

2020 4-H INTERSTATE EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Dates will be June 13-21 of 2020 approximately for 9 days
Traveling to stay with 4-Hers in Huntingdon County of Pennsylvania
We will be hosted in Indiana with 4-H families on the way to PA and on the way home.

Due to Riley County Extension Office on or before December 1, 2019
 \$75 deposit is due with this application for new applicants.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

Town

Zip

Cell: _____ Parent Cell: _____

Best E-mail for Family: _____

Age as of 6/10/20: _____ Grade Completed as 6/1/20: _____

Personal interests, pastimes and hobbies: _____

4-H Projects taken: _____

Check all which describes your personality: (all which apply)

_____ talkative _____ kind _____ creative _____ tolerant _____ serious

_____ emotional _____ cheerful _____ enthusiastic _____ patient _____ dramatic

_____ reserved, quiet _____ outgoing _____ friendly _____ tidy _____ helpful

I live on a: _____ farm OR in the _____ country OR _____ small town OR _____ city

Religion: _____ Would you be willing to attend church services with your host family if they were not of your faith? _____ Yes _____ No

Name of parent(s): _____

Occupation of parent(s): _____

A current photo MUST be attached here.

What ideas do have for family days? (spending time together without the rest of the group or perhaps with a small group, like with one or two other families)

Would a parent or parents be home during free time? Yes No Maybe
(Does not apply when we travel)

Something I would never eat is: _____

I have the following environmental allergies: _____

I have the following food allergies: _____

I have the following medication allergies: _____

I have the following chronic medical condition: _____

Names and ages of brothers and/or sisters: _____

I or my family has participated in previous 4-H exchange programs: no yes = year 20_____

One thing I would like to experience as a part of this exchange would be: _____

I feel I will benefit as a person through this experience because: _____

If needed, could your family: host an additional person

(All which apply)

(Does not apply when traveling) host someone of the opposite sex of the applicant

host an adult chaperon

I agree to participate in at least 10 hours of fundraising: Yes No

I agree to serve on at least one Committee for the benefit of TRIPLe E: Yes No

Parent _____ agrees to serve as a Committee Advisor

(Name)

Signature of Member

Signature of parent

Keep copy of next 2 pages for your reference
Riley County 4-H Exchange Program Traveling July 2020

1. All delegates will be required to be fully enrolled in Riley County 4-H Program for the current year, including an updated Health Form on file. Other counties must verify & submit HF to Riley.
2. Families new to hosting will participate in a home visit. This is a brief visit by Exchange Coordinator simply to verify location, living quarters, and sleeping arrangements. (in 2021)
3. Adults in Host Families will be required to submit a background check. This is standard KSU policy. If you have a current KSU background check as a 4-H volunteer (VIP), you will not need to submit another one. This is also required for any additional chaperons.
4. A \$75 deposit is required with Application to participate, due on or before December 1, 2019. If a host assignment is not available to you, you will still be included during activities, if you fundraise.
5. Fundraising will be conducted to raise enough money for the group. All participants are required to participate in fundraising, as this is an important means of bonding our group and enhancing leadership, citizenship, communication, and teamwork skills.
6. Final payment, if additional money is needed to supplement fundraising, is due May 1, 2020. Final cost is dependent upon estimated cost of travel or hosting, plus any other expenses that need to be covered. The plan is to raise most needed money through fundraising each year, and that any extra money will be carried over for the next year to travel or host.
7. During travel years, fundraising, deposits, grants, donations, etc. will pay for travel expenses to our destination, and possibly for educational experiences along the way. Participants will need to bring money for meals during travel, souvenirs, and other personal needs. During hosting years, our group will be responsible to fundraise money to pay for any admissions to events or attractions for the group that we are hosting, our local 4-H member hosts, and designated chaperons. We will need to provide food for group meals, either by purchasing meals or families providing as potluck.
8. Hosting families need to provide their own bed for the visiting 4-Her plus all meals while staying with the family. The family should include the visitor in family activities and teach them about local 4-H projects, activities, and customs of Kansas. During family days, you may plan your own outings or activities to entertain them, but this is not required.
9. An orientation meeting for the delegate and at least one parent or guardian will be held. Time and location to be announced. Monthly planning meetings will be conducted for 4-H participants, and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
10. During hosting years, family members are welcome to join the group on the tour or activity. Each person would be responsible to pay for admission tickets for this tour and for transportation costs. "Extra" seat and ticket prices will be shared with families and tickets may be ordered by the stated deadline for all "extra" payments.
11. Travelling delegate will be required to obtain a photo identification, certified birth certificate or a passport when travelling by air, but our travel will usually be driving. Delegates may secure a photo identification card at the DMV. Phone them to insure what documentation is required.

