



Fall/Winter 2008-09

2009 4-H International Exchange Outbound *Ambassador* Programs

Complete details on all 2009 outbound ambassador program options are available through your county Extension office. Information is also on the following website: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu> Click on "Things to Do," and then on "Travel Abroad/International Exchanges."

Australia: Oregon youth ages 16-19 will have an opportunity to apply for this one-month host family experience. The program is scheduled for mid-June to mid-July. Approximate cost will be \$2,800 plus roundtrip airfare from Oregon to Melbourne via Los Angeles.

Finland: Oregon youth ages 15-19 will have an opportunity to apply for this one-month host family experience. The program is scheduled for mid-June to mid-July. Approximate cost will be \$1,400 plus the cost of the roundtrip airfare from Oregon to Helsinki via Chicago.

Mexico: Oregon youth ages 15-18 will have an opportunity to apply for this host family experience. The program is scheduled for approximately 3 weeks starting in early July. Approximate cost will be \$2,200.

Costa Rica: Oregon youth ages 15-18 will have an opportunity to apply for this one-month host family experience. The program is scheduled for mid-June to mid-July. Approximate cost will be \$1,400 plus the cost of the roundtrip airfare from Oregon to San Jose via Houston.

Japan: Oregon youth have two opportunities to experience the culture of Japan through a host family experience.

- Four-week Program (mid-July to mid-August). Youth between the ages of 13-18 are eligible to apply. Approximate cost will range from \$3,900-\$4,100 depending on home departure airport.
- Eight-week (Nihongo) Program (mid-June to mid-August). In addition to the host family experience, the delegates in this program receive intensive, innovative, and fun language instruction. Youth between the ages of 14-18 are eligible to apply. Approximate cost will range from \$4,900-\$5,100 depending on home departure airport.

Future IFYE Conferences

2009 National IFYE Conference

The 2009 National IFYE Conference will be held June 22-28 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Watch for details on the following website: <http://www.ifyeusa.org/>

Tenth World IFYE Conference

The next (10th) World IFYE Conference will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in November 2013. It is scheduled to be held at The Golden Jubilee Museum of Agriculture and will feature study tours, workshops and opportunities to enjoy Thailand's culture and festivals. Website: www.ifyethailand.doae.go.th

Japanese High School Student in Oregon

For the 2008-2009 school year, Oregon is hosting one delegate on the 4-H Japanese Exchange High School program. Romina Hattori is a student at Powder Valley High School in Baker County.

Youth Return from Australia and Finland

This summer, two teen from Oregon spent a month in Finland as part of a national delegation. Delegates from Oregon were:

- **Sara Gray**, Benton County
- **Kat Barnum**, Sherman County

In addition, Oregon had one delegate spend a month in Australia. Oregon's delegate was:

- **Melanie Johnson**, Klamath County

All delegates are excited about sharing their month of adventure and learning. Please ask them about what they gained from their experiences.

Youth Return from Japan

This past summer, nine teens from Oregon traveled to Japan as part of the U.S. delegation in the 4-H Japanese Exchange Program. Delegates on the eight-week program were:

- **Gabe Alvarez**, Crook County
- **Ashley English**, Crook County
- **Ian Lusby**, Deschutes County
- **Madison Munn**, Crook County
- **Jake Neilson**, Clatsop County

In addition to spending a month with a host family, delegates on the eight-week program spent an additional four weeks improving their knowledge of Japanese language and culture.

Participants in the four-week program were:

- **Kitty Earl**, Coos County
- **Kristi Robinson**, Crook County
- **Natalie Ross**, Klamath County
- **Ben VanGilder**, Sherman County

All delegates are excited about sharing their month of adventure and learning. Please ask them about what they gained from their time in Japan.



International Ambassador Delegates Coming to Oregon During the Summer of 2009

Looking at the summer of 2009, hosting opportunities in Oregon will include:

- **Japanese delegates:** Host family applications will be due May 1, 2009. Counties hosting this past summer were Benton, Clatsop, Crook, Coos, Deschutes, Harney, Lincoln, and Polk.
- **Delegates from Finland, Norway and Costa Rica:** Inbound delegates from all three countries are matched with host families at the national level. In 2007, Oregon hosted a delegate from Finland and in 2008 hosted a delegate from Costa Rica. Host family applications will be due February 15, 2009.

