



Are you ready to embark on a life changing adventure that will open your mind and heart? Are you curious about other cultures and ways of life? Do you want to develop your skills in a second language? Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you? The Youth Camp and Exchange Program (YCE) may be the opportunity you are seeking.

Benefits of Participation

As a YCE participant, you will:

- Live with a family in another country
- Meet people your age from around the world
- Learn about your Lions hosts' humanitarian work
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
- Learn about the bonds we all share – and the differences we respect in each other no matter where we live

What to Expect

As a YCE participant you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions Clubs members supporting your learning. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, expecting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities and visit cultural places of interest as arranged by the host Lions club. You are expected to have familiarized yourself with the customs, expectations, and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more. Please note, extended or outside travel beyond what is planned through the host Lions is prohibited. Even so, you can expect to have an unforgettable experience that will open your mind and expand your world view. The Youth Exchange would be for 4-6 weeks during the summer of 2020.

Participant Eligibility

YCE participants must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 22
- Be sponsored by a Lions club
- Be ready to represent your community, country and the sponsoring Lions club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

How Do I Sign Up?

Visit <https://www.md19lionsyouthexchange.org/> fill out the application under the tab WHAT IS YCE? Or contact Ashley Burmaster, MD19F Lions Youth Exchange Coordinator at 509-697-5383 or at ashleyburmaster@fairpoint.net