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Paraguay Arrival Orientation FAQ Summer Program 2017

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.

How will I recognize the people who will meet me at the airport?

They will be wearing AFS shirts/jackets.

How will I get to the orientation site?

You will travel to the orientation site by chartered bus/van 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. Wear your AFS shirt and name tag -- these will be given to you before your international flight -- so that you're easily identifiable by AFS Staff and volunteers.

Where will the orientation take place?

The orientation takes place in Asuncion.

Will there be a tour of the city during the orientation?

There are no city tours during the orientation, but AFS X Staff and/or volunteers may take you out for a short tour of the neighborhood around the orientation site.

How long is the orientation?

Orientation will be one to two days long.

In what language(s) will the orientation be conducted?

English.

Will there be language instructions at the orientation?

No.

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 Paraguay and our volunteer structure.
- Brief general information on host families, schools, and communities.
- Basic cultural aspects of Paraguayan families.
- Information on money, documents needed for student visa, I.D. cards, travel to host communities, etc.

What materials do I need bring with me to the orientation?

Please bring printed copies of the Welcome Booklet and Safety Tips. All other materials will be provided on-site.



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Will I need to pack a separate bag for orientation? Do I need to pack a towel?

Even though you will have access to your luggage, we recommend that you bring a separate bag with a towel.

Will I have access to my luggage during the arrival orientation?

Yes, the luggage will be in a closed room but you will have access to it.

Will I have a chance to exchange money between the time of arrival and the end of orientation?

It is possible to change money in the airport before you go to the orientation site, but we recommend that you change at least US\$30 into Paraguayan currency in the U.S. prior to departure so you have some cash for the day you are travelling to your host community in case you want to buy some snacks or beverages.

Will I have access to a telephone which can accommodate long distance calls by using a phone card? Will there be Internet access?

There won't be access to a telephone, but the orientation site **may** have wi-fi.

How will I travel to my host community and when will I meet my host family?

If you are placed in Asuncion or communities nearby, your host family will pick you up on Sunday morning. If your host community is far from the orientation site, you will travel by bus on Sunday morning.

If you will be flying to your host community, the airline permits you to bring only one carry on (17.5 lbs. / 8kg max) and one piece of cabin luggage (50 lbs. / 23kg max). AFS will notify you if you will be taking an additional flight within Paraguay.