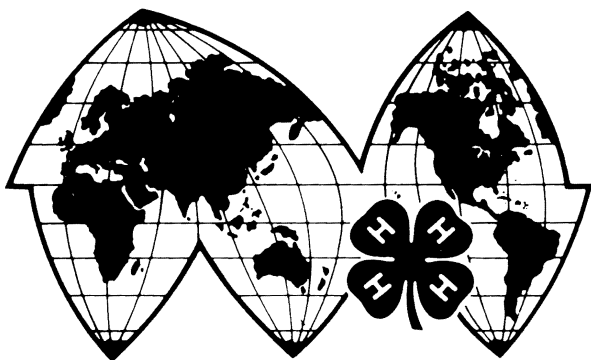


**DISCOVER...  
YOURSELF**



**YOUR WORLD**



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## EXCHANGES

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### IFYE Ambassador

A summer experience for 15-19 year olds. Live with host families, see interesting sites, pursue special interests. A qualified group leader assists each country delegation of about 15 4-H'ers.

### IFYE Representative

An extended living and working experience with families and youth programs abroad. In-depth opportunity to learn about the people and customs, speak a new language, and exchange insights.

### 4-H LABO

A summer exchange with a Japanese family, attend a LABO camp. Travel with a Virginia adult group coordinator and delegates from other states.

## HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES

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### IFYE

Share your home and family life with an IFYE from abroad for 2-3 weeks. Include your visitor as a family member in family and community activities. Learn about their country.

### LABO

Host a 12-19 year old Japanese LABO member or adult leader for a month. Share your home and family life. Correspond with the LABO families before the exchange arrives.

## STEPS TO PARTICIPATION

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1. Get application forms and information from your local Extension Office.
2. Complete application, obtain agent approval, send to state 4-H office with fee if applicable. IFYE representatives include agent statement of unit support.
3. Prepare for the international experience through independent study.
4. Participate in an orientation program required of delegates going abroad.

# 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

## QUALIFICATIONS

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Age 15-19 at time of departure, 4-H experience, mature, and in good health. Must be willing to share with others, have a desire to learn about people of another country, and willing to study another language. Applications approved by Extension agent.

Age 19-25 at time of departure, 4-H background, excellent physical and mental health, travel experience away from home. Knowledge of U.S. political, social, and economic systems. Desire to learn about others. Applications approved by Extension agent.

Age 13-19 at time of departure, 4-H experience, willing to prepare by independent study and participation in group orientation session. Applications approved by Extension agent.

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All who wish to have a cross-cultured experience at home. Applications approved by Extension agent.

Selection based on matching interests of families and exchangees, providing variety of Virginia locations, some opportunity with farm families for most exchanges, May to November.

Families with children in 4-H. Exchangees are matched by age, sex, and interest of the host brother or sister.

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For current details on 4-H international programs contact your Extension agent, 4-H Youth, or the state 4-H international programs specialist.

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## WHEN/WHERE/HOW MUCH\*

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Summer, late June to early August for 5-6 weeks, to a European, Caribbean, or Pacific-rim country. Apply by February 1, later assignments on a space-available basis.

Cost: \$1800-\$3500 depending on country; send \$350 with application.

Departures in spring, summer, and early fall for 5-6 months abroad in one of 25 participating countries world-wide. Some free time for travel. Apply by November 1.

Cost: About \$1500, including \$350 with application. See Extension agent for possible local support.

Mid-July to mid-August for 5 weeks in Japan. Apply by February 15.

Cost: About \$2000 covers cost from a Virginia airport to Tokyo and return, ground transportation in Japan, and LABO camp. Send \$200 with application.

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Families provide needs, room, and travel with the family during the visit. Spring, summer, fall for 2-3 weeks. Apply any time.

Provide needs, room, and travel with the family. Mid-July to mid-August for 4 weeks. Apply by April 15.

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\*Cost subject to change.

## INDIVIDUAL AND CLUB PROJECTS

### ...AND MY WORLD

Four age-graded units, beginning with the basic unit, The World Around Me, followed by Peoples and Customs of the World and Changing Our World. A leader guide includes active learning experiences for 4-Hers to help them:

- realize the importance of knowing about other countries and cultures
- instill positive cross-cultural attitudes and skills
- identify similarities and differences among families around the world
- assume global citizenship responsibilities in today's interdependent world

### FOODS WITH AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

Learn about the country, people, and customs of other nations while preparing a typical meal for Mexico, Germany, Scandinavia, Italy, and Japan.

### ACTIVITIES

International Night-plan a program, decorate, prepare foods, arrange recreation, music, folk dancing for your 4-H club. A planning guide is available from the state 4-H office.

International Dimension of Other Projects-Develop your own international dimension of another 4-H project. For example,

- Livestock-Where were different breeds of animals developed?
- Textiles and Clothing-Where do different textiles come from?
- Wood Science and Forestry-Sources of different species of wood.
- Energy-What are major sources of energy in other countries?
- Entomology-History of the African bee in the western hemisphere.
- Wildlife-What kind of animals are common to Australia?

## ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

### International Extension 4-H Travel Seminars

Extension salaried and volunteer leaders have opportunities to study and observe youth development programs in other countries. Travel seminars lasting two to four weeks are arranged by National 4-H Council and usually include visits in two or three countries.

### International Youth Development Project (YDP)

YDP delegates provide leadership, training, and support for programs similar to 4-H in developing countries by serving our counterparts to Extension staff of the host country. A subsistence allowance is provided. Assignments range from 6 to 27 months for building and expanding 4-H type programs. Applicants must be at least 20 years of age and have 4-H experience related to responsibilities of the assignment.

## INTERNSHIPS

National 4-H Council is designated as the "Center for Action" by the Extension system and offers opportunities for work-learning experience from time to time. The Council has major responsibility for conducting 4-H international programs at the national level and maintains relations with 4-H type programs in other countries.

## GROUP LEADERS

Adults with international travel experience are selected to serve as IFYE Ambassador group leaders. Applicants should have the ability to work effectively with teens, experience in another culture, and organizational skills. A speaking knowledge of the language of the host country is desired.