

**BELGIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

Name of Responsible Adult(s) of the Participating Family:

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| _____ | cellphone# | _____ |
| _____ | cellphone# | _____ |
| _____ | cellphone# | _____ |

Name of Student(s) of the Participating Family:

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| _____ | cellphone# | _____ |
| _____ | cellphone# | _____ |

Street Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

The Belgian Exchange Program is a volunteer based organization of like-minded individuals who have come together to create a cultural exchange between students from America and Belgium. To accomplish this goal we all volunteer our time, our homes, our vehicles, and commit to a shared responsibility towards each other to have a successful program for our students.

For these reasons this Volunteer Participation Agreement is required for your family's participation in the Belgian Exchange Program, and participation is conditioned on compliance with this Volunteer Participation Agreement.

As a volunteer participant in the Belgian Exchange Program, I/we agree to and acknowledge all of the following:

1. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that is a credit to me, my family, and all of the other families participating in the Belgian Exchange Program; and which helps the Belgian Exchange Program achieve its goals and objectives.
2. I agree to abide by this Agreement, and by the applicable provisions of California and federal laws, and the Belgian Exchange Program's Host Family Guidelines.

3. I agree to cooperate with the Program Coordinators and to contact a Program Coordinator when a problem arises.
4. I agree to observe all safety rules and to use care in the performance of the assignments I undertake. I agree that I shall not use or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, including prescription drugs that may affect my ability to safely participate in the program events and activities. I further agree that I will not provide alcohol or drugs to any Belgian student.
5. I agree that I will not drive any Belgian student without a valid California Driver's License.
6. I agree that I will not drive any Belgian student while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, including prescription drugs.
7. I agree that I will not allow any Belgian student to drive a motor vehicle.
8. **Permission to Use Photographs.** I hereby grant to the Belgian Exchange Program the absolute and irrevocable right and permission to use, reuse, and publish all pictures or videos of me or my child taken in the course of Belgian Exchange Program activities and events. I fully understand that I hold no control over the use of the image of which I or my child is a part. I grant the Belgian Exchange Program the right to identify by name the participants appearing in a photo or video. I hereby release the Belgian Exchange Program from any and all claims and demands arising out of, or in connection with the use of the photograph or video including any claims of libel. This authorization and release shall also apply to those working with or in connection with the Belgian Exchange Program as well as the person(s) who took the photograph or video.
9. **Assumption of Risk.** Participation in Belgian Exchange Program events and activities might result in injuries, potentially including serious or life threatening injuries or death. Injuries might arise from a student's actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of another student or participant in activities, or the actual or alleged failure by Belgian Exchange Program Coordinators, Belgian Chaperones, or other program volunteers, to adequately instruct or supervise program events or activities. Injuries might also arise from an actual or alleged failure to properly maintain, use, repair, or replace physical facilities or equipment available for activities. All such risks are deemed to be inherent to the student's participation in the Belgian Exchange Program. By this Agreement, the student and parent or guardian are deemed to fully assume all such risks and, in consideration for the right of the student to participate in the Belgian Exchange Program, understand and agree that to the fullest extent allowed by law they are waiving and releasing any potential future claim they might otherwise have been

able to assert against the Belgian Exchange Program, Program Coordinators, Belgian Chaperones or other program volunteer, by or on behalf of the student or any parent, guardian or family member.

10. Physical limitations. I certify for myself and my participating family members that we are capable of participating in the Belgian Exchange Program and know of no physical, emotional or mental health condition which would preclude our participation in the program activities and events and take full responsibility for monitoring our physical condition and acting safely at all times.

I have carefully read this Agreement and fully understand its content. I am aware that this is a waiver and release of liability, and a contract between my family and the Sacramento Belgian Exchange coordinators and participants, and I/we agree to such terms of my/our own free will.

#### PARTICIPANT FAMILY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Volunteer Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Volunteer Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Volunteer Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Volunteer Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Volunteer Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Belgian Exchange Program

## Host Family Guidelines

Host families are expected to:

1. Provide housing, transportation and meals for the Belgian exchange student.
2. Ensure that your Belgian student takes an active part in your family activities. It is the goal of our exchange program to make the student feel a part of your family and allow the student to experience "American Life."
3. Provide or arrange transportation for the activities listed in the schedule of events.
4. Participate as a driver and/or chaperone of Belgian and American students to one of the scheduled activities.
5. Provide your Belgian student(s) a bag lunch and beverage for each scheduled activity.
6. If you leave the Sacramento area with your Belgian student you must notify a Program Coordinator and your Belgian student must notify a Belgian chaperone. All out of town activities involving Belgian students must be chaperoned by an American adult.
6. In case of a medical emergency notify a Program Coordinator as soon as possible after attending to emergency situations.
7. The Welcome and Farewell dinners are special events. Everyone should attend these activities.
8. Include both the American and Belgian students in any social invitations.
9. All activities in your home that include the Belgian student(s) must have an American adult present.