

# Ohio 4-H International Programs



Your Ticket to the World!



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~ Youth ~ Travel the Globe! ~

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# 2010 Ohio 4-H Hosting Opportunities!

\* Host Family Applications for Japanese youth will be accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup> or until all youth are placed (usually April for Girls and May for Boys). Costa Rican Host Applications are due 2/20.\*

| PROGRAM  | # OF VISITORS | AGE GROUP                       | SIBLING REQUIREMENTS  | LENGTH OF STAY   | HOSTING DATES  | APPLICATION DEADLINE*                               |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <b>2010 Labo Japanese Month-Long Youth</b><br><i>(Offered every year)</i>  | 115           | 12-18                           | Host families must have a child of same gender and approximate age. | 3 ½ weeks<br>with 1 host family  | July 23 - Aug. 18,<br>2010   | 2/28 (1 <sup>st</sup> Choice)<br><br>5/15 (Final) * |
| <b>2010 Labo Japanese Adult &amp; Older Teen Chaperones</b><br><i>(Offered every year)</i>   | 10            | 18 – 21<br><u>or</u><br>30 – 60 | None  | 2 weeks each with 2 host families<br><br><u>or</u><br>4 weeks with 1 host family | July 23 - Aug. 5 <u>or</u><br>Aug. 5 - Aug. 18, 2010<br><br><u>or</u> Both Periods | 2/28 (1 <sup>st</sup> Choice)<br><br>5/15 (Final) * |
| <b>2010-11 Labo Japanese Year-Long Youth</b><br><i>(Offered every year)</i>  | 5             | 15-18                           | None  | 10½ months<br>with 1 host family   | July 31, 2010 –<br>Mid-June, 2011  | 2/28 (1 <sup>st</sup> Choice)<br><br>5/15 (Final) * |
| <b>2010 Costa Rican Month-Long Youth</b><br><i>(If interested, please consider the Japanese program as your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice, due to the small number visiting Ohio.)</i> | 1-5           | 15-19                           | Host families must have a child of same gender and approximate age. | 4 weeks with 1 host family   | June 21 – July 18,<br>2010   | 2/20 (Final) *                                      |

## 2010 – 2011 Ohio 4-H Youth Travel Opportunities!

| PROGRAM   | # OF PARTICIPANTS                                     | AGE GROUP                             | TRIP DESCRIPTION                                    | TRAVEL DATES                   | COST  | SELECTION INTERVIEWS  | APPLICATION DEADLINE                 |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b>2010 Delegation to Australia</b><br><i>(Runs Every Year)</i>   | 15  | 16-19<br>(on travel date)             | Homestay +<br>Sydney Trip                           | June 16 – July 15,<br>2010     | Appx. \$ 5,050<br><i>(\$600 to \$1,500<br/>Scholarships)</i>          | To Be Arranged<br>in Columbus<br>for applicant + 1 parent   | <b>EXTENDED!</b><br>January 27, 2010 |
| <b>2010 Delegation to Costa Rica</b><br><i>(Runs Every Year)</i>  | 15  | 15-18<br>(on travel date)             | Homestay +<br>4-Day Camp                            | June 19 – July 17,<br>2010     | Appx. \$2,650<br><i>(\$600 to \$1,500<br/>Scholarships)</i>           | To Be Arranged<br>in Columbus<br>for applicant + 1 parent   | <b>EXTENDED!</b><br>January 27, 2010 |
| <b>2010 Delegation to Norway</b><br><i>(Runs "Even" Years Only)</i>   | 15  | 16-19<br>(on travel date)             | Homestay +<br>1-Week Camp                           | June 30 – August 2,<br>2010    | Appx. \$4,150<br><i>(\$600 to \$1,500<br/>Scholarships)</i>           | To Be Arranged<br>in Columbus<br>for applicant + 1 parent   | <b>EXTENDED!</b><br>January 27, 2010 |
| <b>2011 Delegation to Japan (Labo)</b><br><i>(Runs "Odd" Years Only)<br/>(Optional Language Training, also)</i> | Unlimited   | 12-18<br>(on travel date)             | Homestay<br>+ 1 week Camp                           | July 6 to<br>August 4,<br>2011 | Appx. \$4,000<br><i>(\$600 to \$1,500<br/>Scholarships)</i>           | Jan. 22-23, 2011<br>in Columbus<br>for applicant + 1 parent | January 18, 2011                     |
| <b>2011-2012 Labo Internship in Japan</b><br><i>(Runs Every Year)</i>   | 1-2<br><i>Previous<br/>Japan travel<br/>preferred</i> | 18-25, with<br>High School<br>Diploma | 1 Year Homestay<br>while working in<br>Labo Offices | Sept. 2011 –<br>Aug. 2012      | Appx. \$300<br><i>(Interns receive<br/>Salary while in<br/>Japan)</i> | TBA   | December 1, 2010                     |
| <b>2011 Delegation to Finland</b><br><i>(Runs Most Years, but not 2010)</i>                                     | 15  | 15-19<br>(on travel date)             | Homestay +<br>Estonia Trip                          | June 12 – July 13,<br>2011     | Appx. \$ 3,200<br><i>(\$600 to \$1,500<br/>Scholarships)</i>          | Jan. 22-23, 2011<br>in Columbus<br>for applicant + 1 parent | January 18, 2011                     |

