

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:

(This program operates every year)

International Program

Ohio 4-H Finland Homestay (2009)

For Ohio 4-H'ers ages 15-19 years old (but still age 18 on January 1, 2009)

DATE/DEADLINE:

Applications for the next delegation, which will travel June 13 – July 14, 2009, will be due in the State 4-H Office by January 20, 2009, with a deposit.

LOCATION/LEVEL:

Finland; nationwide

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Full information can be found in the 2009 International Programs Booklet, which will be mailed to all county offices, former host families and other interested parties in early January, 2009. For an application packet, please contact thalheimer.1@osu.edu. Please make potential participants aware of this opportunity. The cost of the program will be approximately \$3,400 and will be payable in installments.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Small scholarships of \$300-\$1000 will be offered to all selected participants. More information will be available in November or December, 2008.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES:

To provide Ohio 4-H youth with an opportunity to...

- * learn a new way of life by living it during a 4-week homestay program.
- * become part of a Finnish family and learn more about themselves and Finland in the process.
- * face the challenge of representing 4-H, Ohio and the United States.
- * share their experiences with Ohioans upon their return.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

Each year, Ohio youth join 10 youth from around the country in the 4-H Finland Exchange. The State 4-H Office provides all support for the program, including orientation, travel arrangements, etc. The youth are welcomed into the home of a Finnish host family, where they learn about the Finnish culture on an everyday basis. Upon their return, they are encouraged to share their experiences with other Ohioans.

Full information on all aspects of the program, will be included in the 2009 International Programs Booklet which will be mailed to county offices in early January, 2009.

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