

Host Family Information

2020 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchanges



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 and two chaperones. Groups, under the guidance of their chaperones, are responsible for a \$150 registration fee for each person (youth and chaperones), planning activities while hosting, twinning the participants, fundraising to cover the costs of activities incurred when hosting, and supporting the participants emotionally and safely throughout the exchange.

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 participants' appreciation of the diversity and shared aspects of the Canadian experience

4-H Canada's program objectives include:

- Developing positive values
- Developing a sense of responsibility
- Developing skill mastery
- Developing leadership skills
- Developing planning and decision making skills
- Developing a sense of purpose

Group structure

Participants: Aged 12 to 17 as of the program dates; groups 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 (as of June 30, 2020); Trained Leaders according to the 4-H Canada Volunteer Screening Policy. 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. Anyone 18 years and older who will be staying in the home while hosting, must be, at minimum, a Screened Volunteer, according to 4-H Canada's Volunteer Training Policy. Final approval must be granted by May 31, 2020. 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.

Host families are expected to attend group meetings and to work and communicate well with the group chaperones to ensure that this is an experience focused on the needs and interests of the exchange participants.

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Host family responsibilities

- Fill out the online registration by April 6, 2020.
- Obtain a current Vulnerable Sector and Criminal Record Check for all people 18 years and older who will be living in the residence during the hosting period. THIS COULD TAKE 6-8 WEEKS, so start the process early.
- Provide the names and email addresses of three personal references to our third party agency. These people cannot be related to the family and must have visited the home in the previous six months.
- Provide photos of the residence, bedroom(s) - including the bed(s), and onsite fire extinguisher in its normal location.
- Participate in group planning sessions and fundraising activities.
- Provide a safe and inclusive environment for the visiting delegate.
- Provide any meals that are not provided through planned group activities.
- Provide transportation for their guest as required.
- Plan and cover the cost of any activities done during the planned Family Days.
- Read, sign and abide by the 4-H Canada Code of Conduct.
- Complete the 4-H Canada survey after the exchange.