# 2010 Ohio 4-H International Calendar



## January

- 15 ICC Nominations Due from 4-H Educators
- 27 Applications Due (Youth and Adult Chaperone) for 4-H Out-Bound Travel Programs to Norway, Australia and Costa Rica
- 30 ICC Annual Training, Columbus
- TBA Selection Interviews for 4-H Travel Programs to Norway, Australia and Costa Rica – Columbus

## February

- 20 International Session and Exhibit at Ohio 4-H Teen Conference, Columbus
- 20 Host Family Applications Due for Costa Rican youth
- 28 Host Family Applications Due for all other programs (*For first choice placements*)

## March

- 13 International Session and Exhibit at Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference, Columbus

## April

- ◇ Exchangee/Host Family Matches Begin

## May

- 15 Host Family Applications Due ~ Final (*note that all exchangees may already be placed*)
- ◇ Labo Month-Long Host Family Orientations held throughout the state (Various Dates)

## June

- N/A Ohio 4-H Nihongo Group Departs for Japan
- 16 Ohio 4-H Delegates depart for Australia
- 19 Ohio 4-H Delegates depart for Costa Rica
- 30 Ohio 4-H Delegates depart for Norway
- N/A 09-10 Labo Year-Long Exchangees to Ohio Return to Japan
- ◇ Labo Month-Long Host Family Orientations held throughout the state (Various Dates)

## July

- 7 Labo Year-Long 2010-2011 Host Family Orientation, Kenton or Columbus
- N/A Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan Departs from OH
- 15 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Australia Returns to OH
- 17 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Costa Rica Returns to OH
- 21 Japanese Month-long arrive in Columbus for Orientation
- 23 Japanese Month-Long Youth go to their Ohio Host Families
- N/A Japanese Labo 2010-2011 Year-Long Youth Arrive in Columbus for Orientation
- N/A Japanese Labo 2010-2011 Year-Long Youth go to their Ohio Host Families

## August

- 1 International Day at the Ohio State Fair, Columbus
- 2 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Norway Returns to OH
- 5 Labo Japanese Adults Change Host Families
- N/A Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan Returns to OH
- 18 Japanese Labo Month-Long Exchangees Return to Columbus for Pre-Departure Meeting
- 19 Japanese Labo Month-Long Exchangees Depart from Columbus to Japan
- TBA 09-10 Ohio 4-H/Labo Intern Returns to Ohio

## September

- TBA 10-11 Ohio 4-H/Labo Intern(s) Depart for Japan

## December

- 4 Labo Japanese 2010-2011 Year-Long Mid-Point Meeting, Kenton
- 1 2011-2012 Labo Internships in Japan ~ Applications due to Labo Seattle Office

