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## WINTER 2010 ~ OHIO 4-H INTERNATIONAL UPDATE

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**TO:** *Friends of Ohio 4-H International Programs – Host Families, Volunteers, Travelers, Exchangees, Donors, Foundation Board, and Extension Personnel*

**FROM:** *Mary Lynn Thalheimer, Ohio 4-H International Programs*

Hello! I hope 2010 has been good to you and your families so far. Here at Ohio 4-H International Programs, we are anticipating an exceptional year of cultural exchange and education, and hope you'll be able to join us in some capacity. The new 2010 International Programs Booklet is included with this mailing. Inside you'll find information and application forms for our exchange programs as well as other international education opportunities. Participating will allow you to take concrete action towards creating a better tomorrow for your own and the world's children and families!

### 2010 Exchange Programs At-A-Glance

**Hosting** programs this year will include our traditional Japanese Labo Month, Year and Adult groups, as well as a very small number of youth from Costa Rica. **Traveling** opportunities include our newer Overseas Homestay Programs to Australia, Costa Rica and Norway. (*The deadline for these out-bound travel programs is **January 27** ~ please contact us immediately if interested, and visit our website for an application.*) Details on all of these exciting programs can be found within the booklet.

### Ohio Host Families Needed!

Ohio 4-H is deeply appreciative of our many host families who open your homes and hearts each year to youth from around the world. We applaud your desire to help both your own children and those from around the world to work together toward the global community and economy of tomorrow. We recognize that it takes great generosity of spirit to host!

Whether or not you have been involved in the past, we hope you will consider this outstanding educational opportunity during 2010! For those of you who have never hosted, the experience is a unique way to **invite the world right into your living room!** And for **those of you who have children**, hosting teaches them in ways a book or the internet never could. Our programs vary in length of stay and exchangee age. Take a look at this newsletter and the enclosed booklet and see all we have to offer! Host family applications are found within the booklet and are due on **Feb. 20** for Costa Rica, and by **Feb. 28** for 1<sup>st</sup>-choice placements in the Japan program, with a final deadline of **May 15**, or until all exchangees are placed (usually mid-March for girls and May for boys).

## 2010 Program Dates

### HOSTING

Japanese Month-Long Youth:	July 23 - August 18
Japanese Older Teens & Adults:	July 23 - August 5 ... or August 5 -18 ... or 7/23-8/18
Costa Rica Month-Long Youth:	June 21 to July 18

### TRAVELING

Delegation to Australia	June 17 – July 16	(Travels every year)
Delegation to Costa Rica	June 20 – July 18	(Travels every year)
Delegation to Norway	June 30 – August 2	(Travels “even” years only)

NOTE: The Japan Program operates on “odd” years only and will next travel in 2011.

## 2010 Program Deadlines

**January 27**

### Ohio 4-H Youth Travel Applications Due

Notify us that you're applying and visit our website for an application:  
[www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international)

**February 20 & 28**

### Host Family Applications Due for Costa Rica (2/20) and Japan (2/28)

See enclosed booklet or visit: [www.ohio4h.org/youth/international](http://www.ohio4h.org/youth/international)

Applications for Japanese youth will still be accepted after February 28!  
However, the month-long girls are usually placed by March, so don't delay. ☺

**May 15**

### Final Host Family Application Deadline (or until last delegate placed)

## A World of Thanks to our 2009 ICCs!

ADAMS:	Laura Cole	ALLEN:	Samantha Sturgeon
ASHLAND:	Annis Strine	CHAMPAIGN:	Connie Crocker
CARROLL:	Jill Sterling	CLERMONT:	Dona Braswell
DELAWARE:	Walter Morton	DEFIANCE:	Bobie & Sophia Williams
FAIRFIELD:	Sue Suttles	FULTON:	Bobie & Sophia Williams
FRANKLIN:	Rachel Tayse Baillieul	GUERNSEY:	Stacey Curry
HAMILTON:	Marti & Doug Hudson	HARDIN:	Barb & George Wyndham
HENRY:	LeAnn Hall	HIGHLAND:	Cindy McCray
JEFFERSON	Kim Svoboda	LOGAN:	Barb & George Wyndham
LICKING:	Beth Gress	MAHONING	Gary Reel
MARION:	Robin Miley	MEDINA:	Nancy Fortney
MERCER:	Cindy Lennartz	MONTGOMERY:	Rebecca Olinsky
PREBLE:	Ellen Taulbee	PAULDING:	Bobie & Sophia Williams
PICKAWAY	Pat Perry	RICHLAND:	Annis Strine
ROSS:	Cindy McCray	ROSS:	Jill Beeler
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TRUMBULL:	Laura DePizzo	TUSCAWARUS:	Jill Sterling
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