2023 SOUTH KOREA EXCHANGE

Join a HOMESTAY EXCHANGE and immerse yourself in another culture!

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and youth leadership programs in other countries?
Live with a host family in South Korea and immerse yourself in a world that most tourists rarely get to see. You will share everyday life with friends and relatives in your host community and build friendships that may last a lifetime.

STATES’ 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DETAILS:  
Online Application Link: https://smr.to/p84038

**Dates:** July 12 – August 10, 2023  
**(Dates and activities subject to change)**

**Capacity:** 15 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum

**Cost:** $2,450 + airfare estimate ($1,300 - $2,300) + $50 travel agent fee  
**(Airfare varies based upon applicant’s location)**

Delegates arrive in Seoul for a two-night arrival orientation led by Korea 4-H, which includes an introduction to Korean culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their Korea 4-H host family and begin their homestay. Delegates may have 2 different host families during the program. Delegates also attend a 4-H International Camp for 2-3 days where they will meet other foreign delegates and participate in cultural exchange activities. The program concludes with sightseeing in Seoul and a departure debriefing.

**Program Fees Include:**
- Overnight National Departure Orientation in U.S. gateway city
- Two-night arrival orientation in Seoul
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Seoul
- In– South Korea expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- 4-H International Exchange Camp
- Orientation materials and States’ 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses

**Program Timeline:**

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| January 15 | Application & $1,500 deposit submitted to national office  
**money will not be deposited until applicant is accepted** |
| February   | States’ 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance |
| March 15   | $1,500 second deposit due to States’ 4-H Office |
| March 15   | Medical form & Passport due to States’ 4-H Office |
| April      | States’ 4-H issues air tickets              |
| Early Spring| State-level orientations                    |
| May 1      | Third and final deposit due to States’ 4-H Office |
| Late Spring| National orientation for all South Korea delegates |
| July       | Students fly to a U.S. gateway city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight |

**For More Information:**
Contact your local 4-H Office, or Carolyn Russo at carolyn.russo@wsu.edu, (509) 754-2011 x4309

Washington State Applications must be submitted by December 15th.
**States’ 4-H International’s mission** is to enhance world understanding and **global citizenship**, which we believe can be achieved through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.

“I had such an astonishing experience, one that surely will influence me for the rest of my life. I feel like I’ve grown as a person, and my perspective on the world has changed drastically.”

-States’ 4-H Outbound Alumna

**Who can apply:**
4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be between ages 12-18 at the time of international travel (you must not be in college). 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

**How to apply:**
Contact your local 4-H coordinator to learn about your local deadlines and access the application

**FAQs:**
Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?
A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak Korean?
A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States’ 4-H prepare me for my homestay?
A: States’ 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state conducts an spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States’ 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

**States’ 4-H Program Policies:**
- **Program Cancellations:**
  * Prior to March 31, 2023: $100 cancellation fee. The remaining amount of program deposits will be refunded.
  * After April 1, 2023: No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States’ 4-H
- Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to $150 each way)
- No donor checks are accepted by the States’ 4-H Office; donors must send checks directly to the delegate
- Program details subject to change

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