



International Association of Lions Clubs Multiple District 5 Lions Youth Exchange

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To: Lions, Teachers, Parents, Youth, Councillors and Friends.
From: Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange Committee
Subject: Opportunities Offered by International Association of Lions Clubs.

I am writing to give you advanced information on opportunities of youth through the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE:

The Lions Youth Exchange Program is operated on a worldwide basis of volunteer Lions. Every year over 4,000 youth and 4,000 Host Families participate in the Lions Youth Exchange Programs.

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the Lions Youth Exchange is to "create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." Ours is a cultural exchange program open to young people interested in learning about other culture.

ELIGIBILITY:

Lions Youth Exchange Programs are open to all people ages 15 – 21 years, who are eager to learn about another culture and willing to share their own way of life.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM:

Lions Youth Exchange Programs run 3 to 6 weeks. Many programs are structured so that approximately 40 youth from 12 to 20 countries come together and spend 1 to 2 weeks in the Camp situation with the youth and then spend additional time with one or two host families.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 YOUTH CAMPS:

Our own MD5 Youth Camp is held in the summer, normally July, and will rotate within the Multiple between North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan. Camp will consist of 20 youth from North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan plus 20 youth from other countries around the world. The foreign youth will spend an additional 2 or 3 weeks with Host Families before or after the Camp.

PROGRAM COSTS:

Because volunteer Lions operate the Lions Youth Exchange Programs, the cost is usually limited to transportation and spending money. Sometimes we are even able to get local Lions Clubs to sponsor a portion of the transportation costs.

HOSTING OPPORTUNITIES:

We also are seeking families to host visiting foreign youth for 3 to 6 weeks. Host Families agree to furnish lodging and food in the home and to provide the opportunity for foreign youth to learn how we live, work, and play.

MORE INFORMATION:

If you know of a young person who would like to participate in one of our programs or a family who would be interested in hosting a foreign visitor for a short period of time, please give us a call. Lions Youth Exchange offers a once in a lifetime experience and we encourage you to let the young people and families know about the opportunities that we have available.

More information can be found on our websites www.lionsclubs.org Youth Exchange or www.md5lions.net - Youth Exchange. You can also contact your local or nearest Lions Club and they will direct you to a contact person.