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Dear Host family,

My name is Mathis. I'm 15 years old.
I was born in the south West of France, in the city of Bordeaux, famous for its wine!

Now, I live with my family in the city center of Cholet, a little city of 50 000 inhabitants, in the north-west of France, not far away from Nantes. It is a rather calm city, in a countryside environment, but offering lots of activities (sports, culture, restaurants...) and about 1h away from the Atlantic coast ☺

My father is managing his own shop of Pop culture products and my mother is managing ecommerce websites for a French fashion group called IKKS.

I'm a student of 10th grade in a High school located 1km away from my home. In the morning, my parents drop me there on their way to work, but I always walk back home after classes (20 to 30 minutes).
My favorite classes are English, Economics, History-Geography and Maths.

I also love sports.
I've tried many sports in my life like basketball, soccer, tennis, taekwondo, ski and many more...But now I practice table-tennis since more than 2 years and I really like it: I practice twice a week for trainings and go to competitions almost every week-ends, on Saturdays with other teenagers and on Sundays with adults.

In my free time, I also like playing video games with my friends and go out in the city with them to have lunch, watch a movie or enjoy doing karting together.

When I was 3, I went to Colombia with my mom and my dad. We lived 2.5 years in Medellin. It was cool! I still have memories of my life there.
My little sister, her name is Roxane, was born there. Now, she is 11 years old and she does horse riding with my mom every weekend. I love her very much!
Since this expatriation in Colombia, I like traveling around the world with my family: I went to Japan in 2023, Greece, Spain (ones of my grand-parents are living close to the Spanish border in the south-west of France and I made a trip with my classmates when I was in 9th grade and the others are living close to Paris),...

I also like very much food.
For my 10th anniversary, I asked my parents to go to a great restaurant in Bordeaux. I enjoyed it a lot and since then, I like very much tasting new savors and good food. My favorite's meals are sushis and burgers. I enjoy making sushis by myself.

I can't wait to make this trip to Los Angeles, California to discover the American way of life: its cities, culture, food, landscapes, traditions, festivals, etc...
I also want to improve my English and especially my accent, because next year I would like to take English as one of my major at school. Indeed, I'm thinking of working in the area of international trading in the future!

During my stay with you, I hope I can live as a full member of your family, sharing your daily life and habits, in order to completely immerse myself in a different culture.

I hope my profile will appeal to you and would like to thank you in advance for the opportunity to share this great experience with you.

Looking forward to receiving a positive answers from you and meeting you in July,
Kind regards,
Mathis

MY LIFE IN A FEW PICTURES...

