



BRUCE MURRAY LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM



YOUTH CAMP IS BACK!

Winter is finally setting in, it may be hard to think forward to summer, however it will be here before we know it! On June 27 we will have the pleasure of welcoming youth from around the world to the Bruce Murray Lions International Youth Exchange Program. We are looking forward to another awesome experience after our forced hiatus!

There are several ways you can get involved. Putting together the exchange is a big job and we need people to step up and help. Specifically, we are looking for:

- Someone who will coordinate the meals in the camp by contacting various clubs and arranging for them to come to the camp to prepare meals and eat with the youth. We have a list of clubs that have done meals in the past and this would be the starting point.. Starting now, hopefully fully finalized by the end of May.
- A member or members who can contact the various venues we have attended in the past to see if they are still operating, get details about any changes in what they are offering, and get updated prices for events. This needs to be done as soon as possible so we can finalize the schedule for camp.
- We are not aware anyone has volunteered to handle outgoing youth. Perhaps you would be interested in volunteering to coordinate applications so youth from our District can travel around the world?
- A club that would be willing and able to host International Night on Sunday, July 23.
- We may need airport shuttles this year. The way dates fall this year, we want to make sure youth are here for Canada Day and settled in with their host families. The youth will be arriving Thursday (June 27th) and flying out on Thursday (July 27th). It is possible (although not yet certain) that we may need some help shuttling youth between the airport and their host family's home, if the hosts are working.

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- Host families – If you have hosted in the past and are interested in doing so again, please let us know as soon as possible. If you have never hosted but are interested, please reach out and talk to us, we are happy to discuss it. We are asking you to think “outside the box” for ways that you could get involved. Perhaps there is someone in your club who could host if club members were able to offer their support and commit to taking youth on an outing. Perhaps one of your club members has an adult child who would provide a great host family. It is not necessary to be a Lions member to be a host.
- We ask clubs to look at their budget to see if they can donate to the Camp. The cost of everything has increased, we want to ensure the youth have an awesome experience when they come to our District!
- We need clubs to volunteer to cook meals at the Camp.

Everyone involved with this program, whether it be your clubs financial support, volunteering with your club to provide meals, or being a host family to the visiting youth is impacting the youth of the world. Thank-you for your continued support.

Please call if you have any questions.

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