



TRU

**HOMESTAY
INTERNATIONAL
ORIENTATION**

WINTER 2022

THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

WELCOME TO TRU!



HOMESTAY



E-mail
homestay@tru.ca if
you are inquiring or
google "homestay
tru world"



TRU World

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<https://www.tru.ca/truworld/new-students/accommodations/homestay.html>



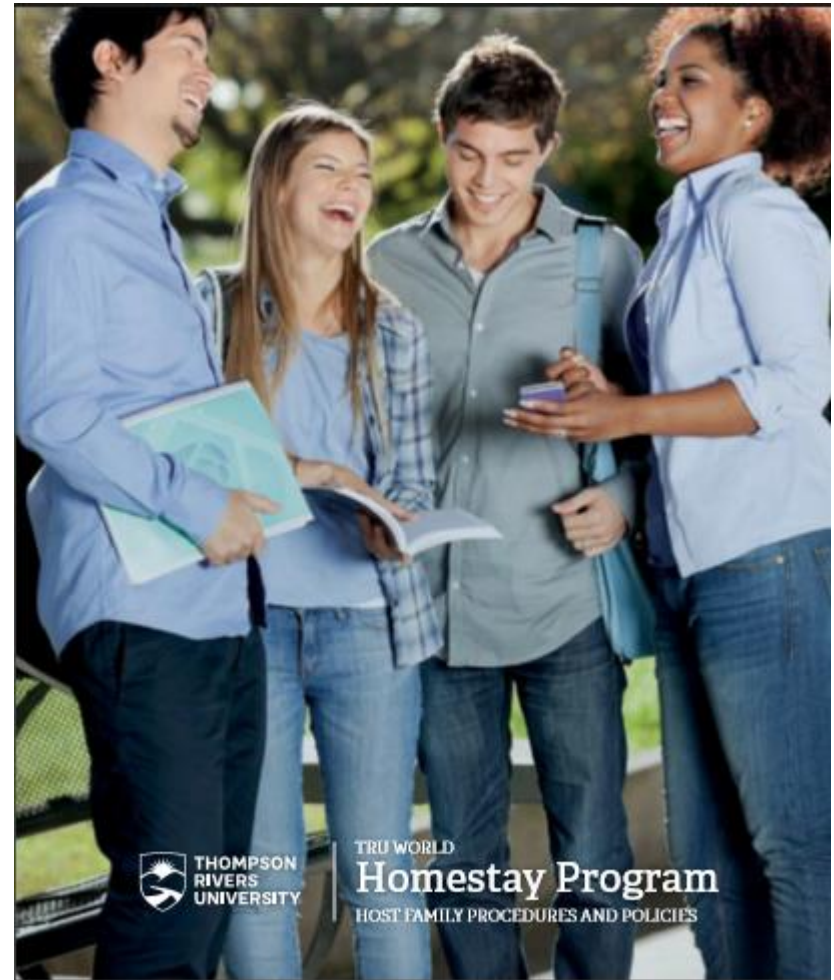
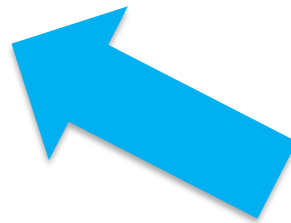
**KNOW THE
RULES!**



Where to find the information



- [International Student Advisors](#)
- [Homestay Guide](#) ↓
- [Homestay Video: How to Apply](#)
- [Homestay Presentation for Semester Students](#) ↓
- [Homestay Application Form](#) ↓
- [Leaving Your Homestay - Checklist](#) ↓
- [Homestay Termination Notice](#)
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- [Student Homestay Evaluation Form](#)



TRU WORLD
Homestay Program
HOST FAMILY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

Homestay fees with your application



- **Processing fee: \$150 to TRU** (non-refundable)
→ *Exchange ISEP students are exempt*
- **Homestay damage deposit: \$500 to TRU** (refundable if no damage occurs after departure/room inspection)
- **Always inspect your room upon the arrival**, note any damage and let your host know asap. Thank you!



Homestay Fees

- The homestay fee: \$1000 month/person (first payment due upon arrival)
- **STUDENT** pays host family directly in cash/cheque or e-transfer every 30 days on the same day
- Ask for a receipt with the date/signature if you would like and please pay on time - thank you!

For example, if you arrived at the home for your first night on August 23 then your fees are due on the 23rd of each month. Your next payment is due on September 23. *There is an option to pay till the 1st of the month and then start from the start of the month (approx. 33 CAD/day)*



Homestay fees when on vacation



- If you go away on vacation for seven consecutive nights or less, you will pay your normal monthly home stay fee.
- If you are away for eight consecutive nights, or up to 30 nights, your host family will refund you 50% of the prorated daily rate per night away.

For Example: *** the fee of \$1000 is from January 2022

- Monthly payment is \$1,000
- Prorated daily rate is $\$1,000/30 = \33.33
- Refund is 50% of $\$33.33 = \16.67 per night away
- Total refund: $\$16.67 \times$ amount of days way



- Whole summer (negotiate a storage fee if you pack up your room; we suggest \$50/month)

Benefits of Homestay

- Care & support of a family, no loneliness
- Have special help & guidance with difficult situations
- 3 meals/some snacks are provided (and shared)
- Language practice
- Introduction to life in Kamloops
- Canadian reference
- Cultural exchange & Canadian lifestyle



Expectations



What to expect

- Homestay rules
- Private, furnished bedroom
- Three meals per day & snacks
- Laundry (bedding) / linen / towel arrangements
- Keeping your room / bathroom clean / always clean up after yourself

What NOT to expect

- Personal items (toiletries, clothes)
- Long distance calls/digital devices
- Medical insurance



**Don't be mean.
Keep it clean.**

Rules



In the first week at your new home, you will have many questions. **Communication** is important!

