



Lions Clubs International

Youth Exchange

This exchange is sponsored by Lions Clubs International in conjunction with the Pound Ridge Lions Club, Inc of Pound Ridge, New York, United States; The Boroondara Central Lions Club of Boroondara, Victoria, Australia; between students of the Carey Baptist Grammar School of Kew, Victoria, Australia and the Horace Greeley High School of Chappaqua, New York, United States.

It is understood that the purpose and objectives of the Youth Exchange is to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. To bring young people into contact with youth and adults of other countries; to share family and community life of other cultures; and to promote international understanding and good will throughout the world.

This exchange is a six to seven week direct reciprocal exchange of parties of the same sex, and age bracket. Minimum participation age is fourteen (14) at time of departure to the foreign country. Direct reciprocal exchange means that the participating students will be staying in each other's houses while in the foreign country. Australian student(s) will go to New York in January 2010 and the New York student(s) to Australia in July 2010.

The participants will attend the local school of the host student WITHOUT academic credit. In the host school the teachers will expect the student to be attentive and to the best of his/her ability, take part in all classroom activities and complete set homework unless waived by the teacher.

Exchange students parents are responsible for all costs involved in travel arrangements. Host Families are responsible for all costs of room and board as well as all local travel and planned recreation.

SELECTION PROCESS

Only two students from each school will be accepted to participate in the exchange in 2010. All interested candidates should obtain a copy of the "Exchange Selection Application" and the "Exchange General Agreement". Discuss the exchange with your parents. If both you and your parents continue to be interested, complete the forms including all required attachments and return them to the your local school Youth Exchange Coordinator by June 20, 2009. The School Youth Exchange Coordinator will deliver all completed applications to the Host Lion Club Coordinator by June 30, 2009. Upon receipt and review of the application, the Host Lion Club will set up interviews with all candidates at their residence with all family members present. Upon completion of the interview process you will be informed if you and your family have been selected to participate in the exchange by November 1st, 2009.



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General Agreement

Each student applying for an Exchange and his or her parents must read and sign this agreement.

1. This Youth Exchange is sponsored by Lions Clubs International and coordinated by the Youth Exchange Chairperson of MD20-R1 utilizing Board Policy Chapter XXIII, Section F, Article X.
2. The Exchange Hosts are The Pound Ridge Lions Club, Inc of Pound Ridge, New York, United States and The Boroondara Central Lions Club of Boroondara, Victoria, Australia and in conjunction with the Carey Baptist Grammar School of Kew, Victoria, Australia and the Horace Greeley High School of Chappaqua, New York, United States.
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4. This Exchange is a Direct Reciprocal Exchange of parties of the same sex, and age bracket. Minimum age 14 at time of departure to foreign country. This means that the participating student will be staying in each other's houses while in the foreign country.
5. It is understood that the Exchanges will attend the local school of the host student without academic credit. The student is responsible for maintaining academic expectations. In the host school the teachers will expect the student to be attentive in class and, to the best of his/her ability, take part in all classroom activities and complete set homework unless waived by the teacher.
6. There is no exchange of money between schools for tuition fees. Other than that, the only extra costs whilst overseas would be for special trips or events that the host family wishes to organise, and only with prior consent of the parents.
7. Participating students agree to attend all classes and commitments as outlined by their schedule, including excursions within individual country and to endeavour to become involved in the extra-curricular life of their new school.
8. Students agree to wear either the host school's uniform or the Carey Baptist Grammar School uniform correctly while attending the school or school functions. Students at Horace Greeley High School do not have a uniform.
9. Travel arrangements to the overseas destination are made in conjunction with parents, the school coordinator of exchanges and the Host Lions Club. Parents are responsible for all costs involved in such travel arrangements, regardless of unusual circumstances such as missed flights, cancellations, lost tickets etc, and whether or not the exchange is terminated prior to the child leaving their home country, however so terminated.
10. Parents must provide proof of personal property, liability, medical and travel insurance coverage. Excess Liability coverage will be provided by Lions International.

