

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:

(This program operates every year)

International Program
Ohio 4-H Costa Rican Homestay (2010)
For Ohio 4-H'ers ages 15-19 years old (as of June 19, 2010)

DATE/DEADLINE:

Applications for the next delegation, which will travel June 19 – July 17, 2010, will be due in the State 4-H Office by January 19, 2010, with a deposit.

LOCATION/LEVEL:

Costa Rica; nationwide

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Full information can be found in the 2010 International Programs Booklet, which will be mailed to all county offices, former host families and other interested parties in early January, 2010. 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 \$2,100 and will be payable in installments. Registration information and forms can be found on the web at: <http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international/index.html>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Small scholarships of at least \$500 will be offered to all selected participants. Scholarships are based on selection interviews and hosting history.

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 Costa Rican family and learn more about themselves and Costa Rica 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 15 youth from around the country in the 4-H Costa Rican 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 Costa Rican host family, where they learn about the Costa Rican 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 2010 International Programs Booklet which will be mailed to county offices in early January, 2010.

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