## January, 2011

- 29 ICC Annual Training, Columbus

## June, 2011

- 18 Labo 2010-11 Year-Long Youth Return to Japan



# 2010 Ohio 4-H International Program – By the Numbers!

## LABO EXCHANGE (Japan)

- ♣ More than **100** Ohio families each year host a Japanese youth or adult for either 1 month or 1 year. About **15** Ohio 4-H youth and adults travel to Japan to live with host families for 1-2 months every other summer.
- ♣ In 2010, **130** Ohio families will host a Japanese youth or adult for 1 month or 1 year.
- ♣ In 2011, **15** Ohio 4-H youth will travel to Japan and live with host families for 1-2 months.
- Since 1980, **3,166** Ohio 4-H families have **hosted** Japanese youth and adults for one **month**.
- Since 1989, **194** Ohio 4-H families have **hosted 174** Japanese youth for one **year**.
- Since 1980, **224** Ohio 4-H youth and adults have **traveled** to Japan for one **month**.
- Since 1980, **9** Ohio 4-H older teens have **worked in Japan** as Labo Interns for one **year**.

## OVERSEAS HOMESTAY PROGRAMS (Australia, Costa Rica, Finland and Norway)

- ♣ In 2010, **5** Ohio 4-H youth and adults will travel abroad to live with host families on these 1-month programs, and **5** Ohio 4-H host families will host youth and adults from these countries.
- Since 2006, **5** Ohio 4-H youth and adult chaperones have traveled on these programs.
- Since 2006, **5** Ohio 4-H families have hosted for one month on these programs.

## OHIO YOUTH STUDY TOURS (Many Countries Around the World)

- Between 1994 and 2002, **93** Ohio 4-H youth traveled through Scandinavia, Australia, Europe and Costa Rica for 2-4 weeks, then lived with host families from those countries/continents.
- Between 1995 and 2003, **113** Ohio 4-H families hosted Youth Study Tour youth and adults from Denmark, Estonia, Costa Rica and the former East Germany for 2-3 weeks.
- Ohio Youth Study Tours may operate again in the future ~ stay tuned for future announcements

## IFYE EXCHANGE (Many Countries Around the World)

- ♣ IFYE, the oldest 4-H exchange, began operation in 1949. The Out-Bound portion was discontinued in Ohio in 2004, and the In-bound portion was discontinued in 2008.
- Between 1949 and 2007, **860** Ohio 4-H families hosted IFYE Representatives (ages 19-25) and Ambassadors (ages 14-19) from around the world for 3-6 weeks each.
- Between 1950 and 2004, **253** Ohio 4-H alumni ages 19-25 traveled abroad as IFYE Reps. for 6 months and **60** youth ages 14-19 traveled abroad as IFYE Ambassadors for 6 weeks.

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS (ICCs)

- ♣ **35** middle-manager volunteer International County Coordinators (ICCs) are assisting Ohio 4-H in developing and conducting our international programs during 2008-09.

## INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

- ♣ In 2010, over 1,000 Ohioans will attend a 4-H Cross-Cultural Educational presentation.
- Since 1949, **218,000** Ohioans have attended a 4-H Cross-Cultural Educational presentation.

## ~ INVITE THE WORLD HOME ~ BE A HOST FAMILY! ~

Can't find the time and money to travel? Enjoy the exposure to different cultures which traveling brings? Looking for a low-cost project or experience in which the whole family can participate and grow together? The Ohio 4-H International Program allows families to gain the benefits of international travel right here at home by hosting an exchangee from a foreign country. Families often find they are drawn closer together and see their lives in a whole new perspective as they welcome a new son, daughter, brother, or sister into their circle. 4-H offers numerous hosting programs, ranging in duration from two weeks to one year. Exchangees come from around the world, include both youth and adults, and are usually members of clubs similar to 4-H in their home country. 130 Ohio families will take advantage of this unique opportunity in 2010. And ... non 4-H families automatically become 4-H members through their participation!

