

Lions International Youth Exchange Program - 2022



Opportunities to Travel Abroad and Host International Students

Hello,

My name is Becky Jarrell. I am the Lions Club International Youth Exchange Chair for Georgia. I'm passionate about this incredible program and I'd like to invite you to learn more about the Lions International Youth Exchange Program.

TRAVEL ABROAD

There are typically over 100 summer camps held by Lions Clubs around the world for youth ages 16-22. In the past few years, we have sponsored students to travel to a dozen international countries. In 2022, we are sponsoring 3 Youth Ambassadors to participate in summer camps in France, Belgium, and Spain. Most 2022 camps are currently full, but it's not too early to think about 2023. We'd like to sponsor 10 students in 2023.

(Note: First preference for travel abroad applications goes to our previous host families. 😊)

PARTICIPATE IN GEORGIA YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP

The Georgia Lions also hold our own two-week leadership/cultural exchange camp (**July 10-23**). We will be hosting 12 international youth (ages 17-19) in Atlanta/Savannah. ***New this year, we are also accepting applications for two Georgia youth to be the **"US Welcome Ambassadors"** and participate in the Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp with our international students.

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FOR ONE WEEK THIS SUMMER

The week prior to our camp, we coordinate for the incoming international students to stay one week with a Georgia **host family** so they can experience "real life" in our community (and get over jet lag!). This is a fabulous experience for your family to learn a little about their country too. **We need Georgia families** to **share Southern hospitality** and host an international student from **July 2-10**.

Please review the rest of this document to learn more. I also encourage you to [come to an information session](#). Let me know if you are interested in applying to be a **host family**, to be a **US Welcome Ambassador**, or to **travel abroad** as a youth ambassador (for 2023), or if you have any questions

Warm regards, **Lion Becky Jarrell**

Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Chair

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Click [here](#) for a short video of our 2019 camp.

General Info About Lions Youth Exchange Camps

- Participants travel to another country as a “**youth ambassador**” representing their home country and meeting other youth from all over the world. The purpose is cultural learning and to “build world peace one student at a time”.
- Most camps include a **host family stay** (1-2 weeks) followed by the **Youth Exchange Camp** (1-2 weeks).
- Every camp is unique with different activities, themes, programs, and age range.
- There are a few specialty camps designed for youth with vision impairment/blindness, diabetes, or other disabilities (parent attends with youth).
- Camps are generally for youth ages 16 to 22 (each camp has its own age range).
- Youth must be sponsored by a local Lions Club.
- The participants cover their travel and insurance costs. The Host Country provides lodging, meals, and all activity costs. Some camps have a fee, which ranges from 100-500 Euros. Some camps have no fee, and all costs are covered by the Lions of the host country.
- For general information, visit [Youth Camps and Exchange \(YCE\) | Lions Clubs International](#)



Host Family Opportunities

*Building World Peace
One Student at a Time*

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HOST A YOUTH



Photo of Australian Youth Exchange Students and their Atlanta host “siblings” at Stone Mountain

Click [HERE](#) if interested in hosting.

- Share the gift of **Southern hospitality** with an international student in **summer 2022**.
- The students will stay with host families for one week (**July 2-10**) prior to attending the Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp
- You can host one or two students. We’ll match youth to families by interests, gender, and age range.
- We recommend 2-3 families/friends host together. This makes the experience more fun...and easier. 😊
- Incoming students will be ages 17-19.
- Families with high school or early college kids are preferred, but we also love active empty nesters and families with younger kids too.
- Host families must provide two references. You do not need to be a member of a Lions Club. Background check may be requested.
- Main requirement is a sincere desire to **share your hospitality** and a **warm, welcoming attitude**.
- We will coordinate a couple of group activities during the week (Dunwoody Fourth of July parade and Braves game on July 6). See next page for ideas on other activities you can do with your student.

How to Host an International Student...laugh, learn, share.

- Show off **Georgia**.
- Allow students to **rest/relax** and overcome jet lag!
- Show them your **school, neighborhood, pool, stores**.
- **Hang out** with other teens.
- Go **shopping** at Costco and Walmart (it's an adventure).
- Play **games** – share your favorite and learn theirs.
- **Cook** together (your American recipes and their cuisine).
- Shoot some **fireworks!**
- Take **day trip** or **short vacation** to the mountains, Asheville, Chattanooga, or other**.
- Visit a **college** campus.
- Visit **family** – they want to learn about our culture.
- Bring to a **worship** service
- Bike the Belt Line or go hiking.
- Cheer on the **Braves** with Lions* on July 6
- March in **Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade***

* Please bring your student for the planned group activities (**Fourth of July parade** and **Braves game**). Host families are encouraged to join us too. You can drop student off or arrange for another family to bring them if you don't want to participate.)

