Dear Aupair,

My husband and I are running an agricultural business in the south of Germany. We are growing sugar beet, wheat and rasberries. We do live in a small village called Bürg (which belongs to Neuenstadt) in the south of Germany close to Heilbronn. The closest international Aiports are Stuttgart, approx. 70km away and Frankfurt approx. 150km away. Our three daughters are Lucia with 4 and a half, Kyra at the age of 3 years and Claire with 20 months.

This is what the girls like doing:

During the summer we do spend most of our time in the garden climbing, going on the swing, playing in the sand box, going on their bicycles etc. During winter the girls like playing with their dolls, drawing, being creative, making music with their little instruments, playing lego, building hide aways, singing, reading, etc. They are creative little girls all year around and enjoy helping cooking and with other things in the household. Lucia is already going to kindergarden in the mornings. Once a week Lucia and Kyra are attending a musical class. Kyra is going to a play-group once a week.

This is what we like doing: I like playing the piano, reading, gardening, sports (I go to the gym once a week and for walks), cooking and I enjoy doing things like drawing when I have the time and mood. Both of us enjoy good food and wine, having friends over, travelling, my husband likes hunting.

Please note that we live in the country-side. The bus and train system to Heilbronn and cities like Stuttgart, Heidelberg or other places is very good though. In addition to that we are very central in Europe and from here you have the chance to see many interesting places. Nevertheless it is very important for us that you have a drivers licence and that you enjoy living in the country-side.

From an Aupair I do expect to function as my "right hand" in the household and especially with the children. That means being creative with them, taking them to the play-ground, drawing, reading, cooking with them, playing outside with them, bringing them to bed, feeding them if necessary, changing them, dressing and bathing. We do like you to speak English to the children, that way they get an idea of the language. My husband and I speak German to you, that way you get the chance to learn the language. You should be able to watch all three children at once if necessary. We do expect you to be open-minded and tolerant. I also need you to help me with the household though. That includes assitance with cooking, grocery shopping, vacuuming, tidying the children rooms and laundrey.

We are offering you a placement in our family where you are going to learn many interesting things not only about children and household, but also about Germany and the German culture. It all depends on your own motivation.

I am looking very forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Katja