### **~ Month-Long Youth from Costa Rica (June 21 – July 18) (Ages 15-19)**

These youth are placed in homes where there is a **host sibling of the same gender and approximate age**. Only 1-2 of these youth will visit Ohio, so please consider hosting a Japanese youth as a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice.

### **~ Labo Japanese Month-Long Youth (July 23 – August 18) (Ages 12-17)**

Labo Month-Long Youth are also placed in homes where there is a **host sibling of the same gender and approximate age**.

### **~ Labo Japanese Older Youth Chaperones (July 23 – August 5) OR (August 5 – 18) OR (Both)**

Two older youth aged 18-22 will accompany the Labo month-long group, and will stay for 2 weeks with 2 different host families, or will spend the entire homestay with one host family.

### **~ Labo Japanese Adult Chaperones (July 23 – August 5) OR (August 5 – 18) OR (Both)**

Four adult chaperones aged 30-60 will accompany the Labo month-long group, and will stay for 2 weeks with 2 different host families, or will spend the entire homestay with one host family.

### **~ Labo Japanese Year-Long Youth (July 31, 2011 – June, 2012) (Ages 15-18)**

This in-depth family opportunity allows exchangees to become true members of the family, school & community! (Note: This program is on hiatus for 2010-2011, but will return for 2011-2012. Please let us know if interested!)

Applications to host a Costa Rican youth are due by **February 20**. Applications to host someone from Japan will continue to be accepted until all exchangees are placed, usually by **Mid-March** (girls) and **May** (boys). Returning the application does not obligate your family, nor does it assure assignment of an exchangee. Apply today ~ and **open your world!**

**Being a 4-H international host family is easy, fun, rewarding and educational.** Just welcome the exchangee into your home and treat him or her like one of the family. The exchangee will want to join in everyday activities, help with chores and otherwise fit in as a brother, sister, son or daughter. No special activities need to be planned, although most families and visitors enjoy the opportunity to take occasional sightseeing trips to local attractions and landmarks during the visit. Host families appreciate the chance to develop friendships which reach around the world. They find that their visitor teaches them not only to understand other ways of life, but to understand and appreciate their own way of life as well.

**Ohio 4-H is looking for all types of families** to give exchangees a broad perspective about life in our state. Urban families, rural families, two-parent or single-parent families, older couples, singles, couples without children, and families with varied religious and ethnic backgrounds all have something to offer visitors from other cultures. (Please note above that some programs require a host sibling of the same gender/age.) Support is provided to families by State and Local 4-H Offices and a team of volunteer ICCs around the state.

**Host families are asked to provide** lodging, meals and snacks for their exchangee, as well as pay for their costs during family activities. Exchangees bring their own personal spending money, and the program provides medical and other insurance. Year-long exchangees – who bring extraordinary joy and cultural learning to their hosts by truly settling in and becoming family members – also pay for their own school and activity fees, including things like prom expenses.

## ↻ BE A HOST FAMILY! ~ CONTINUED ↻

**Host Family Selection and Matching**, completed in the spring, is based on a family's application, references, home visit, background check for those family members aged 18+, and how well an exchange matches a family's preferences and interests. Selected families receive detailed information about their exchange and families and exchangees write letters and emails to become acquainted prior to arrival. Host Family Handbooks are distributed and Host Family Orientations are held around the state during May and June.

**The host family experience doesn't end when the exchangee returns home.** Usually, the friendships last a lifetime! Further visiting (both ways) sometimes occurs, and for host families, the world is forever a smaller place. If your family would like to host a 4-H exchangee please complete the Host Family Application located on our website or at the end of this booklet, and send it to: 4-H International Programs, 2201 Fred Taylor Dr., Columbus, OH, 43210.

