

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

Ohio 4-H International Study Tour (**travels some even years**)

**Study tours to various destinations around the world are sometimes offered. The next tentative trip may travel in summer, 2012. Please see future *International Programs Booklets*, distributed in early January, for details on future trips.** Future destination may be either New Zealand, Great Britain or Europe. Tours include travel and home stay segments. For youth ages 13-20 (flexible).

#### **DATE/DEADLINE:**

Applications are due in the State 4-H Office on February 15, 2012.

The approximate dates of the trip are a 2 week period between June 15-July 15, 2012, or from late December 2012 to early January 2013.

#### **LOCATION/LEVEL:**

International/State-wide

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Full information can be found in the International Programs Booklet, which is distributed each January, to all County OSU Extension offices, ICCs, former host families, international program participants, and other interested parties. The cost of the study tour will be approximately \$4,000 (\$4,500 for New Zealand) and is payable in installments.

#### **GOALS/OBJECTIVES:**

Provide Ohio 4-H youth with an opportunity to:

- Put learning into action by visiting international destinations which are examined through readings and orientation programs during the previous six months.
- Absorb the culture, customs, food, arts, architecture, and history of host countries during an extensive tour program.
- Learn a new way of life by living it during a short home stay program.
- Become part of a local family and learn more about themselves and the host country 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:**

In order to provide a low-cost, short-term, travel/study-abroad opportunity for Ohio's youth, Ohio 4-H has initiated Youth International Study Tours. The trips are led by Mary Lynn Thalheimer, Extension Associate for Ohio 4-H International Programs, and other adult chaperones. These experiences include pre-trip study obtained through state orientation programs and selected readings, extensive travel for in-country observation of another culture (environment, history, arts, architecture, family life, major sites, food, customs), a short home stay, and post-trip evaluation/study and wrap-up.

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