What is the 4-H International Japan/Korea Exchange?

- Delegates to Japan or Korea will have an opportunity to learn "hands-on" about its culture, by living with a host family. 4-H delegates stay throughout Japan or Korea, usually in cities. Youth from Japan and Korea also come every summer to spend one month living with Wisconsin host families. If you are interested in becoming a host family, see our Summer Hosting Opportunities information.

- Delegates to Japan or Korea stay with families who are involved in one of two youth organizations that teach children and families English and other languages while learning about cultures: Labo International Exchange Foundation or Institute for Language Experiment, Experience and Exchange (LEX).

- American Adult Advisors accompany the delegates and live in the same region of Japan or Korea where youth are assigned.

- Dates for youth Homestays in Japan or Korea are approximately July 6 thru August 4.

This Exchange Can Offer You:

- The joy of living with an urban family for four weeks in the "Land of the Rising Sun" or "The Han Nation".

- A method of learning another culture and life-style.

- A way to better understand the methods and challenges of a collectivist culture.

- A chance to discuss with peers of another culture such issues as culture, international economics, the environment, and your hopes for the world.

- The opportunity to develop long-lasting friendships, to become better informed on global issues and to better know and understand yourself.
Who Can Go?

- Youth who are 10-18 years of age may host a young person from Japan or South Korea. In turn, 4-H'ers between the ages of 12-18 who are interested in learning about another country and culture may experience a home stay in Japan or Korea.

- Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by January 1 the year of the trip.

- Youth who agree to do some serious preparation, such as, country and culture study and attending a weekend orientation in the spring, and who are willing to participate fully and wholeheartedly in the total planned experience.

- Youth who are mature, ready and eager to explore, learn, and have a new experience.

What Should You Do?

- Carefully read the information on both sides of this flyer.

- Discuss your interest in the Japan or Korea exchange with your parents and family.

- Talk with others who have traveled to Japan or Korea, or hosted those from Japan, Korea, or from other 4-H international programs.

- Call your County Extension Office and discuss your interest with your 4-H Educator.

- Ask the County Extension Office for an application or find it at http://www.uwex.edu/ces/4h/onlinpro/international.cfm.

Nihongo Program:

- A 3-week intensive language program in the Shinjuku area of Tokyo.

- Held at the Labo office from June 9 to mid-July; summer stay follows till August 4.

- This optional program precedes and complements the summer outbound program.

Costs

- Delegates are responsible for all costs. Wisconsin 4-H'ers are required to fundraise at least $1,000.

- Total cost is dependent upon the cost of transportation and the value of the U.S. and Japanese/Korean currency at the time of invoicing. If we must increase the cost, or if it can be lowered, delegates will be notified immediately.

- The estimated amount is approximately $4,000 depending on final airfare cost. The fee includes domestic and international airline ticket, travel in host country, home stay, supplemental insurance, orientation and debriefing programs, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s), and program administration.

- The Nihongo program is an additional $900.

Adult Advisors:

National Adult Advisor applicants must be at least 25 years of age by January 1 of the travel year and be approved by their State 4-H International Coordinator. Partial stipend is provided.

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate will include:

- medical examinations and inoculations as per physician requirements
- official birth certificate, passport photos, passport
- travel to and from Madison and orientation
- small, inexpensive gifts for host family
- spending money and all other personal items

Schedule of Payments

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Cancellation policy

$1500 can be refunded before Jan. 31, No refund after each deadline beginning Feb. 1.

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