

Ohio 4-H International Programs

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States' 4-H International

"A journey is best measured
in friends rather than miles"

-Tim Cahill



What Is S4-H?

- States' 4-H International Exchange Programs (S4-H) is a non-profit organization which works with 4-H youth in the USA and international partners around the world to conduct cultural immersion and exchange programs.
- Since 1972, our exchanges have impacted nearly 51,000 youth and their families in 24 countries on 6 continents.
- S4-H's mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family.



A large Ferris wheel with several people riding. The wheel is green and white, and the sky is clear blue. The riders are of various ages and are smiling. The Ferris wheel is the central focus of the background image.

S4-H INBOUND PROGRAMS

HOSTING 4-H YOUTH IN THE UNITED STATES

You can experience the richness of the world without leaving your home



Ferris Wheel

HAMBURGERS
2 For \$5.00

How does the S4-H Inbound Program work?

- **Japanese youth** stay with **American host families** for **3 ½ weeks**.
- Host families have the opportunity to form a **lasting friendship** with a young person from Japan
- Japanese youth are paired with **host siblings** of the same gender and similar age



At the end of the program, a West Virginia host brother posted an Instagram photo of himself and his Japanese brother. His comment said:

“Saying good bye to this dude was one of the hardest things I’ve ever had to do. It’s been a great month with [delegate] and I hope we will meet again someday. I’m glad to call him family.”



S4-H in Alaska: Kahoe Family

“We practiced goat showmanship. Hibiki was very good at it. Hibiki had his own goat to show at the Fair. He worked very hard learning about his goat...

Hibiki and I were very busy with competitions. Hibiki and his goat competed in the Pack Goat competition.

He led Percy, the goat, through an obstacle course and answered questions about his goat. He won Reserve Grand Champion, and we were all very proud of him.”

-Ben Kahoe (Host Brother)



S4-H Host Families:



- Provide a safe, supportive and loving environment
- Provide lodging and meals (eating out or at home)
- Supervise delegates and follow program safety rules
- Attend an Orientation & read materials
- Current 4-H membership not required



Support from S4-H State Coordinators

- S4-H State Coordinators **recruit, screen and match** host families with delegates
 - **Host Family Screening** involves criminal background checks, an in-home interview, and at least 2 references
- They submit required paperwork to the national S4-H office
- They plan **welcome/farewell & mid-term events**
- They are **available 24/7** for the duration of the exchange to answer questions and offer advice



S4-H Inbound Program Details

Hosting period: July 24 – Aug. 18, 2019

Age of delegates: 12-15 (most delegates are 12-14) or adult chaperones

Number of Delegates: one per family

Activities: no special activities need to be planned; delegates want to learn about typical daily life in the USA

Sleeping: delegate must have own bed

Insurance/Money: delegates have their own

Type of home: safe and clean home (not necessarily fancy)

Host Family Makeup: child within 2 years of age and same gender as host sibling; families without children or whose children are not the appropriate age may host an adult chaperone (ages 19-60)



Everyone has a Unique Experience!

Delegates will:

- Have unique opportunities to understand typical family life
- Gain broader perspectives, respect for other cultures and better understanding of self
- Have the chance to build lasting friendships with an American family
- Have different and distinct experiences

Host Families and siblings will:

- Rediscover their own family, community, and lifestyle through new eyes and from a fresh perspective
- Learn about themselves as part of the hosting process
- Have the chance to build lasting friendships with youth from another country
- Have different and distinct experiences



Why Participate in S4-H: The Big Picture



“Global competencies are not a luxury for a select few, but rather, are essential skills for all individuals.”

- U.S. Department of Education's International Strategy 2012–16

“I think this is the best chance for 4-Her[s] to learn about other cultures, life, [and] language.”

- States' 4-H International Participant



Citizenship and Leadership

Global education programs, like the cultural exchange and immersion programs offered by S4-H, are an integral part of citizenship.

The U.S. Department of Education's International Strategy for 2012-19 is designed to advance two goals:

1. Strengthen U.S. education
2. Advance U.S. international priorities

4-H National Headquarters' Mission Mandates focus on science, healthy living, and citizenship and leadership.

"It is no longer enough to teach American students only reading, writing, mathematics, and science skills, rather, students must also have the 'skills and disposition to engage globally.'"

-The Alliance, 2012

To succeed in the 21st Century workplace, students must develop "knowledge and understanding of other countries, cultures, languages and perspectives."

- U.S. Department of Education's International Strategy 2012-16

S4-H has successfully advanced these strategies for over 40 years.



Why Not Host an S4-H Delegate this year?



Deadline to Apply: ASAP, until all delegates are placed

www.ohio4h.org/youth/international

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