

2009 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp

This summer, District 5SW (South Dakota) will conduct an international project that will showcase the District and MD5 to Lions worldwide.

Lions "Paha Sapa" (Black hills) 2009 Youth Camp. The MD5 Lions International Youth Camp will be held on July 6th – July 12th, 2009 at Kamp Kinship located south of Deadwood, South Dakota. It will bring together 20 youth from Multiple District 5 and 20 youth from Denmark, Turkey, Italy, Austria, Israel, Finland, Belgium, Hungary, Peru, Mongolia, Tunisia, Romania, Germany and Latvia.

The foreign students will stay an additional three weeks (prior to and after) with Host Families from South Dakota, North Dakota and Saskatchewan, Canada.

Camp Coordinator Lion Neil Vollmer is asking the Districts of MD5 Lions and their Clubs for a little assistance. Many Lions Camps have no fees, however, our Camp fee \$350.00(US) covers only about 40% of the cost of the Camp. A little help from the Lions can make this international project a big success.

Contributions can be sent to:

Lions "Paha Sapa" (Black hills) 2009 Youth Camp

c/o Lion Neil Vollmer

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Newell, South Dakota. 57760

Host families are needed from MD5 as there will be approximately 20 foreign youth attending the Lions "Paha Sapa" (Black hills) 2009 Youth Camp. The family hosting will run for 3 weeks, excluding the camp dates. Hosting will begin during the first part of July and then carry on in July after the Camp is completed. The foreign youth, ages 15 – 17 years, will come from a number of countries that are involved with the Youth Exchange Program.

All will be anxious to learn about our culture or people and how we work and play.

Host families agree to furnish lodging and food in their homes during the three week stay.

Families interested in hosting should contact their respective District Youth Exchange Chairperson (names can be found in your Lions District Directory) or our Camp Coordinator Lion Neil Vollmer. E-mail lvollmer@sdplains.com

Registration is open until March 31st, 2009 for the South Dakota, North Dakota, Saskatchewan and the youth of the world for the 2009 Lions “Paha Sapa” (Black hills) Youth Camp. Camp fee for the Camp is set at \$350.00 (US). This is a great opportunity For 15 – 17 year old youth to increase their knowledge of the world. An once in a lifetime experience.

For more information, contact Lion George Pretli, MD5 Lions Youth Exchange Chairperson at 1-306-883-2772 or email: gpretli@hotmail.com.

Photographs and more camp information can be found on the MD5 web site: www.md5lions.org click on Youth Exchange or www.kampkinship.org