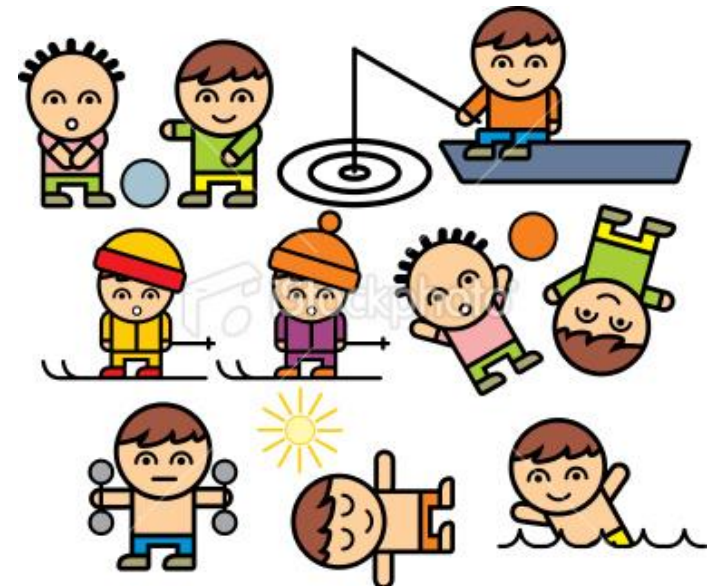
Understanding & complying with your family's rules:

- Daily schedule & communication
- Curfews & visitors
- Chores & responsibilities
- Internet data/plan/phone
- Pets/rules/allergies
- Kids/quiet times
- Safety (appliances, swimming, driving...)
- Smoking/vaping/drinking
- Laundry (bedding, towels, your laundry...)
- Bathroom/shower times & toilets
- Kitchen/cooking/groceries/allergies
- Garbage/recycling
- Damage in the homestay
- Every family/student is different
- Get familiar with your homestay rules



Outings

- Activities, family trips & vacations
- It is important to be a part of your family & do things together
- Enjoy and embrace the experience
- Restaurants & dining out (to replace the home dinner)
- It is OK to talk to your family about expenses
- It is OK to say “no thank you” and stay at home; you can explain why (I do not know how to swim; my mom does not want me to ski..)



Issues

- All families can have misunderstandings. Every family is different.
- Talk to your family first. They will appreciate knowing how you feel.
- If talking to your family does not help or is not possible, come see the homestay supervisor or your ISA.
- Do not wait until small problems become bigger.
- Stay safe & positive.



Meals

- Meals are often **casual/basic**
- **Breakfast times vary** depending on schedules
- You might be asked to **prepare your own breakfast/lunch**
- Largest meal is usually **dinner (6pm)**
- **Go grocery shopping with your host family**
- It is important to talk to your host family about food: **allergies/preferences/dietary needs**

Example: “At home I usually have rice for breakfast, would it be possible for you to prepare me rice?”

- **Absence:**
 - If you will be late or absent for a meal, you must inform your family as soon as possible.



Canadians eat...

- **Breakfast**
 - Cereal, toast, fruit, coffee, tea, juice
 - On weekends usually pancakes or eggs/bacon/sausages
- **Lunch**
 - Sandwiches, salad, soup, fruit, snack, drink
 - Occasionally leftovers to reheat
- **Dinner**
 - Meat or fish with a side of potatoes/rice/pasta
 - Soup



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Learn what goes in each bin.

Termination

**Termination notice:
one month (30 days)**

1. **Give 30 days notice** to your family (long term/exchange/visiting students).
2. **Fill out the [homestay termination form](#).**
3. **Complete the [homestay evaluation](#).**
4. **Ask your family to complete the [student evaluation](#)** (sometimes family does it themselves).
5. **Clean your room before the inspection.**
6. **Ask your homestay family to sign your homestay termination form after the inspection or send homestay@tru.ca an e-mail.**
7. **Submit the signed form to homestay@tru.ca or to your ISA (e-mail or in person) once you actually moved out (*you can leave it at the front desk of IB, 3rd floor, TRU World Reception*)**

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Damage deposit back payment – \$500
if you owe fees to TRU, these will be paid in full first

- Security deposit is refunded if you **meet the conditions** (*30 days notice given, no damage is caused etc*).
- **Regular semester students will get credit** to their TRU student account. Watch your myTRU (financial tab/account summary).
- There is **an option to refund to your local or international bank** if you are not owing any fees/leaving TRU permanently. Additional **refund form** is required. It can be combined with your other funds. Check your myTRU first.
- All refunds are processed by **Paymytuition.**

Takes up to six weeks to process

Contact us

More Questions?

- Attend an information session
- Visit the [TRU website](#)
- Speak with your host
- Ask your international student advisor (ISA): call, email, visit us in IB 3rd floor. Not sure who your ISA is? email isa@tru.ca
- Contact the homestay team: e-mail homestay@tru.ca





Thank You!