Join a HOMESTAY EXCHANGE and immerse yourself in another culture!

Dates: July 16 – August 15, 2024
Capacity: 25 delegates maximum, 7 delegates minimum
Cost: $3,200 + airfare estimate ($1,600 - $1,900)
(Actual airfare may vary based upon time of booking)

Delegates arrive in Seoul for a two-night arrival orientation led by Korea 4-H, which includes an introduction to Korean culture and basic language phrases. Afterwards, delegates meet their Korea 4-H host family and begin their homestay. Delegates may have 2 different host families during the program. The program concludes with sightseeing in Seoul and a departure debriefing.

Program Timeline*:

- November 1: Application due to Missouri 4-H Office
- January 15: $2,500 first payment due*
- January: States’ 4-H notifies applicant of acceptance
- January 18: Required interview—Columbia, MO
- February 1: States’ 4-H issues international air tickets
- April 1: Passport due to States’ 4-H Office
- Early Spring: Domestic itinerary due to States’ 4-H Office
- Late Spring: Remaining payment due to States’ 4-H Office
- July 16: State-level orientations
- Early Spring: National orientation for all South Korea delegates
- Late Spring: Students fly to a U.S. gateway city for National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

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Program Fees Include:

- Overnight National Departure Orientation in Seattle, WA
- Two-night arrival orientation in Seoul
- Sightseeing and cultural excursions in Seoul
- In–South Korea expenses: lodging, meals, transportation
- Orientation materials and States’ 4-H t-shirts
- Accident & Sickness Insurance
- A portion of adult chaperone expenses
- Overnight National Departure Debriefing in Seattle, WA

Deposits due November 1 with application University of MO $250.00; States 4-H $2,500.00. 2 separate checks. Will not be cashed until accepted at National Level.

Are you curious about daily life, culture, and 4-H in other countries? Stay with a host family in South Korea and immerse yourself in a world that most visitors rarely get to see. You’ll share everyday life with friends and relatives in your host community and build friendships that will last a lifetime.

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States’ 4-H International’s mission is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship; one way to move towards that goal is through living with a local host family and immersing oneself in another culture.

“I had such an astonishing experience, one that surely will influence me for the rest of my life. I feel like I’ve grown as a person, and my perspective on the world has changed drastically.”

-States’ 4-H Outbound Alumna

Who can apply:
4-H youth who want to learn first-hand about another culture and gain a global perspective. Must be between ages 12-17 at the time of international travel (youth must not be in college). 4-H enrollment guidelines and ages vary by state.

How to apply:
Contact your local 4-H coordinator to apply and learn about your local deadlines and to access the application.

Cancellation & States’ 4-H Policies:
- Program Cancellations:
  - No refund of paid deposits, unless full program cancelled by States’ 4-H
  - Airfare is non-refundable once issued
- Participant is responsible for purchasing domestic airfare to/from National Departure in Seattle, WA
- In-State Fees may apply
- Unaccompanied Minor fees may apply (up to $150 each way)
- Program details subject to change

FAQs:
Q: Will a chaperone accompany the group?
A: Yes! Adult chaperones accompany the group during international travel and remain in-country to provide support during the exchange.

Q: Do I need to speak Korean?
A: No prior language study is required, but it is certainly helpful! Our international partners have English-speaking staff on hand to assist you in communication.

Q: How will States’ 4-H prepare me for my homestay?
A: States’ 4-H provides travel handbooks that cover everything from packing lists to financial matters to cultural information. In addition, each state may conduct a spring orientation covering these topics. Delegates also receive details during the States’ 4-H group conference call in late spring and a National Departure Orientation the day before the international flight.

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