

What is 4-H International Australia Exchange?

- The in-Australia Program is coordinated by *The Exchange Network*, an organization that fosters cross cultural exchange.
- The coordinator in Australia selects host families and makes final 4-H delegate host family assignments.
- One or more Adult Advisors accompany the delegates and live in the same region of Australia where youth are assigned.
- Transportation to and from Australia will be on regularly scheduled airlines.
- The program is approximately four weeks in length, beginning approximately June 15 and returning about July 14.
- The delegates spend 1-2 days in the Melbourne area for orientation and sightseeing and a 3-4 day debriefing and sightseeing session in Sydney before returning to the USA.
- We reserve the right to cancel this trip with full refund if there is insufficient participation.

This Exchange Can Offer You:

- The joy of living with a farm family for three to four weeks in the "Land Down Under."
- A practical hands-on farm or rural experience working side-by-side with host family members.
- A method of learning another culture and life-style.
- A way to better understand the methods and challenges of agriculture in Australia.
- A chance to discuss with peers of another culture such issues as farming practices, international economics, the environment, and your hopes for the world.
- The opportunity to develop long-lasting friendships, to become better informed on global issues and to better know and understand yourself.



2012 Wisconsin 4-H Australia Exchange

**4-H teen leaders and older youth:
Share your summer with a farm family
in Australia!**



**4-H Youth Development Programs
UW-Extension, Cooperative Extension**

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University of Wisconsin-Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Wisconsin counties cooperating. UW-Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming, including Title IX and ADA.



Who Can Go?

- Youth between the ages of 16-18 at the time of the exchange.
- 4-H'ers must be enrolled in 4-H by January 1 the year of the trip.
- 4-H'ers who have an interest in farming and in having a practical farm or rural experience while living with a host family.
- Youth who agree to do some serious preparation, such as, country and culture study and attending a weekend of orientation in the spring, and who are willing to participate fully and wholeheartedly in the total planned experience.
- Youth who are mature, ready and eager to explore, learn, and have a new experience.

What Should You Do?

- Carefully read the information on both sides of this flyer.
- Discuss your interest in Australia with your parents and family.
- Talk with others who have traveled to Australia or with other 4-H international programs.
- Call the county extension office and discuss your interest with your 4-H Youth Development Agent.
- Ask the county extension office to send you an outbound application.
- Complete and return your application by January 1.

Costs?

- Delegates are responsible for all costs. Wisconsin 4-H'ers are required to fund-raise at least \$1,000.
- Total cost is dependent upon the cost of transportation and the value of the U.S. and Australian dollars at the time of invoicing. If we must increase the cost, or if it can be lowered, delegates will be notified immediately.
- The estimated amount is approximately \$5,000. This covers pre-departure orientation, information on Australia, health/medical insurance, round trip airfare from Madison to Australia, overnight stay in Madison the night before departure (if necessary), travel costs in Australia, a visit to Melbourne, a visit to Sydney, a portion of the working expenses of the adult advisor(s), and a portion of administrative costs.
- There may be a possibility of car-pooling to Madison, depending on the number and location of delegates.

Adult Advisors

Adult Advisor applicants must be at least 21 years of age by January 1 of the travel year and be approved by their State 4-H International Coordinator. Partial stipend is provided.

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate will include:

- medical examinations and inoculations as per physician requirements
- official birth certificate, passport photos, passport
- travel to and from Madison and orientation
- small, inexpensive gifts for host family
- some meals in Melbourne and Sydney
- spending money and all other personal items

Schedule of Payments

Jan. 1	\$250, payable to UW Extension
Jan. 25	\$1500 payable to States 4-H International Exchange Programs
Feb. 25	\$500 payable to States 4-H International Exchange Programs
Mar. 25	Balance due, payable to States 4-H International Exchange Programs
TOTAL	Approximately \$5,000 depending on airfare

Cancellation Policy: payments not refundable after each deadline