Explore Costa Rica in 2019! …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 20 – July 19, 2019

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. $1,375 (reduced from $3,175) after selected youth receive $1,800 Base Scholarship. Additional discounts per previous exchangee hosted! Price also depends on exchange rate & airfare. Price includes:

- Administrative Support from Ohio 4-H, States’ 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 $1,800 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: (FIRM!) November 30, 2018: Application + $1,000 (MUST read “Instructions” on website first)

Required Interviews: Dec. 8, 2018 - Columbus (at least one parent must accompany)

Required Orientation: Spring 2019 - Columbus (Exact date TBA – at least one parent must accompany participant)

Payment Schedule: (Airfare is estimated. Trip price will be adjusted in February after air tickets are purchased.)
- Nov. 30, 2018: (DEADLINE FIRM!) Application + $1,000 (you MUST read the on-line “Instructions” first)
- April 15, 2019: TBA; depends on airfare, exchange rate and other variables
- May 1, 2019: $250

Cancellation Policy: (Cancellations must be made in writing)
If you are NOT selected: Full refund.
If you ARE selected and cancel before January 31 (refund minus $300); after January 31 (no refund).

For more information: www.ohio4h.org/youth/international
You MUST read the “2019 Instructions & Requirements for Completing Outbound Application” before submitting. This document is posted to our website each September.

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