

Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – August 4th, 2019

Current:

District 27-D1 sponsored 7 outgoing youth, 4 of whom received a \$700 District 27-D1 scholarship (2 were not eligible because she received one previously & 1 applied late). Our district YE's lived with host families and attended Lions camps in Finland, Italy, Croatia, Germany, and Switzerland.

Our District is hosting 9 International Youth. Our visiting youth are from Finland, France, Italy, Poland, Spain, Taiwan, The Netherlands & Turkey. Our visiting youth are currently hosted in Token Creek (August), Madison (Schachter & Ingwell), Marshall (Madaus), Livingston (Hove), Mt Horeb (Forgard-Beegle) & Hazel Green (Erschen).

Our youth camp is scheduled from July 28th – August 4th at Camp Vista near Campbellsport WI.. Along with the 55 youth from 20 countries, we have 13 volunteer counselors (including 3 international former campers returning as 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), Canoeing and paddle boarding on Lake Wingra, and a Madison Mallards Baseball Game.

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 a barbeque hosted by one of our host families, along with many other informal gatherings.

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:

Camp fee – **(\$1700)** (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts)
Scholarships - \$700 x 4 **(\$2800)**
Host family activities 2018 **(\$376.76)**
2018-19 donations \$3578.80

Ending balance as of June 30, 2018 \$5434.00

There are currently 2 volunteers on the District 27-D1 youth exchange committee; Terry Miller – Pardeeville, Ben August (Chair) – Token Creek

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"**