States’ 4-H International

2014 Norway Exchange

Who: 4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be age 15-19 from the first day to the last day of the exchange (you must not be in college)

Why: States’ 4-H’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. It’s a truly unique opportunity to experience another culture beyond what tourists see!

What: Travel to Norway with 4-H youth from across the U.S. and live with a Norwegian host family (a host sibling of similar age is NOT guaranteed). The program will include one-week 4H Norge National Camp where participants will camp out in tents and sleeping bags (provided by 4H Norge) with 1000 Norwegian 4Hers.

When: June 25 – July 25, 2014

How: States’ 4-H and in-country partner 4-H Norge will coordinate the homestay and activities.

Capacity: Minimum of 6 delegates plus 1 chaperone required for program to proceed (maximum TBD)

Cost: Estimated at $2,160 plus airfare*(final cost dependent upon currency exchange and airfare) for S4-H partner states
*Current airfare estimate based on past cost: $1,500-$1.900

Program Costs Include:
- Roundtrip airfare from home state to Oslo, Norway
- In-Norway expenses: transportation, lodging, meals
- Departure orientation in the U.S. gateway city (double or higher occupancy based lodging)
- Arrival orientation in Oslo (double or higher occupancy based lodging)
- 4H Norge’s National Camp (1 week)
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- Pre-trip conference call, orientation materials and t-shirts
- Administrative costs
- A portion of the adult chaperone expenses: An adult chaperone will travel with the delegation on all international flights and stay in Norway for the entire exchange period to assist with any delegate concerns/issues.

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate may include:
- Passport
- Gifts for host family members
- Spending money and all other personal items

Application & Payment Deadlines
- December 15, 2013: Application & $1000
- February 1, 2014: $2000
- March 1, 2014: Medical form & Passport copy
- May 1, 2014: Remaining balance

Cancellation Policy
- Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (Air ticket is issued by the end of January and is NOT refundable once issued) 
- Cancellations must be made in writing
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis

Program details subject to change.

Non-Discrimination Statement
As a an organization comprised of 4-H members, S4-H prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status.