



CHILE ARRIVAL ORIENTATION FAQ NH 2017 (SUMMER PROGRAM)

WHO WILL MEET ME AT THE AIRPORT AND WHERE?

AFS staff and volunteers will meet you at the airport outside of the baggage claim area. Please do not leave the airport without AFS staff/volunteers.

HOW WILL I RECOGNIZE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL MEET ME AT THE AIRPORT?

They will be wearing AFS shirts/jackets/name tags/carrying a sign.

HOW WILL I GET TO THE ORIENTATION SITE?

You will travel to the orientation site by chartered bus/van/taxi accompanied with at least one AFS staff or volunteer. You are not allowed to travel to the orientation site on your own; do not take a taxi by yourself! Stay in the airport until staff or volunteers meet you. (If you have an AFS shirt, hat or name tag, be sure to use it, so that you're easily identifiable by AFS staff and volunteers).

WHERE WILL THE ORIENTATION TAKE PLACE?

The orientation takes place in Ñuñoa, Santiago.

HOW LONG IS THE ORIENTATION?

You will leave the orientation place on Saturday, June 17th.

IN WHAT LANGUAGE(S) WILL THE ORIENTATION BE CONDUCTED?

English, some volunteers might speak other languages but English will be the 'official' language.

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES WILL HAPPEN DURING ORIENTATION?

The orientation focuses on basic skills and general information about the country. The information covered includes:

- Information on AFS Chile.
- Brief general information on host families, schools, and communities.
- Basic cultural aspects of Chilean families.
- Information on money, travel to host communities, etc.

WILL I NEED TO PACK A SEPARATE BAG FOR ORIENTATION? DO I NEED TO PACK A TOWEL?

You will have access to your luggage.

WILL I NEED MONEY DURING THE ORIENTATION?

Not for the orientation but you might want to buy a snack for the travel to your host community.

WILL I HAVE A CHANCE TO EXCHANGE MONEY BETWEEN THE TIME OF ARRIVAL AND THE END OF ORIENTATION?

We recommend that you change US\$30-40 into Chilean Pesos in your home country prior to departure (if possible), so you have some change for the day you are travelling to your host community in case you want to buy some snacks or beverages. You won't need money during the orientation though. It is possible to change money in the airport before you go to the orientation site, as well as an ATM machine.

HOW WILL I TRAVEL TO MY HOST COMMUNITY AND WHEN WILL I MEET MY HOST FAMILY?

You will travel by plane, bus, train or you'll be picked up by your host family.

HOW SOON AFTER ARRIVAL DOES SCHOOL BEGIN?

Students are expected to go to school as soon as possible, but it will depend on what the local volunteers organize with the school.

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