

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 7 grandchildren.

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Improve Your English in the USA



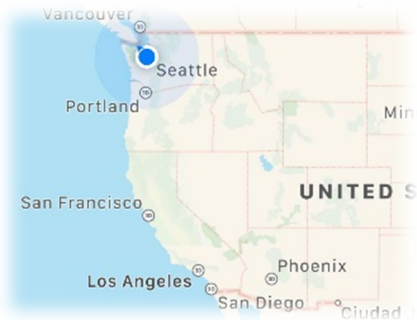
JOY Teen helps Basque young people, ages 15 -18, improve their English through living with an American family for a month during the summer in the United States.

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.

Host Family: you will become a part of an American family for three of the four weeks. One week you will attend a Lake camp and go on a river rafting excursion. The host family will provide your meals, housing and short outings to experience their area. You will have opportunities to meet and interact with American teenagers. Bring some spending money if you wish to go shopping or participate in activities which do not include your family.

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!