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WINTER 2012 ~ OHIO 4-H INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

TO: *Friends of Ohio 4-H International Programs – Host Families, Volunteers, Travelers, Exchangees, Donors, Foundation Board, and Extension Personnel*

FROM: *Mary Lynn Thalheimer, Ohio 4-H International Programs*

Hello! We hope 2012 has been good to you and your families so far. Here at Ohio 4-H International Programs, we are anticipating an exceptional year of cultural exchange and education, and hope you'll be able to join us in some capacity. The new 2012 International Programs Booklet is included with this mailing. Inside you'll find information and application forms for our exchange programs as well as other international education opportunities. Participating will allow you to take concrete action towards creating a better tomorrow for your own and the world's children and families!

2012 Exchange Programs At-A-Glance

Hosting programs this year will include our traditional Japanese Labo Month Youth and Adult groups, as well as a very small number of youth from Argentina and Finland. **Youth traveling** opportunities include programs to Australia and Norway. (*The deadline for these out-bound travel programs is **January 25** ~ please contact us immediately if interested, and visit our website for an application & instructions.*) Details on all of these exciting programs can be found within the booklet.

Ohio Host Families Needed!

Ohio 4-H is deeply appreciative of our many host families who open your homes and hearts each year to youth from around the world. We applaud your desire to help both your own children and those from around the world to work together toward the global community and economy of tomorrow. We recognize that it takes great generosity of spirit to host!

Whether or not you have been involved in the past, we hope you will consider this outstanding educational opportunity during 2012! For those of you who have never hosted, the experience is a unique way to **invite the world right into your living room!** And for **those of you who have children**, hosting teaches them in ways a book or the internet never could. Our programs vary in length of stay and exchangee age. Take a look at the enclosed booklet and see all we have to offer! Host family applications are found within the booklet. For Argentina and Finland, applications are due on **Feb. 28** (final). For Japan, the deadline is **Feb. 28** for 1st-choice placements, with a final deadline of **May 15**, or until all exchangees are placed (usually mid-March for girls and May for boys).

2012 Exchange Program Dates

HOSTING

Japanese Month-Long Youth:	July 26 - August 21
Japanese Older Teens & Adults:	July 26 - August 8 ... or August 8 -21 ... or BOTH
Argentina Month-Long Youth:	July 9 to August 7
Finland Month-Long Youth:	July 2 to July 30

TRAVELING

Delegation to Australia	June 20 – July 19	(Travels every year)
Delegation to Norway	July 1 – 30	(Travels most “even” years)

NOTE: The **Japan** Program operates on “odd” years only and will next travel in 2013

2012 Program Deadlines

- January 25** **Ohio 4-H Youth Travel Applications Due (may be extended if spots remain)**
Notify us that you’re applying and visit our website for an application & instructions:
www.ohio4h.org/youth/international
- February 28** **Host Family Applications Due:**
- **Final Deadline for Argentina and Finland exchangees**
 - **1st Choice Deadline for Japanese exchangees**
- Applications for Japanese youth will still be accepted after February 28!
However, the month-long girls are usually placed by March, so don’t delay. ☺
See enclosed booklet or visit: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international
- May 15** **Final Japanese Host Family Application Deadline (or until last delegate placed)**

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