

Experience of a Lifetime

THE BENEFITS OF GOING-THROUGH PARTNERS OF THE AMERICAS?

- Get to know a warm, friendly Gaucho family.
- Learn about the rich Brazilian culture and their beautiful country.
- Learn a few Portuguese words.
- Taste some Brazilian food.
- Expand your cultural horizons.
- Volunteer in an area of interest to you!
- Make lifetime friends
- Have a distinctive experience on your college applications.
- Show your culture to others.
- Be a part of the global community.



American and Brazilian students in Brazil

Partners of the Americas

Indiana, USA - Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

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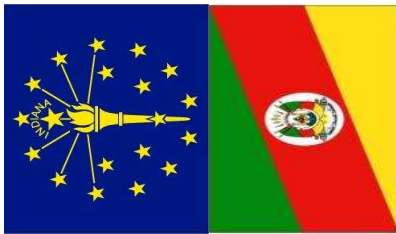
Be a Youth Ambassador to Brazil



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Who is Partners of the Americas?



Partners of the Americas began in 1964 as part of President John F. Kennedy's Alliance for Progress and is made up of volunteers from many walks of life, organized into partnerships of a U.S. state (or part of a state) and a country or state in Latin America.

Flag of Indiana (upper); **Flag of Rio Grande do Sul** (lower)

In almost 50 years of operations, Indiana's all-volunteer chapter has facilitated economic and social development through people-to-people projects of teachers, students, artists, and professionals from our partner state.

The objective of the **Youth Ambassadors**

Program is to prepare Indiana and Rio Grande do Sul youth for today's global community by providing an opportunity for intercultural exchange in the partner state, creating an awareness of cooperation between cultures, promoting volunteerism and leadership.

How does the program work?

- Partners in Rio Grande do Sul (Partners-RS) select host families from among their members who are committed to integrating the U.S. students into normal family activities.
- Youth Ambassadors need to participate in school regularly or in a home school program, not for credit, but are expected to participate in classes and activities.
- Youth Ambassadors are also expected to perform some type of volunteer service in RS; host families with Partners-RS in Brazil will help with ideas.
- Family sightseeing excursions are encouraged.
- Brazilian Partners provides one gathering of hosted students. Other excursions may be arranged with the families.

How long is the exchange?

Approximately four weeks, from the first week in June to the first week in July (Brazilian winter). Specific dates change each year depending on school vacations and flight availability.

What does a host family provide?

- A single or shared room and family meals
- Transportation to and from the airport, school, and Partners activities
- Inclusions in family activities and/or excursions
- Coordination of volunteer activities

NOTE: Students will take spending money, health insurance, school transcripts and medical records



Who are the Host Families?

Host families are all members of Partners of the Americas in Rio Grande do Sul. They are selected by a Rio Grande do Sul Partners Committee following a rigorous process that evaluates their dedication to volunteerism and the goals of Partners of the Americas and openness to hosting a youth from another culture for an extended period.

If you are interested in participating as a Partners Youth Ambassador, or if you have a question, please mail this form to **Leslie Barratt, 1516 S. 6th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47802** or see the contact information below.

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