States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs

2019 OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

to Costa Rica, Finland, Japan, and South Korea

Program Details:
States’ 4-H Summer Outbound programs provide American 4-H youth with the opportunity to travel to foreign countries for a cultural immersion experience. Delegates live with volunteer host families and engage in experiential learning about a new way of life. Delegates experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Our network of like-minded international partners recruit host families and plan enrichment activities for the delegation.

Dates (additional country opportunities may be added):

- Japan 8-week: June 12—August 8, 2019
- Costa Rica: June 20—July 19, 2019
- Finland: June 26—July 27, 2019
- Japan 4-week: July 10—August 8, 2019
- South Korea: July 15—August 13, 2019

Eligibility:
- 4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and grow as a global citizen.
- Age 12-18 for Japan & South Korea and age 15-18 for Costa Rica & Finland from the first day to the last day of the exchange.

Application & Program Fee:
Contact your local 4-H coordinator to apply and learn your state’s deadlines.

Information:
- Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.
- States’ 4-H provides Program Handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information.
- States’ 4-H also has a group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.
- In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics.
- No prior language study is required, but it certainly is helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

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States’ 4-H International’s mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.