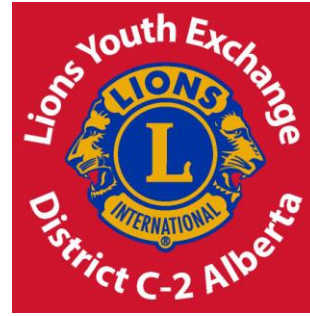


DISTRICT C-2 OUTBOUND YOUTH EXCHANGE 2018



To all Clubs in District C-2 – If your club is thinking of sending a youth on the Lions International Youth Exchange Program this year, now is the time to submit your application. The fillable application form is attached. To find details on Youth Exchange, simply click onto the following site which fully explain the process. <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/youth-programs/youth-camp-and-exchange/index.php> . It is requested that you fill out the fillable European Application Form (.xls). The form must be submitted to the writer via e-mail with the required pictures etc. that is requested plus a copy of your passport. There must be a cheque accompany in the amount of \$250.00 made payable to Dist. C-2 Youth Exchange. This fee covers all the miscellaneous fees and supplies that are required. The travel fees are to be covered by the applicant or sponsoring Club. The District deadline for submission is 28 FEB 2018. There is a list of countries and youth camps that are available on the web site as well. There will probably be an extra fee for the youth camps.

An Exchange program can be arranged in 100 plus countries and geographic locations where there are Lions clubs. Most exchanges last around 4 weeks during which the participants stay with one or more host families in another country. Most all exchange programs require students to attend the Youth Exchange Camp associated with their program and are usually 7-14 days. The host family stays are either before or after the camp or both. Camp costs and information are found by clicking on one of the yellow pins on the interactive map found on the Lions Web Site under Youth Exchange Camps Directory. All costs are the responsibility of the student or sponsoring club.

All participants in a Lions Youth Exchange Program MUST:

- Be between 15 and 22 years of age. Our District requires participants to be 16 years of age at the time of the exchange.
- Have some basic knowledge of the host country.
- Be ready to represent their community, country and sponsoring Lions Club.
- Welcome the opportunity to explore and accept the customs of another culture.
- Provide proof of insurance (Health, medical, and travel)
- Sign a liability release agreement
- Be sponsored by a Lions Club.
- If you are 15 and wish to be involved in the program you may wish to consider attending the Lions Leadership Camp in Waterton, Alberta for a week at the end of July. Contact Lion Tony Prettelegiani - e-mail - tonyp@pretteleg.com.

Being involved in International Cultural Exchange is exciting and participants will want to make the experience as rewarding and interesting as possible. We require participants

and parents to attend an ORIENTATION arranged by the District. The orientation session is meant to help prepare the participant for one of the most exciting experiences of their life and to answer questions that they or their parents may have about the exchange program. Topics may include:

- Rules and logistics and other pertinent information
- Role of sponsoring club and host club
- Travel: Passports and Visas (if necessary)
- Money
- What happens next.

As the word “Exchange” is used in the program, it implies you go to see them and you host one of them. It is not mandatory that you host an incoming student, but it helps the program work. Our District normally hosts around 20 exchange students and we are always looking for families to host these incoming youth. The host family is required to house and feed the exchange student free of charge. It is suggested that the youth be shown as much of what our area has to offer as possible. If you have any host families willing to take a youth, please advise the writer.

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