark.edu/calendars/)
  + Travelportland.com
  + Events.kgw.com
* If you change your mind and do not want a Community Friend, please let me know immediately.
* If you do not hear from your Community Friend at least once a month, please contact me. Thank you!

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