

Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – August 5th, 2018

Current:

District 27-D1 sponsored 8 outgoing youth, 7 of whom received a \$725 District 27-D1 scholarship (the 8th was not eligible because she received one previously). Our district YE's lived with host families and attended Lions camps in Hong Kong, Italy (3), Germany (3), Sweden & Turkey.

Our District is hosting 7 International Youth. Our visiting youth are from Italy, France, Switzerland, Hungary, Germany, Israel & Turkey. Our visiting youth are currently hosted in Token Creek (Lions August) Madison (Schachter family & Kornell Family), Brown Town (Farmer Family) and Livingston (Lions Hove)

Our youth camp is scheduled from July 29th – August 5th at Camp Vista near Campbellsport WI.. Along with the 48 youth from 24 countries, we have 17 volunteer counselors (several who are Lions members) and 20 mostly Lion and Lioness staff volunteers working shifts throughout the week.

District Sponsored Activities

our district **sponsored THREE activities** for visiting youth along with their host families; a day of Biking on the Elroy Sparta Bike Trail (lunch provided), a Canoe trip on the Wisconsin (outfitted by Blackhawk River Runs) and a Madison Mallards Baseball Game (tickets donated by the Sun Prairie Lions Club).

In addition to 27-D1 district sponsored activities, visiting youth and host families met in Madison for Concerts on the Square, enjoyed a pot-luck picnic at the August's house, where visiting youth made food typical of their country, hiked at Devils Lake, toured an Amish Farm, and went to a Dells Waterpark

Fundraising: We are currently soliciting funds from our district Lions and Lioness clubs to finance this upcoming year's program. These funds are used to administer this program which involves paying our districts' share of the Youth Exchange camp-related fees, youth exchange scholarships & host family stipends. All the funds collected are used only for direct youth exchange related costs. There are no indirect fees; every person involved in this program is a volunteer including the camp counselors. Our scholarship deadline is December 15th; so if possible, please make your donations early so we can allocate scholarships accordingly.

Finances/Budget:

Budgeted Expenses:

Camp fee - \$1600 (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts)

Scholarships - \$725 x 7 = \$5075

Sponsored Host Family Activities - (~\$500)

Madison International Festival Table fees, etc - \$52.75

Ending balance as of June 30, 2018 \$4,765.31

There are currently 3 volunteers on the District 27-D1 youth exchange committee; Terry Miller – Pardeeville, Ben August (Chair) – Token Creek , Dave Easily - Marshall

It's a pleasure serving on this committee and participating in a program that satisfies the first objective of the Lions **"To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world"**