

## Who we are



### Rick Walker – JOY Travel Operations Director

Before becoming the program director, Rick was a secondary school computer teacher and varsity basketball coach for over 25 years. He oversees the travel, Home Base Churches and programs. His family has trained many students and Basque helpers to help make the summer experience incredible!

He and his wife Bev have 2 grown children and 6 grandchildren.



### Dallas & Nikki Howell – Home Base Coordinators

The Howell's have loved hosting Basque Students at their home in Washington State for the last six years.

They are the Home Base coordinators at Calvary

Fellowship in Gig Harbor. They oversee the American host families and details of the summer program which they call Basque Connection - Bergara.

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They have two boys Houston 13 and Phoenix 11 who have greatly enjoyed the experiences they have had growing up with their Basque brothers and sisters every summer!

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Improve Your English in the USA



**JOY Teen** helps Basque young people, ages 15 -18, improve their English through living with an American family for a month during the summer in the United States.

## Program Details

**DATES:** End of June – July 30th

**LOCATION:** Greater Seattle Area

**AGE REQUIREMENT:** 15-18 years old.



**JOY Travel USA** will provide a flight monitor on a specific day and JOY Travel USA will purchase the tickets. This choice is offered on a space available basis. This will allow your student to travel with a chaperone to the USA and back to Basque Country. We will contact you when the date and flight is available.

**2020 PROGRAM FEE: (does not include flight)**

**Home Stay and Adventure Camp - €1,600**

Cost includes a 3-4 week home stay with an American family and 1 week at an Adventure Camp with American teenagers from Calvary Fellowship Basque Connection. Cost includes medical insurance.

Register and pay deposit at  
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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### Improving Your English with English Speakers



The best way to improve your English is to speak it! We do not have classes in our program. To gain fluency, students practice English with their American family and friends throughout the month while experiencing everyday life and American culture.

### Having Fun with Friends



To make sure your experience is the best it can be, local university and teenage students join with you in activities throughout the month. These American young people are dedicated to making sure you have English-speaking throughout the summer.

### Being Family



To ensure you have a family we know and trust, we use families from churches as the Robinsons did. Our host families are not paid. Their desire is that you will become a part of their family. You go where they go, do what they do and eventually speak how they speak!