## ↻ 2011 OHIO 4-H DELEGATION TO JAPAN ↻

Participating in the Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan gives Ohio young people the opportunity to learn more about themselves and the lives of others. Delegates live with a Japanese family for one month and take part in Labo camps and activities with host brothers and sisters. Many Ohio youth stay with the family of the Japanese youth who has previously visited them in Ohio, although this is not a requirement. Language fluency is not a prerequisite, but basic language study is required in advance of departure. Applicants need not be 4-H members to apply ... in fact, they become 4-H members through participation on this exchange!

**Ohio sends a delegation to Japan on "odd" years only, so the next group will travel in 2011.** 4-H members and non-members aged 12 to 18 (on date of travel) who are willing to prepare for the exchange by studying the language, country and culture of Japan are invited to apply. Delegates should be willing to become an active member of a Japanese host family.

**Program Dates** are **July 6 through August 4, 2011**. In addition, all delegates plus at least 1 parent are required to attend Selection Interviews and Orientation #1 in Columbus on **January 22-23, 2011**, as well as Orientation #2 in Columbus in spring, 2011.

The fee for the 2011 Ohio 4-H Delegation to Japan will be appx. **\$4,000**. This price includes: program support from staff in Ohio, Seattle, and Tokyo, orientations in Columbus (2), Seattle (overnight) and Tokyo (overnight), guidebooks, medical insurance, round-trip airfare from Columbus to Tokyo, all transportation taxes, travel to and from the Japanese host family, program expenses in Japan, 1 week at Labo Camp, final consultation and sightseeing in Tokyo, (2) 4-H shirts & luggage tag, a \$30-yen packet upon arrival in Japan, and 24/7 chaperone coverage beginning at gateway city. (There will be one chaperone for every 15-20 youth on the exchange.) Additional price for those choosing the Nihongo language program is **\$1,100 (see below)**.

**Partial Scholarships Available!** – see next page for details.

### **Optional "Nihongo" Language Program**

An optional opportunity for those who would like to become conversant in Japanese is the intensive three-week Nihongo language program. Labo offers this program in Tokyo from **June 9 – July 6**. Participants will then join the regular Ohio delegation for the month-long homestay until **August 4**. Nihongo students live with a Tokyo host family and attend classes during the day. The cost is **\$1,100** and covers tuition and books. In addition, weekday lunches must be purchased (about \$170). Host families provide lodging and all other meals.

**How to Apply / Required Selection Interviews** ~ Please notify us that you plan to apply (614-292-6941 or [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu)) and visit [www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international) for an application packet. Application materials and payments are due **January 18, 2011** and required Selection Interviews (for youth and at least 1 parent) will be held in Columbus on **January 22** (scheduled day) or **23** (snow day). Hope you can join us!

## ~ Travel to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland and Norway! ~

Exciting News! In addition to Japan, Ohio 4-H offers overseas homestay programs in four other countries! Australia (every year), Costa Rica (every year), Finland (every year except 2010) and Norway (even years only) host small groups of 15 older teen 4-H'ers from around the U.S. each summer. Participants live with a host family for one month, participating in their "regular life" and becoming full family and community members.

Delegates are accompanied by a U.S. adult chaperone beginning in their gateway city and are provided with orientations both in the U.S. and on-site once they reach their host country. Age restrictions apply – please see the chart on page 2 of this booklet for each country's requirements. Language fluency is not required, but basic language study is expected in advance of departure. Applicants need not be 4-H members to apply – in fact, they become 4-H members through participation on this exchange!

Each country's program has distinctive features and is coordinated overseas by the 4-H organization in the host country, or through schools and community groups. Those traveling to Costa Rica will enjoy camping in the rain forest. The Finland program includes a day-trip to the neighboring country of Estonia. Norway participants will experience a 1-week rustic tent-camping experience near the fjords. The Australia exchange is mainly rural and includes a trip to the capital of Sydney. Please see the chart on pages 2-3 of this booklet for dates and prices. **Partial Scholarships** are available! – see below for details.

