Explore Costa Rica in 2018! …with States’ 4-H & Ohio 4-H!

Who: Ohio Youth ages 15-18 (15 by departure date & still 18 on return date) (Cannot be a college student.)

What: Travel to Costa Rica with 4-H youth from across the U.S. Live with a Costa Rican host family during your stay! Some sightseeing and cultural activities during orientation. Possible trip to a rainforest or volcano park.

When: June 21 – July 20, 2018 (appx.)

Where: One night Departure Orientation in a U.S. gateway city prior to flight to San Jose where there will be an Arrival Orientation to introduce you to Costa Rica. One night in San Jose prior to your return home.

How: This exchange is coordinated with the 4-S in Costa Rica.

Cost: Appx. $2,000 (reduced from $3,600) after selected youth receive $1,600 Base Scholarship. Additional discounts per previous exchangee hosted! Price also depends on exchange rate & airfare. Price includes:

- Administrative Support from Ohio 4-H and CONAC 4-S programs
- Round-Trip Airfare
- Orientations in Columbus, U.S. gateway city & San Jose
- Pre-return De-Briefing in San Jose
- Medical & Accident Insurance
- Tee-shirts, luggage tags and passport carrier
- Sightseeing & cultural excursions
- In-Costa Rica expenses (lodging, meals, most transportation, etc.) (**NOTE: An additional approximate $150 may be required from delegates for individual bus travel while in-country)
- A portion of Adult Chaperone expenses (beginning in U.S. gateway city)

Scholarships: A $1,600 base scholarship will be automatically awarded to all 4-H youth selected for this program. Additional discount per previous exchangee hosted through Ohio 4-H. ** Scholarship amounts could change and will be finalized Dec. 9. Applicants may withdraw with no penalty at that time.

Application Deadline: December 1, 2017

Required Interviews: Dec. 10 (2017), Jan. 6, 7 or 15, 2018 - Columbus (hold all dates for now) (1 parent must accompany)

Required Orientation: May, 2018 - Columbus (Exact date TBA – at least one parent must accompany participant)

2018 Payment Schedule: (Airfare is estimated. Trip price will be adjusted in February after air tickets are purchased.)

- December 1, 2017: Application and $1,050 in 2 checks (you MUST read the on-line “Instructions” first)
- February 1: Second Payment
- March 1: $500
- May 1: Remaining Balance

Cancellation Policy: (Cancellations must be made in writing)

- Payments not refundable after each deadline. (Air tickets issued in late January and are NOT refundable once issued)
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis

For more information: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international

(You MUST read the “2018 Instructions & Requirements for Completing Outbound Application” before submitting. This document is posted to our website each October.)

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