Spend a SUMMER ABROAD and immerse yourself in another culture!

Dates: July 15 - August 10, 2016 (+/- one day)
Capacity: 20 delegates maximum, 5 delegates minimum
Cost: $1,990 plus airfare. Current airfare estimate: $1,600-$2,600. (Airfare from Alaska may be higher)

The summer program begins with National Departure Orientation in a major US city on July 15. The following day delegates and chaperone(s) fly as a group to Seoul, South Korea. They arrive on July 17th and participate in 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 also attend 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 before the group return flight home.

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-Korea expenses: transportation, lodging, meals
- Orientation materials and States’ 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses
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.

Timeline:

December 15: Application & $1,000 deposit due
Mid-January: States’ 4-H notifies applicants of their status
February 1: $2,000 payment due to States’ 4-H National Office
Mid-February: States’ 4-H books non-refundable air tickets
March 1: Medical form & passport copy due to States’ 4-H
Early to mid-spring: State orientations conducted, delegates receive States’ 4-H travel handbook.
Mid to late spring: Host family placement announced
May 1: Remaining balance due to States’ 4-H National Office
Summer: Students fly to a U.S. hub city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

Who can apply:
4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be age 12-18 from the first day to the last day of the exchange (you must not be in college). 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

How to apply:
Contact the 4-H International Programs Coordinator in your state to apply.

States’ 4-H Policies:
- Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (Air ticket is issued in Feb. and is NOT refundable once issued).
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis
- Airline Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply
- Program details subject to change

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 certainly is 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 a 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.

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“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

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