



COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED BY YOUTH ABOUT THE

LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (Y.E.P.)

Q. How old must I be to travel in the Program?

A. Youth traveling in the MD-19 Lions Youth Exchange Program must be 16 years of age (17 for European Countries) by July 15 (or by the departure date of travel) and a maximum of 21 years old.

Q. How do I qualify for the Lions Y.E.P. Program?

A. The major characteristics each youth should consider before submitting an application are:
1. You should be of high moral character;
2. You should have a desire to learn about another culture;
3. You must be sponsored by a Lions Club; and
4. You must have your parents consent.

Q. How much will the trip cost?

A. The cost will depend on the country you choose. A Travel Package price list is available upon request from your Lions Y.E.P. Representative.

Q. Who pays for the trip?

A. The Travel Package is usually paid for by the youth or the youth's family. Sometimes the sponsoring Lions Club will assist in the cost of the trip, depending on the Club's resources.

Q. What countries are available to travel in the Program?

A. Australia, New Zealand and Japan in the Pacific. Also, exchanges with Great Britain, Finland, France, Italy, Germany and Norway have been achieved successfully with our area. Please see our website for an updated list of available countries.

Q. How long is the exchange?

A. Most exchanges are for 6 weeks, however, some European countries limit the visit to 4 weeks.

Q. When are the departure/return dates?

A. The departure dates are usually in the middle of July and return the last part of August. For the European countries, the departure date is often earlier.

Q. With whom will I be staying?

A. Most youth stay with at least two host families arranged by Lions Club members of the chosen country.

Q. I've heard of youth camps. What are they and could I participate?

A. Many countries provide youth camps where selected youth join others from countries throughout the world in a camp setting. These camps provide tours of the local area for the attendees and inform the youth about the country where the camp is located.

Lions Clubs International approved the YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM (Y.E.P.) as a major project in 1961. For over 30 years, thousands of youth have traveled to foreign countries to stay with host families arranged by Lions Club members. A total of 3,775 youth traveled in 1992-93 to over 61 countries. Thirty-three of these countries sponsored youth camps for the young travelers.

Be an ambassador! Step out and meet the world through the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

The Lions Youth Exchange Program has adopted the First Object of Lionism as their motto:

"To Create and Foster a Spirit of Understanding among the Peoples of the World."



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COMMON QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT
HOSTING A YOUTH
in the
**LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE
PROGRAM (Y.E.P.)**

Q. How do I qualify to be a host family?

- A.** A potential family should consider the following criteria before submitting an application:
1. You must be of high moral character. If not of a Lions family, an interview will be arranged by the local Lions Club.
 2. You should be able to comfortably house a youth for a 3 week period.
 3. Be tolerant and willing to learn of other cultures.
 4. Be sponsored by a Lions Club.

Q. What are the ages of the visitors?

- A.** The ages range from 16 to 21.

Q. How long will our youth be staying?

- A.** The youth will stay in the area of British Columbia, Washington or Northern Idaho for a period of 4 to 6 weeks. They will be assigned two host families of 2 to 3 weeks each.

Q. When will they arrive and depart?

- A.** In the summertime, the youth arrive in late June or July and depart sometime in August. For the wintertime exchange, they arrive about the middle of December and depart the last part of January.

Q. How many organized activities are there during the stay of our youth?

- A.** The number of youth staying in any particular district will determine the number of activities arranged.

Q. What type of entertainment would my family be expected to provide during the stay of our youth?

- A.** The youth will be staying with you as a member of your family. You are only expected to participate in the activities that you and your family want to do or can afford.

Q. Will special menus be necessary?

- A.** No. Your visitor is encouraged to join the family in your normal family dining fare.

Q. What if both parents work?

- A.** There must be at least one adult member of the family in attendance during the stay of the youth. On occasion, special approval is granted to mature teenage children of the family as acceptable replacement of the parents during working hours.

*Invite a Lions Youth Exchange
Visitor into Your Home
and Watch
World Peace Begin!*

Your Youth Exchange Representative:

For further information, contact your District Youth Exchange Chairman or Y.E.P. Representative. In case of an emergency, contact the **MD-19 Lions Information Hotline: (206) 363-3315 (U.S.)**

Lions Clubs Int'l Info: (250) 747-8315 (Can)

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