11. Daily costs of local travel, school lunch etc; will be covered by the host family. Spending money for incidentals and souvenirs will be provided by parents and prior arrangement for this should be made e.g. a debit card. Minimum weekly spending money should be US\$75. Visiting students are advised to obtain telephone cards for calling long distance or may use their own mobile phone. No money is to be borrowed from the host family.
12. The Host Lions Club is responsible for conducting selection interviews and the inspection of all potential host families. This will be in a smoke free environment.
13. Exchange students will not travel in a car driven by a learner driver or licensed driver under 18 years of age.
14. Each incoming student will be welcomed at the airport by the host family. Additionally a staff member from the Host School or Host Lions Club may participate in the initial welcoming. Contact will be made with the exchange student's parents to confirm safe arrival.
15. Host families will endeavour to provide sightseeing activities for the visiting student and, unless unusual circumstances apply and are discussed prior to the event, the costs will be covered by the host family.
16. If a participating student does not comply with the rules and expectations of the host household, school and/or Lions Club, after discussions and warnings, the Lion Youth Exchange Coordinator has the right to terminate the exchange and return the student home at the parent's expense.
17. If selected to participate it is understood and agreed upon that criminal background checks will be conducted by local police authorities on all exchange family members with the only data being transmitted to the Lion Exchange Coordinator being the words Acceptable or Unacceptable as a Host Family.

Exchange Student:

I have read and agree to abide by the conditions and expectations as outlined above.

Student's Name: (please print clearly)	
Student's Signature:	
Date:	

Parents/Guardian of Exchange Student

I have read all the requirements pertaining to my son/daughter's participation in the exchange program and agree to the conditions and expectations as outlined above.

Father/Guardian's Name: (please print clearly)	
Father/Guardian's Signature:	
Mother/Guardian's Name: (please print clearly)	
Mother/Guardian's Signature:	
Date:	



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Youth Selection Application

Please answer all the questions as clearly as you can, then get this form signed by your parents and hand in to the School Exchange Coordinator with the additional items denoted at the end of the application. Upon receipt of all requested information personal and family interviews will be scheduled.

Application Date:		Receipt Date:	
Surname:		First Name:	
Year Level:		House:	
Date of Birth:		Male/Female:	
Mail Address:			
City, State, Zip			
Home Phone:		Mobile/Alt Phone:	
Email Address:			
Father's Name:		Mother's Name:	
Day Telephone:		Day Telephone:	
Mobile:		Mobile:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
Occupation:		Occupation:	
Do you have any brothers or sisters? _____ If yes please list names and current ages			
Nationality:		Languages spoken at home:	
Religious affiliation (if any):			
How do you get to school? (Walk, Bus, Etc.)			
What is the longest period of time you have been away from your parents?			
Do you have any pets? If so, are they kept indoors/outdoors/ or both? (Give details):			
Do you have an aversion to pets? If yes, please give precise details:			
Do you have any medical problems? If so, please specify and tell us about any medication:			

Do you have any allergies? If so, please specify:			
Do you have any special diet? If so, please specify:			
Would you be happy to host a student who is vegetarian?	Yes		No
What are your interests and pastimes? List these.			
Current Co-curricular activities at school:			
Have you ever hosted a foreign student before?	Yes		No
Do you have your own passport, valid for at least one year?	Yes		No
For the return visit, are you offering the partner:	<input type="checkbox"/> Room of their own	<input type="checkbox"/> Bed in your room	
Do you have any friends applying for the exchange?	Yes		No
Names of friends:			

We understand that the exchange consists of two parts, the visit overseas and hosting the overseas partner. I also understand that the success of this application depends on a suitable partner being found for me in the partner school. It is understood that all information obtained on this or any other form or interview related to the youth exchange may be transmitted to all parties involved is the potential exchange.

Exchange Student Signature:	
Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	
Date:	

Please attach to this Initial Application the following:

1. Signed "General Agreement";
2. One photograph of yourself;
3. One photograph of your family;
4. Using your computer, provide the answers to the following:
 - a. Why you would like to go on this exchange;
 - b. The qualities you have which would make this exchange successful;
 - c. How you would cope with being away from home for 6-8 weeks;
 - d. Outline your travel experience, if any.
5. Using your computer please write one page titled "My Perfect Day".