**How to Apply / Required Selection Interviews** – Please notify us that you plan to apply (614-292-6941 or [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu)) and see our website for an application packet ([www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international)). Application materials and payments are due **January 27, 2010** and required Selection Interviews (for youth and at least 1 parent) will be held in Columbus on an arranged date after application is received.

## ~ TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUT-BOUND YOUTH! ~

Ohio 4-H and Labo are pleased to provide partial scholarships to all Ohio youth selected to travel overseas on one of our exchange programs – including Japan, Australia, Costa Rica, Finland and Norway. Selections will be based on the quality of the application form and essays, reference checks, and Required Interviews to be arranged in Columbus in late January (each youth plus at least one parent must attend). Please note that all scholarships will be awarded after successful completion of the program and submission of required items

Each selected youth will receive a base scholarship of \$600, plus an additional scholarship based on hosting history with Ohio 4-H (\$100 per month-long exchangee hosted and \$1,000 per year-long exchangee hosted, with some limits). A "Scholarship Application Form" is part of the general application packet for outbound travel. To learn your scholarship amount before applying, contact Mary Lynn ([thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu)) with your hosting history. For further details you may also visit our website ([www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international)).

**Sincere thanks to the wonderful donors making these Youth Travel Scholarships possible!**

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The Labo Foundation of Tokyo, Japan**

## ~ IFYE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM UPDATE ~

The International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), founded in 1949 and the oldest 4-H exchange program, was discontinued several years ago on the national level since it does not serve *youth of 4-H age*. Ohio also no longer participates due to attracting too few applicants each year and a lack of resources to coordinate the program without national assistance. We cannot thank you enough for your support of the IFYE program these many years, and we appreciate our many donors who have shifted their financial support to our other important exchange opportunities for 4-H age youth. *Danke, Gracias, Merci and Tak to our IFYE donors!*

## ~ THANK YOU TO OHIO'S ICCs! ~

These exceptional volunteers, called "International County Coordinators" (ICCs), will assist you with every aspect of your international hosting and/or traveling experience. 4-H is a volunteer-supported organization, and we could not continue our efforts toward international understanding without our ICCs. We salute and thank them for their time and dedication toward providing international experiences for Ohio's families and youth on the local level! Interested in becoming an ICC? Please contact your County Extension Office or Mary Lynn Thalheimer @ 614-292-6941 or [thalheimer.osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.osu.edu). The annual ICC Training is always held in Columbus on the last Saturday in January and this year, will be January 30, 2010.

## ~ LABO OFFERS PAID INTERNSHIPS IN JAPAN! ~

The Labo Foundation continues its generosity to the 4-H organization by offering paid one-year internships to 4-H'ers for working in its offices across Japan each year. Ohio 4-H is very proud of the 4-H Alumnus who have been selected to serve as Interns in the past: **Rylan Hamilton** (Hardin Co. – 2006), **Laura Corcoran** (Ross Co. – 2003), **Brienne Wyndham** (Hardin Co. – 2003), **Kim Krauser** (Warren Co. – 1996), **Scott Dye** (Holmes Co. – 1991), **Craig Perry** (Pickaway Co. – 1991) and **Susan Jones** (1990). During their year overseas, Interns work in a variety of capacities all over Japan, including preparing Japanese youth to come to America and assisting at local Labo Parties. Interns live with Japanese host families and most become fluent during their year abroad. We are grateful to Labo for providing this special opportunity to Ohio youth, which helps them in countless ways throughout their careers when they return to the U.S.

Any youth aged 18-25 and with a high school diploma prior to departure is eligible to apply for an internship. Strong preference is given to applicants who have previously traveled to Japan with the Ohio 4-H Delegation and who have at least a rudimentary knowledge of Japanese language. Please contact [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu) for more information. Applications are due December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, for departure the following September.

## ~ INTERNATIONAL FAIR AND CONFERENCE EVENTS ~

**International Day at the Ohio State Fair**, scheduled for **August 1**, is an annual opportunity to celebrate all international aspects of 4-H. Host families, exchangees, 4-Hers who have traveled abroad, ICCs and anyone associated with international programs is invited to exhibit! Contact [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu) for information.

