



School Breaks

Walnut Hill dorms are NOT open during school breaks.

Break	Departing Travel Dates <i>*Dorms close at 12pm on 2nd departing travel date</i>	Returning Travel Dates <i>* Students must arrive by 6:45pm by 2nd return travel date</i>
Thanksgiving	11/19-11/20	11/26-11/27
Winter	12/17-12/18	1/2-1/3
Spring	3/11-3/12	3/26-3/27

Here are some options for what you can do during the break:

- ⇒ **Travel** to home country
- ⇒ **Visit** family or friends in the US
- ⇒ **Family** visits the student in the US and travel together
- ⇒ **Homestay** – stay with a local family and experience home life in the US, includes breakfast and dinner
 - Boston Homestay, Inc.: <http://bostonhomestay.com/> American homestay
 - Cogito World Education: <https://cogitoworldeducation.org/school-break-programs/>
 - Contact Rachel for any other recommended host families – (rkadish@walnuthillarts.org)
 - Limited number of current host families (typically paid option) in the Natick area
 - Other Walnut Hill families – we are working on building a list of families who are willing to host during breaks

⇒ **Dormitory** in downtown Boston - International Guest House

<http://www.intlguesthouse.com/>

- Shared rooms (single rooms available occasionally)
- Breakfast and dinner included
- Staff on duty 24hrs/day (Main office during the week & RAs evenigns and weekends)
- The city is right outside your door – explore every day!
- Contact them at mail@intlguesthouse.com to reserve a room (mention being a Walnut Hill student for special pricing)
- See attached information

⇒ **English language program** (includes some activities) with FLS International

<https://www.flshinternational.org/>

- Boston Common: English classes + accommodation + some optional activities
 - Host family in the Boston area + breakfast + dinner
 - Prices:
 - Thanksgiving break (11/19-11/26) = \$1,020
 - Winter Break (12/18-1/2) = \$1,690
 - Spring Break: 3/12-3/26 = \$1,690
 - Students are responsible for lunch and public transportation to school.
- Los Angeles - Citrus College: English classes + accommodation + some optional activities
 - Host family in the Los Angeles area + breakfast + dinner
 - Students are responsible for lunch and transportation to school.
 - Price: Thanksgiving break (11/19-11/26) = \$1,020
- Los Angeles - Citrus College: English classes + afternoon and weekend activities + accommodation
 - Host family in the Los Angeles area + all three meals
 - Transportation included
 - Activities every day (e.g. Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Universal Studios & Disney Land)
 - Prices (not available for Thanksgiving break)
 - Winter Break: 12/18-1/2 = \$2,680
 - Spring Break: 3/12-3/26 = \$2,680
- Contact Mike LaRiccia at mike@fls.net or +1 617-695-3571 or Rachel rkadish@walnuthillarts.org to sign up (see attached information)



- ⇒ **Travel programs** with Cogito World Education
<https://cogitoworldeducation.org/school-break-programs/>
- Boston
 - Includes accommodation, meals, activities, group tutoring, supervision and transportation
 - Price: \$199/day
 - Costa Rica
 - Includes pre and post departure nights in Boston to match school calendar, plane tickets, all meals, accommodation in Costa Rica, all activities, 24h supervision of tour leader, all ground transportation in Costa Rica, travel health insurance
 - Prices:
 - Thanksgiving Break = \$2995 (Must register by 10/10)
 - Winter & Spring Break - TBD
 - Contact info@cogitoworldeducation.org to sign up (see attached information and application form)
- ⇒ **Academic & Residential program** with Boston Institute of Education at Lasell University (close to Walnut Hill and Boston!)
- Includes dormitory housing, food, activities and insurance
 - SAT and competition classes offered
 - Use all facilities at Lasell University campus, including library, gym and art and music studios (piano too!) if requested
 - Very safe area and campus
 - Price: \$280/night (additional cost for SAT, competition or tutoring)
 - Offered for Thanksgiving and Winter breaks
 - Camp staff and organizers speak Mandarin (program is all in English and students from all countries are welcome)
 - Contact connect@bosins.org to sign up (see attached information and application form)