

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – March 11th, 2022

As we mentioned in our October committee report with the slowdown of Covid-19 at that time, we anticipated and began planning for a relatively typical Wisconsin Lions Youth Camp & Exchange program for the upcoming year. Now, with the addition of a new Covid Variant that the world is reacting to, we are altering our plans but **ARE STILL MOVING FORWARD WITH A MODIFIED PROGRAM.**

Our plans may continue to be adjusted as needed, but currently this is a brief summary of our 2022 program.

- We are accepting youth from any countries still wishing to participate.
- We are offering a host family experience and encouraging “group hosting”, where pairs of youth will rotate through two or three host families during their visit, so youth visiting Wisconsin for a month might stay with each family for up to 10-15 days.
- The State Youth Committee and individual districts will plan activities where host families and visiting youth can all participate together, for example, a day at Dells Water Park or a canoe trip down the Wisconsin River. The State Committee will finance those activities.
- A Mini camp experience where we will rent a large cabin at Camp Vista and hold a shortened (long weekend) versions of our typical youth camp.
- All participants, including host families, must be fully vaccinated.

We currently have 16 international youth applications from 10 countries, **3 of which will be hosted in OUR district.**

Outgoing District Youth

We currently have TWO Wisconsin Youth that have applied and have been accepted in an International Youth Exchange Programs and have applied for a 27-D1 district scholarship (award amount \$500)

Dylan Thomas – Poland – Sponsored by the Token Creek Lions Club

Luci Bakken – Spain – Sponsored by the Token Creek Lions Club

Family Hosting

As mentioned above, we are offering our visiting youth a family hosting experience and are currently seeking families interested in hosting one or two (preferred) youth for 10 to 15 days during a time frame yet to be established, but the estimated dates are ~July 9 – August 9.

Fundraising We are currently soliciting funds from our district Lions and Lioness clubs to finance this year’s program. Funds collected are used to pay our districts’ share of the Youth Exchange camp-related fees; youth exchange scholarships, host family stipends & other direct expenses. All the funds collected are used only for direct youth exchange related costs. There are no indirect fees; all individuals involved in this program are volunteers including camp counselor & all support staff.

Finances/Budget

Due to covid related camp cancelations we have a significant carryover from previous years

2021-22 Donations - \$1634

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE – \$8256.26 (includes already paid \$1700* State Committee Donation)

Projected Expenses: ~\$3050

- *Camp fee - \$1700 (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts) **NO INCREASE!**
- Scholarships - \$500 x 2 = \$1000 (the scholarship amount is determined by # of applications & available funds)
- Host family support \$800

There are currently 2 volunteers on the district 27-D1 youth exchange committee: Crystal Riniker – Hazel Green and **Ben August** – Token Creek.

We are looking for another volunteer for our committee. If you enjoy working with youth and would like to learn about this awesome program that satisfies the **third objective** of the Lions **“To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world”** **Please contact me ASAP**

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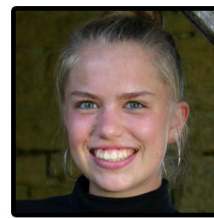
Thank You

**District 27-D1 Lion & Lioness Clubs
For Your Generous Support of the
Wisconsin Lions International
Youth Camp & Exchange**



2022 27-D1 Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Scholarship Recipients

**Dylan
Thomas**
Sponsored by:
Token Creek
Destination:
Poland



**Luci
Bakken**
Sponsored by:
Token Creek
Destination:
Spain

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