



2013 Camp Spicer Exchange students visiting Can Do Cainies

Life Lessons Across Cultures and Around the World

The Lions International Youth Exchange Program brings the ideal of global citizenship to life. Apply for a camp program, including host family stay, or apply for a host family stay with no camp attendance.

Each year, the Lions International Youth Camp and Exchange Program introduces young people to life in other cultures by helping them travel abroad. Each Youth Camp and Exchange includes an extended stay hosted by one of our many international clubs.

As a participant in the Youth Camp and Exchange Program, you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about the bonds we all share – and the differences we respect in each other no matter where we live

The Youth Exchange Program is not work-related. Youth involved are not allowed to work, for money or otherwise. The program is also not to be a sightseeing tour. Often the host family uses the occasion to travel to an area of interest for the family.

MD5M's Youth Exchange Program offers two programs during the year: a Winter program and a Summer program.

Winter program: MD5M offers the hosting of incoming youth. The youth arrive between the second week in December and the second week in January, depending on the country from which they are coming.

Summer program: MD5M offers the hosting of an incoming youth experience as well as the sponsoring of outgoing youth program. The incoming youth arrive from mid-June to mid-July depending on the country from which they are coming, and also depending on their school schedules. Generally, the summer exchange lasts from four to six weeks. The incoming youth are required to spend the last full week of July at a Lions International Youth Camp. MD5M offers three camps: Camp Spicer in the southern part of Minnesota, Camp Trowbridge in northern Minnesota and a camp in Canada.

MD5M also offers an outgoing exchange during the summer months. The youth from MD5M who are chosen to go on an exchange may choose the country they wish to visit and the length of time to visit. The usual length of time is 4 to 8 weeks depending on the country and the International Youth Camp chosen. Host families are needed to host the incoming students. Please consider this rewarding experience.

Contact 5M2 Co-chairs Chris & Janet Hall with any questions you may have about the programs.

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