

2017 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchange



What:

The 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchange Program is a reciprocal home stay exchange, 7 to 10 days in length. 4-H Canada pays for the air transportation of all youth participants, one chaperone and \$500 towards the 2nd chaperone's airfare. Groups are responsible for a \$150 registration fee for each person (youth and chaperones) and fundraising to cover the costs of activities incurred when hosting.

Why:

4-H Canada is committed to creating experiential learning opportunities that ensure a safe, fun, inclusive environment with the support of caring adults. This program, in partnership with Canadian Heritage, aims to:

- Enhance young people's knowledge and understanding of Canada.
- Allow 4-H members to connect and create linkages with one another.
- Enhance youth participant's appreciation of the diversity and shared aspects of the Canadian experience.

4-H Canada's program objectives include:

- Developing a sense of purpose.
- Developing positive values.
- Developing leadership skills.
- Developing planning and decision making skills.

Who:

- Groups of 8 to 10 youth participants, 2 adult chaperones and host families. It is recommended that you have 1-2 alternate names.
- Participants: Aged 12 to 17 years **as of the start of the program**; can draw participants from more than one registered 4-H club or invite a potential 4-H member to be part of the group.
- Chaperones: Must be 25 years or older; registered and screened leaders as per their Provincial requirements; chaperones should not be related to each other.
- Host families: Must be screened according to 4-H Canada's requirements before a residence is approved to host. If a residence is not approved, it does not mean that the son/daughter cannot participate, but other arrangements would be made for visitor accommodations.

Please note that these are group opportunities and we are not able to accept individual applications.

When:

There are three travel date options to choose from. Each group must indicate their preference for travel dates based on the pre-set periods of time provided by 4-H Canada. Groups will host for one period and travel for the other. Matched groups will decide between themselves the exact number of days (between 7-10 days) and the dates for the exchange. The 2017 travel date options are:

- Thursday, June 29 to Saturday, July 8
- Monday, July 24 to Wednesday, August 2
- Thursday, August 10 to Saturday, August 19



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Where:

As much as possible, groups will be twinned with a group from another part of Canada. Groups from Western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) will be matched with groups from Eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland/Labrador).

How:

Apply online on behalf of your group between September 1, 2016 and January 15, 2017 at <http://exchange.4-h-canada.ca>. Successful groups will be notified by January 31, 2017. Confirmed names of participants will be required in February if your group is selected.

Groups will be matched based on the application they submit, demographics of each group, activities and community involvement, fundraising opportunities, dates selected for travel, exchange history and how they will promote and recognize sponsor support.

Resources are available to assist groups when planning their exchange. These will be made available to groups once they have been selected for an exchange.

Timeline:

Thursday, September 1st – online applications open

Sunday, January 15th – online applications close

Week of January 30th – successful groups will be notified

Wednesday, February 8th – chaperone call to discuss what needs to be done

Monday, February 20th – complete list of confirmed participants and travel/host dates are to be established and communicated to 4-H Canada

Friday, March 31st – group projects (parts 1, 2 and an outline for part 3), payments and all participant and host family paperwork is due

Wednesday, April 12th – chaperone call to discuss matching participants

Monday, May 15th – list of twinned participants is due to 4-H Canada

Wednesday, June 7th – chaperone call to discuss travel details

Monday, June 19th – final activity list is due to 4-H Canada

Late July – paper surveys mailed to groups and link to online survey provided

Friday, September 15th – paper surveys, online surveys and written reports are due to 4-H Canada

Please note this schedule is tentative and is subject to change.

In the case where adequate funding is not achieved, program is subject to cancellation.



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