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The host families include their students into their daily lives, sometimes taking weekend trips or inviting them to join daily activities.

Marguerite Wallen, secretary of the Wapakoneta Sister Cities Chapter, has hosted students in the past and has developed lasting friendships with the students and their families.

"The kids we've hosted, we still keep in touch with them," Wallen said. "It's not that they come over, are here for three weeks and then are gone. With email, it's easy to stay in touch."

According to Sister Cities International's website, Sister Cities International was created in 1955 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to create bonds between people from around the world to help people appreciate their differences and lessen new conflicts. Their mission is "to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding,



Students from Lenggerich, Germany learn about the Wapakoneta Fire Department's equipment.

and cooperation — one individual, one community at a time." The students will leave on Aug. 5. "It is definitely such a great experience, and I hope everybody who can take the chance that he or she does because this is something that you really experience." "It is definitely special."