

## Host Gift Ideas for the Ninth Grade Four-Point - Trip to China

Students and faculty have given a number of different gifts over the years to acknowledge the hospitality of their hosts and to share a piece of our their own culture. Consideration should be given to size-- everything needs to be packed or carried. Gift giving is important in Chinese culture! These do not have to be huge, expensive gifts, as it is the act of giving that is important.

Suggestions:

-Gould items such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, pens, mugs, etc.

-picture books of Maine or home area

-treats such as maple sugar candies, chocolates, jams, local specialties (Some students have chosen to bring pancake mix and maple syrup to make breakfast for their host family. This is a great interactive experience, but the student needs to be ready to make the pancakes and may want to practice making the pancakes in a wok.)

-items that you might find in a local store, such as Maine Products (balsam pillows, jams, tea towels, moose stuffed animal, etc.)

-shirts from sports teams (Particularly a local NBA team for a male host)

-a small piece of art (a ceramic mug or something like that) made by a local artist

-pictures of you with your own family

-games to play

You should bring a gift for your host student and a gift for their family (or two small gifts for their parents). You may also want a few extra small gifts in case you visit other family members or they have a sibling.