GMU-SPP is hosting a group of international students through a very prestigious State Department program, Study of U.S. Institutes for Student Leaders (SUSI).

Part of their six-week stay in the U.S. is a Homestay Weekend on June 28-30, 2013, starting Friday evening (or early Saturday morning) and ending Sunday afternoon.

We’re looking for ten families that are able to accommodate two students each, either two male or two female students, so one guest bedroom with two beds will be sufficient. This year’s students are from Kazakhstan, Mongolia, and Libya. They are in their early twenties and speak English well.

The idea is to introduce the students to family life in the U.S. – going to a little league game or the local pool, having a barbeque or ordering pizza, going on a hike in the Shenandoahs, or whatever else your family likes to do on weekends – nothing fancy or extravagant needs to be planned.

The only formal requirement is that families provide names, DOB, and SSN for everyone over 18 in the household, for a basic background check. The students themselves are vetted by the State Department.

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To learn more about the SUSI program:

http://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/study-us-institutes-student-leaders