If selected to participate the below additional forms will be required:

- Lions International Youth Exchange Participation Form;
- Appropriate Medical Forms and Power of Attorney;
- As well as copies of Insurance Documentation.



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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Advance copy of these interview questions should be provided to the candidate and their parents/guardian so that they may have time to prepare for the interview; Interviewers will cover all questions and can ask additional follow-up questions within the scope of the interview intent.

YOUTH INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. How did your interest in a potential exchange develop?
2. Who initiated the discussion about exchanges in your family?
3. Tell us about the single most important interest or activity in which you participate?
4. Tell us about the most important thing you have done at school so far.
5. Tell us about something which you are passionate.
6. What is the most important accomplishment in your life so far?
7. What is the greatest or most important achievement in your life so far?
8. Do you play a musical instrument? When did you start this? What do you like about it?
9. Tell us about any clubs or organizations in which you are involved.
10. What is it that appeals to you so much about visiting the selected foreign country?
11. What would you expect to gain from this experience?
12. Have you ever travelled overseas before? If yes, tell us about your experience.
13. Have you had any dealings with overseas exchange students?
14. How are your current academic grades?
15. What type of recreational activities do you usually take part in with your family?
16. What type of activities do you do on the weekends?
17. What household chores/responsibilities do you have?
18. What household chores and responsibilities would you expect of your partner student?
19. Do you have any brothers or sisters? List names and today's age:
20. Describe your relationship with parents, and other family members.
21. Describe a typical weekday? What usually goes on during the day / night in your home?
22. Do you go to church? Are you active in church/group activities?
23. Would you be willing to miss attending your OWN religious services?
24. How would you feel about attending religious services of those of your hosts?
25. What would you do if you felt homesick?
26. What would you do if you found that you were not getting on with your host or the family?
27. What do you think might be the hardest thing to adapt to?
28. If the exchange partner has become really annoying? What could you do?
29. Where would like to take your exchange partner to show them our culture?

ADULT INTERVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. Profile of your occupation(s)?
2. Profile your family's general health condition?
3. Have you or your spouse ever visited a foreign country? If yes, where, when and for how long
4. Tell us about your family daily schedule.
5. Will and adult be at your residents after school when the exchange student arrives home?

6. Tell us about any clubs or organizations you or your spouse belongs.
7. Tell us about you hobbies?
8. What would you expect your child to gain from this experience?
9. Tell us about the last time you disciplined your child?
10. What type of recreational activities does your family participate on school weeknights?
11. What type of recreational activities does your family participate on weekends?
12. What household chores and responsibilities would you expect of the exchange student?
13. If it's not working out and the exchange student has become really annoying? What will you do?
14. Where do you think you would like to take the exchange student to show them your culture?
15. Have you calculated the financial costs of the Exchange?
16. Are you comfortable and capable with the expense factors?
17. Please provide the name, address and phone numbers of two close (proximity to residence) friends or relatives that might be utilized as additional adult chaperones in case of an emergency where both you and your spouse will be out of town overnight.

EXCHANGE CONTACTS

Student Exchange Coordinator	Alec Sherman Home: 914 241-8977 Cell: 914 602-3328 Shermanator48@aol.com	Alec is the High School student that approached the Lions to sponsor the exchange. He is available for youth to youth questions.
Horace Greeley High School 70 Roaring Brook Road Chappaqua, NY 10514 USA	Michelle Glenn, Assist Principal Office: 914 861-9405 miglenn@ccsd.ws	Anne Reis, Faculty Advisor Office: 914 861-9400 anreis@ccsd.ws
Carey Baptist Grammar School 349 Barkers Road Kew, Vic 3101 Australia	Heather Crabtree, Advisor, Heather.crabtree@cary.com.au Office: 011.613.9816.1269 Home: 011.613.9439.8181	
Pound Ridge Lions Club PO Box 340 Pound Ridge, NY 10576 USA	Lion Daniel C. Bathrick Home: 914 764-4861 Cell 203 993-4235 cbedan.bathrick@snet.net	Lion Dan is the Lion District MD20R1 Youth Exchange Chairman and is the overall exchange coordinator.
Lions of Boroondara Central	Lion Margaret Baxter, Home: Cell: margaret.baxter@andrew.com	
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