2021 Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs Opportunities

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs for summer and fall 2020 have been cancelled, including:

- The Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange program co-sponsored by States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs. In this program Japanese youth aged, 12-16 spend four weeks living with a Kansas 4-H host family.
- All States’ 4-H outbound exchange programs for Kansas 4-H members traveling to Norway, Costa Rica, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.
- The States’ 4-H inbound exchange program from Costa Rica. In this program Costa Rican youth spend one month living with a Kansas 4-H host family.
- IFYE (International Four-H Youth Exchange) program for Kansas IFYEs going to other countries from 2-6 months and for international IFYEs traveling to Kansas who live with host families for 2-3 weeks each over a two to three-month period.

The 2019-20 States’ 4-H Academic Year Program (high school exchange) is currently winding down. All students will return to their home countries no later than June 10, 2020.

We are excited to announce that all Kansas 4-H International Exchange programs will return for the 2020-2021 Kansas 4-H Program year.

- The 2020-21 Academic Year Program (high school exchange) will resume starting in August 2020 with the arrival of the high school students who will spend 10 ½ months living with a Kansas 4-H host family attending high school during the 2020-21 school year. Additional Kansas 4-H host families are currently being recruited for the program. Exchange students available at this time are from: South Korea, Japan, Tunisia, Mongolia, Serbia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, West Bank (Palestine), Philippines, Jordan, Lithuania and Turkey. If you are interested in hosting or for more details, please contact the Kansas 4-H AYP Coordinator, Mary Kay Munson, munson@ksbroadband.net; 785-238-3631.
- Applications for all States’ 4-H programs sending Kansas 4-H members to other countries in June 2021 will be due November 1, 2020. The list of participating countries will be finalized by late August 2020, and will be posted to the Kansas 4-H web site exchange pages by early September. If you are interested in this program, please contact the Kansas 4-H Coordinator, Mary Kay Munson, munson@ksbroadband.net; 785-238-3631.
- The Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange program will again be recruiting host families starting in January 2021 to host a Japanese youth aged 12-16-years-old from July 23-August 18, 2021. If you are interested in hosting or for more information, please contact the Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, Rose Scott, sixtykid2@gmail.com; 785-565-3197.
- Kansas 4-H will also be looking for host families to host 3-5 IFYE’s from June – September 2021. IFYE’s live with host families for two-three weeks each. If you are interested in hosting or for more information, please contact the Kansas IFYE Inbound Coordinator, Chelsy Champlin, chelsycoen@gmail.com, 785-248-6131.