

## Lions Multiple District 19 Youth Exchange Foundation

*Lions International  
introduced the  
Youth Exchange  
Program in 1961.*



Many youths from MD19 have traveled to foreign lands to live with host families for up to six weeks.

Youths from foreign lands have travelled to MD19 to enjoy our two cultures – USA and Canada.

Our youths travel to Japan, Australia, Italy, England, Peru, Germany and other countries during July and August.

In our summer months we receive youths from Europe and Japan.

In our winter months we receive youths from Australia, New Zealand and Peru.

This is a cultural exchange – youths do not attend school. There is no requirement that they be students. Youths travelling in the program must be sponsored by a Lions Club but do not need to be daughters or sons of Lions members.

Youths aged 16 to 21 can participate.

This program provides many benefits to the youths that participate. Living with a family of strangers teaches youths to be tolerant and respectful of the ways of others. They learn to be responsible for themselves and they make many new friendships. Most youths say that they have matured by participating in YEP.

We always have a need for host families, summer or winter.

In order to host a youth, a family must be sponsored by a Lions club – but they need not be Lions members.

As a host family you learn about another country. You meet youths with goals and who have a strong desire to be successful in life.

Contact your District Chairperson, or phone Lynne at 250-339-5264.

For detailed information, visit our web page <http://www.lionsyouthexchange.org/>