

Thrive in Multiple Cultures

Live, Learn, and Work Productively in a Different Culture

- Master life skills within an unfamiliar cultural context.
- Dealing with pressure to return to home community from others.
- Dealing with the feelings that come from separation from home community
- Dealing with the 'separateness' that comes from gaining life experience outside of home community.
- Feel safe in other cultures

Cross Cultural Understanding:

- Gaining awareness of own cultural frame;
- Representing and promoting own culture;
- Navigating and respectfully participating in day-to-day life through cultural immersion;
- Forming relationships with people of other cultures;
- Demonstrating practical knowledge and skills for travel;
- Creating welcoming environments for visitors in a community;
- Taking advantage of unexpected opportunities as they present themselves within a cross cultural exchange;
- Demonstrating flexibility and adaptability;
- Initiating and remaining engaged even in unfamiliar situations.

Social Inquiry:

- Learning and understanding different methods of information-gathering;
- Identifying relevant social issues and areas for explanation;
- Formulating appropriate questions about subject areas;
- Developing strategies to answer questions;
- Analyzing and describing social issues from different cultural perspectives;
- Recognizing and taking advantage of learning opportunities in unexpected moments.

Reflection:

- Demonstrating active participation in a cultural exchange;
- Evaluating differences and similarities between self and other cultures;
- Exploring the significance of cross-cultural experiences within the moment and within larger contexts;
- Actively engaging in debriefing and processing exercises.

Communication:

- Developing a social and cultural vocabulary;
- Demonstrating the ability to advocate for self in unfamiliar environments;
- Incorporating positive communication styles;
- Utilizing social and cultural vocabulary to describe one's own culture;
- Employing narrative to describe one significant cross-cultural experience;
- Utilizing a social and emotional vocabulary to articulate other's cultural perspectives;
- Sharing personal experiences of a cultural exchange, verbally and/or non-verbally;
- Practice active listening.