

4-H EVENT/OPPORTUNITY:

(This program operates on odd years only.)

International Program
Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan. (2009)
For Ohio 4-H'ers ages 12-19 years old (still age 18 on January 1, 2009)

DATE/DEADLINE:

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

Attendance at selection interviews in Columbus on either January 24, 25, 31 or February 1, 2009, is required by all applicants and at least one parent. In addition, a required orientation will be held in Columbus in May or June 2009 for each participant and at least one parent.

LOCATION/LEVEL:

Japan; statewide

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 \$3,800 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 Japanese family and learn more about themselves and Japan 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:

Every other year, Ohio youth join about 80 youth from around the country in the 4-H/Labo Exchange Program to Japan. 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 Japanese host family, where they learn about the Japanese culture on an everyday basis. Upon their return, they are encouraged to share their experiences with other Ohioans. 4-H'ers who have already hosted a Labo Delegate in Ohio may request to be placed with the Japanese family of the delegate. Most Japanese families are able to host in such circumstances.

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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