**The Ohio 4-H Teen Conference (Feb. 20)** and **the Ohio 4-H Volunteer Conference (March 13)** are state-wide educational events designed for current, former and prospective 4-H members and volunteers. Plan to stop by the *international exhibit* and attend the *international session* at both events, where you will learn about our exchange programs, travel options, volunteer positions, and cross-cultural understanding. Contact your Extension Office for registration materials.

## ~ OHIO 4-H YOUTH STUDY TOURS ~

Ohio 4-H Youth Study Tours are designed to provide participants with an intensive exposure to another country's life and culture, including the arts, architecture, the environment, family life, religion, major sites, food and customs. Led by an Ohio 4-H professional and volunteers, the 2-3 week programs combine travel and culture learning with a homestay experience. Language proficiency is not required, but language study is strongly encouraged. Study Tours operate on some "even" years, with the next experience tentatively scheduled for 2014 – either June to July, or December. The 2014 tentative tour is planned for Great Britain, New Zealand or Europe, at an approximate cost of \$4,500. A group of youth from the country we visit will then tentatively travel to Ohio the following year. See future booklets for the destination and other program details.



# 2010 Ohio 4-H Host Family Application



- ENCLOSE PHOTO
- PRINT NEATLY OR TYPE!

| HOST FAMILY INFORMATION |                 |                    | (FOR 4-H OFFICE USE ONLY) |            |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| FAMILY LAST NAME        |                 |                    | ORGANIZATION              |            |
| STREET ADDRESS          |                 |                    | NAME                      |            |
| CITY                    | OHIO            | ZIP:               | ID CODE                   |            |
| COUNTY:                 | FAX: ( )        |                    | GENDER                    | AGE        |
| HOME PHONE ( )          | YOUTH CELL: ( ) |                    | YOUTH EMAIL:              |            |
| FATHER'S NAME:          |                 | FATHER CELL PHONE: | OCCUPATION:               | BIRTHDATE: |
| FATHER'S EMAIL:         |                 | ( )                |                           |            |
| MOTHER'S NAME:          |                 | MOTHER CELL PHONE: | OCCUPATION:               | BIRTHDATE: |
| MOTHER'S EMAIL:         |                 | ( )                |                           |            |

OTHERS IN HOME (If applying to host a Month-long Youth, place an "X" to the left of the sibling who will be hosting the exchange.)

| "X" | NAME | GENDER | BIRTHDATE (M/D/Y) | GRADE | AGE as of 8/30/10 | HOBBIES / INTERESTS / PERSONALITY TRAITS |
|-----|------|--------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|--|
|     |      |        |                   |       |                   |  |
|     |      |        |                   |       |                   |  |
|     |      |        |                   |       |                   |  |
|     |      |        |                   |       |                   |  |

Location of Home:  City  Small Town  Rural Non-farm  Farm (# acres \_\_\_\_\_)  Suburb Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Do any adults in the home serve as 4-H Advisors?  Mother  Father  Other Adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your family involved in 4-H? (not required)  Yes  No Type of Crops: \_\_\_\_\_

Farm Animals: \_\_\_\_\_ Domestic Animals: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any inside animals?  Yes  No If yes, what animals?: \_\_\_\_\_

Population of Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a piano in your home? \_\_\_\_\_ (This question helps us with matching)

Family Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Check boxes which apply:  Smoking household  Non-smoking household  Smoking forbidden in our house  
 Single family house  Mobile home  Apartment  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

If both parents work outside the home, who will assume responsibility when both parents are away? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain ALL health concerns (physical, psychological) in the family. (For information of exchangee only) \_\_\_\_\_

Would your exchangee be expected to attend church with you?  Yes  No Religion: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to accommodate an exchange with a special diet (vegetarian, no dairy, etc.)?  Yes  No

Foreign Languages Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your family hosted an exchangee before?  Yes  No