TRIPLE E – Excellent Exchange Experience Program Details

This Exchange program is open to any 4-H member 12-18 as of 6/10/2019 and selected adult chaperons, who have submitted this Application, any required fees (chaperons exempt), and signed Code of Conduct.

The commitment to the exchange is usually for at least 2 summers. In our exchange experience, our group traveled to Wyoming, Montana, and South Dakota in June 2018, hosted a 4-H group from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania in July 2019, where we will then travel in 2020. The exchange period is generally for 7-10 days. Exact dates are confirmed each year as soon as possible, considering other 4-H conflicts. Those who travel with the program are expected to host the following summer, in their home, or by engaging in activities, planning, and fundraising. Since we are hosting first with Pennsylvania, it is hoped that those who host, will be able to stay with that 4-Her when we travel there.

Every effort is made to match teens according to gender, grade, age and interest. Occasionally, we might have to match girls with boys, but generally there would be other youth of that sex living in this family and doing so should not create a problem. Applications will be accepted from 4-Hers in other Kansas counties, but preference for placement will be given to Riley County 4-Hers. Each Exchange group travels with adult chaperons and host families are also needed to host these adults.

Host families are to provide room and board. A separate room is not required but a separate bed is. Homes are to be clean – a little clutter is acceptable, but a dirty house is not. Host families are to provide transportation to and from the meeting point of the group tours, provide supervision and treat the Exchange teen as a member of the family. No special family activities need to be planned for the week, as we want youth to have an experience of learning about the normal life of 4-Hers in other states, plus there will be planned group activities.

During the Exchange, the group spends much of their time together enjoying some type of tours that are selected by the teens. Typical examples that other groups have provided when hosting include: local tours – historic sites, agriculture, industry, lake sites, college campuses, a Zoo, Waterpark, Caverns, Car Racing, Museums, dinner in a local Amish family home, overnight campout at 4-H Camp, swimming, zip-lining, ropes course, theatre productions, and National Monuments. Our group will have monthly meetings and form committees to plan group activities and itinerary while hosting and when traveling.

Families are responsible for payment by the stated deadlines. Our hope is to allow the teens to raise funds by participating in fundraising activities. It is hoped that money earned through fundraising will cover all expenses described specifically for hosting and traveling years. We will apply for a Grant from the Riley County 4-H Foundation each year toward the cost of the whole trip. We will focus effort on planning expenses in the most economical way.

The cost of hosting is dependent upon what the teens decide to do for group tours and the cost of transportation to do those tours. When hosting, we should be paying for both the Riley County host and the teen being hosted from the out-of-state county, as that should be the case when we travel there, but those details will be agreed upon between our 2 counties. The more money we can raise thru fundraising, the more activities we will be able to sponsor. If any parents know ways that we can get reduced rates for any tours or activities, or about worthwhile educational opportunities that are free, please discuss those with me as soon as possible, and if you could provide a contact, that would be fantastic.

Participants will be required to take photos, write notes about their experiences, create a PowerPoint, and/or participate in presentations to community groups and their 4-H Club for promotion.

Questions may be directed to Cherie Trieb at 785-844-0781, calling or texting preferred, or triebtribewabbtry@yahoo.com