** If you go out of town overnight, please let us know in advance when and where (lionbeckyjarrell@gmail.com)



Hosting an International Student this Summer



Host Family Stay Dates: July 2-10

- Click [HERE](#) to complete Interest Form and let us know the following:
 - Your **City** in Georgia
 - Preference for **boy or girl** (or either)
 - Preference for **1 or 2** students
 - **Ages** of your children (or grandchildren)
 - First preference will be given to families with teens, although empty nesters & families with younger kids also make great hosts!
 - **Interests** and special considerations (favorite sports/hobbies of your kids, pets, vacation plans, languages, other)
 - Two personal **references**
 - ***Friends and neighbors who may also want to be host families***

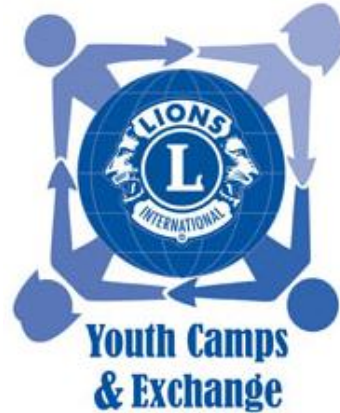


This is ONLY AN INTEREST FORM AND IS NOT BINDING. Your answers will help us determine how to match students to a host family. If matched with a student, you will also complete a host family application and write a "Dear Student" letter of welcome. Atlanta Lions Club will hold a Host Family orientation session in May/early June, and we will help you "meet" your student prior to their visit.

US Welcome Ambassadors

Georgia Youth Exchange Camp 2022

- *****New this year**, we are also accepting applications for two Georgia youth to be the “**US Welcome Ambassadors**”.
- Welcome Ambassadors will participate in the camp along with the 12 international students, including staying overnight at Oglethorpe University and traveling to Savannah/Tybee/Waycross.
- This is a **leadership** role. We expect the US Welcome Ambassadors to truly welcome our international students and make them feel at home. Candidates for this role should be warm, friendly, outgoing, fun, and energetic.
- If you are interested, please contact lionbeckyarrell@gmail.com for application.



Camp Dates: July 10-23

Location: Atlanta, Georgia USA

Age Range: 17-20

Camp Fee: \$500 (includes lodging, meals and activities)


Description:

This program is designed to introduce exceptional young people to life in the United States and to spend time with other youth from all over the world with a purpose of cultural exchange. All participants will give “country presentations” and share what life is like in their country (customs, food, songs, history, and traditions.)

We'll stay primarily in Atlanta, and we will have a side trip to coastal and historic Savannah. Activities may include sports events with Atlanta Braves (2021 World Series Baseball Champions), swimming, hiking, Center for Civil and Human Rights, Coca Cola "World of Coke" museum, Stone Mountain, historic Savannah tour, beach day on Tybee Island, Okefenokee Swamp boat tour (to see alligators!), and fun! We will march in the Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade. We will also have a service project with the Georgia Lions Lighthouse and we will visit and play games with the young teen campers at the Georgia Lions Camp for the Blind.

Georgia Lions Youth Exchange *Tentative* Camp Agenda (2022)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
JULY 2 - 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Host Family Week (7/2-10) Host families share Southern Hospitality and introduce youth to everyday life in the US.							
Arrival SAT 7/2 Host families pick up at airport. **No scheduled group activities on Sunday.	July 4th Parade March in Dunwoody  Parade **Host families & GA Lions invited to parade.**	**No scheduled group activities on Sunday.	Braves Game Fundraiser for Lions Camp for the Blind & for Youth Exchange Program **Host families & GA Lions invited**	**No scheduled group activities Thurs-Sat. See "How to Host" slide for activity ideas.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Host Families bring students to Oglethorpe University between 2-5 pm for check in	Oglethorpe University						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil Rights Museum World of Coke Museum Dinner at OU Evening: Country Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fernbank Museum Clean eyeglasses at Lions Lighthouse Dinner at OU Evening: Country Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquarium Atlanta United 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch with Atlanta Lions Club Dinner at OU Evening: Country Karaoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zoo Atlanta Top Golf 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone Mountain hiking and cookout Evening: Fireworks	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Savannah			Waycross		Oglethorpe University		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive to Savannah Picnic with Pooler Lions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tybee Beach Party Low Country Boil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Savannah scavenger hunt Dinner at Pirate House Ghost tour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive to Arrive for lunch Play games/activities with campers at Lions Camp for the Blind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Okeefenokee Swamp Drive back to Atlanta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free time / shopping / packing Celebration dinner with Nicola and dancing 	Departures	