2009 4-H International Exchange Youth Development Programs

Complete details on all 2009 outbound *youth development* program options will soon be available through your county Extension office. Information will also be on the following website: <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu> Click on "Things to Do" and then on "Travel Abroad/International Exchanges."

2008 Youth Development Delegate to Finland

Rachel McGovern, former Marion County 4-H member, and current student at OSU spent two months this summer as an Oregon Youth Development Delegate to Finland. In addition to living and working with several host families, Rachel was also involved in learning about the Finnish 4H program through teaching workshops and participation in events and activities.

Utilizing technology, Rachel will be sharing her experiences and insights on the Oregon 4-H website—after January 1 be watching for her reports and photo stories.

Oregon 4-H International Exchange Programs

The Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program continues to be very committed to the concept of global education through the 4-H World Citizenship Project. In the future, this project will include the following:

- **Curriculum** that showcases how all 4-H projects are international in scope. The curriculum will be available for use in all 4-H clubs in Oregon. This activity-based curriculum will engage 4-H members in learning how interconnected we are with countries around the world.
- **4-H International Exchange Ambassador Programs**—these programs are 3-8 week opportunities for young people to experience living with host families in other countries. Through participation in these programs, young people will increase their global understanding and improve their leadership and communications skills.
- **4-H International Exchange Youth Development Programs**—In addition to having the opportunity to experience living with host families in other countries, participants in Youth Development Programs will work with the cooperating youth program in their host country. Depending on the host country, this work could include helping with camping programs, studying youth development issues, or working with formation of 4-H type clubs in various settings around the country.

With some countries, there will only be outbound programs, but with most, it will be possible to have both inbound hosting and outbound traveling opportunities. Outbound delegate ages will vary depending on the host country and the specific program. Please check pages one and two of this newsletter for the 2009 opportunities. Information about these opportunities is also available on the Oregon 4-H website at: <http://Oregon.4H.oregonstate.edu>. Click on “Things to Do” then on “Travel Abroad/International Exchanges.”

Donations Help Fund Outbound Programs

Alumni and others that value world citizenship programming are encouraged to consider a donation to the 4-H International Exchange Program’s Scholarship Fund. These monies will be used to provide partial scholarships for Oregon delegates traveling to countries on both 4-H International Exchange Ambassador Programs and 4-H International Exchange Youth Development Programs.

In addition, monies are needed for management needs of all exchange programs, except the inbound program with Japan. (The **inbound** 4-H Japanese Exchange Program is funded through the cooperating organizations in Japan.)

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During the summer of 2008, Oregon was host to 55 Japanese youth and adults, one Costa Rican 4-week delegate, one Youth Development delegate from Finland, and one Youth Development delegate from Germany. In addition, Oregon sent nine Ambassador delegates to Japan, one to Australia, and two to Finland. Oregon also sent one Youth Development delegate to Finland.

With additional funds this experience will be available to more Oregon youth. As one recent delegate states:

“I will never forget the people I met, foods I tried, and things I did. There is no way that I could have learned all these things to the degree I did without this amazing experience.”

Updates . . .

- The website for the Oregon 4-H Program is <http://Oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu>. Click on “Things to Do” then on “Travel Abroad/International Exchanges.” You will find complete information on the Oregon 4-H World Citizenship Project (which includes all exchange programs) and reports from recent exchange delegates.
- The enclosed donation sheet and envelope may be used to make contributions to Oregon 4-H International Exchange Programs’ outbound scholarships or program management needs.
- The website for the IFYE Association of the U.S.A. is www.ifyeusa.org
- If you have questions, or for additional information related to the Oregon 4-H World Citizenship Program, please contact: Lillian Larwood at 105 Ballard Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-3608 or lillian.larwood@oregonstate.edu.

Stories, Adventures, and Impacts

In 2011, we will celebrate

60 years of Oregon Involvement in 4-H International Exchange Programs



What difference did your international exchange experience make in your life? Did your international experience influence your career? Who has a photo to share from an international experience? I’m looking for all kinds of information to add to the Oregon 4-H World Citizenship Project website. If you would like to share any of the above, please send via email to:

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Please send photos as e-mail attachments.

Oregon 4-H World Citizenship Program

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