

Global Citizenship

Global & Cultural Education



Helping young people to explore and to appreciate what people around the world have in common and what makes them unique is critically important in society today. Florida 4-H offers a variety of opportunities for kids and adults to learn more about our global community through exchanges and hosting.

4-H is built on a model of positive youth development. We see hosting as an educational opportunity not just for the delegate, but also for the host family, and entire host community. States' 4-H programs focus on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others, and engaged citizenship. We recognize that opening your home to a teenager from a different country is a big change for most families, and we are here to support you every step of the way!

Summer Exchange 2017

Florida will host:

- 12 Japanese LABO youth and one adult chaperone
- Application to Host (select FLORIDA)
<http://www.states4hexchange.org/>
- Tentative dates are:
ARRIVAL – Saturday, July 22
DEPARTURE – Thursday, August 17

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Hosting Information

[Brown Family Testimonial](#)

[Japan Hosting Flier](#)

Japanese youth will be 6 girls and 6 boys ages 12-17. Their English comprehension varies from child to child. An adult chaperone will accompany the group and will have a good command of English.

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States' 4-H

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TIMELINE

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| <u>December 15</u> | Outbound |
| | <i>Registration Due</i> |
| | <i>Coordinator Request Due</i> |
| February | Inbound |
| | Delegate applications received |
| March 1 | Chaperone Deadline |
| <u>May 15</u> | Inbound |
| | <i>Host application deadline</i> |
| Mid May | Inbound |
| | Host/delegate match |
| Mid June TBA | Inbound |
| | Host Family Webinar |
| TBA | Outbound |
| | Webinar or Workshop |
| June - July | Outbound Travel |
| July – August | Inbound Hosting |
| November | States' 4-H Conference |

While with your family, Japanese youth are to become ‘a member’ and not a guest. If your children do chores, they do chores. They will bring cultural items to share, a family album and a dictionary! They are very polite and eager youth to learn all about the US and Florida.

If your child that is the match goes to a Day or Resident Camp, we can cover the Japanese youth up to \$250 for camps. A registration form will need to be completed in June.

We ask the County 4-H to sponsor at least one 4-H family’s screening cost and the 4-H family to provide room and board during their stay. While attending the attractions is nice, it is not required.



Summer Outbound Exchange ‘17

Youth 12-17 years may participate in States’ 4-H Exchange hosted trips abroad in Host Family stays. National groups from 5-10 youth with a chaperone will depart from DC or Seattle, WA in June 2017. 2017 countries available will be posted on the website around September.

Chaperones are selected nation-wide from a rigor selection process and screening. Chaperones will communicate with youth before meeting them at the departure city. A day of workshops will be held to meet the group.

All youth traveling outbound will be required to share their experience with their community upon their return.

Registration and approval due December 15, 2016

Contact Shane Michael, Central District RSA, Outbound Coordinator - 2017

States’ 4-H Exchange Chaperone ‘17

Our Florida 4-H International Team will review and vet the applications to submit to States’ 4-H. Some of the criteria is at least 25 years old and involved somehow now or in the past with 4-H.

The final dates may vary within 1-2 days. Chaperone’s program fee is partially subsidized by S4-H and program fee paid by the delegates. Program costs include domestic and international airfare, in-country expenses, homestay, meals, medical and accident insurance during national orientation and in host country, some sightseeing trips, and camp if applicable. Personal expenses such as passport fees, personal spending money, and gifts for host family members are the responsibility of the individual. Cost is about \$1,600.

Selection and Recommendations due March 1, 2017

Contact Georgene Bender, gmbender@ufl.edu

Resources

Links

- [States' 4-H Exchange](#)
- [Florida 4-H States' 4-H Exchange \(Facebook\)](#)
- [National International 4-H Youth Exchange \(IFYE\)](#)
- [IFYEs in Florida \(Facebook\)](#)

Curriculum

- 4-H Backpack to Adventure: Youth Leaders in a Global World (4H1643)
- We Connect: A Global Youth Citizenship Curriculum (01501F)
- Windows on Asian Culture
- ¡Qué Rico! LaCultura Latino Cultural Arts Bilingual Group Activities for Youth K-8

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