If "yes," Program Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s): : \_\_\_\_\_

Country(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Length of stay(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to host? \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED!** You *must* include a recent family photo with members identified. Okay to email to: [thalheimer.1@osu.edu](mailto:thalheimer.1@osu.edu)

PREFERENCES FOR EXCHANGEES (Please check ALL of the types of exchangees your family would be able to host)

If our first choice is unavailable, we will accept a different age:  Yes  NO a different gender:  Yes  NO

           We know a specific exchangee we would like to host. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

           Japanese Youth (ages 12-18) for 1 Month (July 23 to August 18)  Male  Female  Either Age Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must have your own child of the same gender and approximate age.)

           Japanese Older Teen or Adult Chaperone (ages 19-60) for 2 Weeks or 1 Month in late July or August  
Gender Preference:  Male  Female  Either  
Date Preference:  July 23 - August 5  August 5-18  Either  Both (July 23 – August 18)

           Costa Rica Youth (age 15-18) for 1 Month (June 20 to July 17)  Male  Female  Either Age Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Applications Due by February 20. Very small number of youth available. Must have your own child of same gender and approximate age. Please check (rank order) above if willing to host a Japanese youth if you are not matched with a Costa Rican youth.

**WE UNDERSTAND/CONFIRM ~ Parent(s) and main Host Sibling MUST initial each Item.**

**Parent(s) and Main Host Brother/Sister MUST Initial Each Item. Thank You.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Host Family applicants will receive notification of selection as soon as possible by the State Coordinator (usually late April). Selection is based on references, application, home interview(s), ability to closely match exchangees and families, and background checks (for those who did not host last year or are not current 4-H advisors). Families will be sent information about whether or not they need background checks after submitting this application. Applying does not obligate you to host nor does it assure assignment of an exchangee.

\_\_\_\_\_ (For the Labo Month-long Program) The Ohio youth matched to host the exchangee must keep this exchange uppermost in mind during the hosting month, and ensure that the exchangee feels comfortable around friends and feels included in activities.

\_\_\_\_\_ If selected as a host family, we will be expected to treat the exchangee as a family member. We will communicate with the exchangee prior to arrival. Our exchangee will be included in all family activities. Lodging, all meals, and family activities will be paid by us.

\_\_\_\_\_ If our family owns any guns, they must be locked and kept out of sight during the homestay. (A visible but locked gun cabinet is OK.)

\_\_\_\_\_ No special arrangements for entertaining or traveling are expected. The program emphasizes the normal family life experience that can be gained from a host family stay. Our family must be flexible, patient and able to communicate both verbally and non-verbally while hosting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Orientations will be held and orientation materials will be sent to us. We will read the information and familiarize ourselves with it. We are required to attend an orientation if we did not host with Ohio 4-H last year. (Note: All Year-Long Host Families must attend an Orientation, regardless of when they last hosted.) We are also encouraged to attend one mid-point activity during the homestay, if offered in our area.

\_\_\_\_\_ We will contact the State Coordinator or the local ICC or County 4-H Educator immediately if illness or a problem/concern is evident. We understand and accept that in certain instances an exchangee must be removed from a home after placement.

\_\_\_\_\_ No member of our family has ever abused drugs or alcohol, or been convicted of child or spousal abuse, or any other felony criminal offense. (If past drug/alcohol abuse applies, you will not necessarily be precluded from hosting. Please include a note of explanation.)

\_\_\_\_\_ We give permission to The Ohio State University, OSU Extension, Ohio 4-H, Labo and Worldwise to use in public awareness programs any photos, voice and video images or activities in which the exchangee and the host family participate.

**Parent Signature: (Required) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**State 4-H International Program Manager @ OSU: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_**

**NOTE: Your application will be returned to you if the information below (or any other info on this form) is not complete!**

**REFERENCES ~ List complete information for three individuals (non-relatives) who can be contacted. One person must be your 4-H Educator or Advisor. If you are not in 4-H, include someone from your school. Be sure to include work phone when applicable.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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