

Lions International Youth Exchange Report

Distinct 27-D1 Cabinet Meeting – October 17th, 2021

Great News! After a two-year covid hiatus, we are now moving forward to organize our Wisconsin Lions International Youth Camp, Camp Vista, for the summer of 2022. In addition to organizing our YE camp (which also involves hosting 50-60 international youth throughout Wisconsin) we are also planning to sponsor youth to travel abroad. We will finalize our plans at the upcoming State Youth Exchange Committee meeting, held on October 23rd, 2021. ***Dates for Camp Vista are July 31 thru August 7, 2022***

- **Youth Exchange Scholarships & International Application materials.**

- Immediately following our upcoming state committee meeting on October 23rd, 27-D1 scholarship and international applications will be available by contacting one of the committee members listed below.
- Applicants must be 16-21 years old (hosting counties specify exact age ranges) and shall reside in district 27-D1. We especially encourage Leo Club members, Lions/Lioness member's relations & Campus Lions Clubs to apply, although the community at large is also welcome. Informational brochures and handbooks are available by contacting one of the district 27-D1 committee members below.

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. **To assess funds available for the December 15th scholarship deadline, please consider donating early.**

Finances/Budget

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

2021 Donations - \$200

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE – \$9522.26

Projected Expenses: ~\$7500

- Camp fee - \$1700 (paid by each of the 10 state Lions Districts) ***NO INCREASE!***
- Scholarships - \$500 x 10 = \$5000 (the scholarship amount is determined by # of applications & available funds)
- Host family support \$800
- Table at International Festival \$50.00

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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