

## **4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:**

***(This program operates every year except 2012)***

International Program  
Ohio 4-H Costa Rican Homestay (2013)  
For Ohio 4-H'ers ages 15-19 years old (as of June 18, 2013)

## **DATE/DEADLINE:**

Applications for the next delegation, which will travel June 18 – July 16, 2013, will be due in the State 4-H Office by January 24, 2013, with a deposit.

## **LOCATION/LEVEL:**

Costa Rica; nationwide

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Full information can be found in the 2013 International Programs Booklet, which will be mailed to all county offices, former host families and other interested parties in early January, 2013. For an application packet, please contact [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu). Please make potential participants aware of this opportunity. The cost of the program will be approximately \$2,850 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**

Scholarships of at least \$1,000 will be offered to all selected participants. Scholarships are based on selection interviews and hosting history. More information will be available in November, 2012.

## **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 2013 International Programs Booklet which will be mailed to county offices in early January, 2013. Information will also be available on the 4-H web site in mid-November, 2012

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