

Lions Club Youth Exchange Program - 2020





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Opportunities to Travel Abroad and Host International Students

Sponsored by Lions Clubs of Georgia

Hello,

Last Updated: January 19, 2020

I am the Georgia (USA) Lions Youth Exchange Chair. I became involved in Lions Club several years ago when my high school daughters (now college-aged) traveled to Austria and Republic of Georgia as Lions Youth Ambassadors. They loved the experience and were inspired by Lions' international mission of community service, humanitarian aid, and worldwide cultural understanding.

Since then, the Atlanta Lions Club has sent students to Norway, France, Denmark, Netherlands, Australia, Estonia, Slovenia, Martinique, Canada, Italy, and Turkey. We also held our inaugural Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp in Summer 2019. We hosted 15 international youth from 14 different countries.

In 2020, we would like to sponsor more students from Georgia to **travel abroad**. Lions Club International offers over 100 camps worldwide. We'll also hold our camp again and will need many Georgia families to **host international students** for a week or two.

Please let me know if you are interested in applying to travel abroad or to be a host family. You'll find more information in this document. I also encourage you to come to an information session and talk to one of our past student ambassadors or host families about their experience or contact me for your questions.


Warm regards,

Lion Becky Jarrell

Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Chair, Atlanta Lions Club Board Member/Secretary



*Lions Club International
is the world's largest
service organization, with
over 1.4 million members
and 47,000 clubs.*




We Serve
Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.



DIABETES



ENVIRONMENT



HUNGER



VISION



CHILDHOOD CANCER



In 1925, Helen Keller attended the Lions Clubs International Convention and challenged Lions to become “knights for the blind in the crusade against darkness.”

About Lions Youth Exchange Program

Anna (dressed in a traditional Austrian dirndl) with her Host Family in Austria



About the Lions Youth Exchange Program

*The program began informally in the 1960's and has grown to include both **host family** visits, as well as **camp** experiences.*

1960's



- California and Japan Lions Clubs coordinate a summer-long exchange

1970's



- Formal Youth Exchange Camps established

Today



- Over 100 Youth Exchange Camps worldwide in 2019

Video: Then and Now

<https://youtu.be/6yb3NPjhtAo>

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.
- 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.
- Camps are for youth ages 15 to 22.
- 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 nominal fee (100-200 Euros).



Youth Exchange Program in Georgia



*As one of our top current initiatives, we want to increase participation to
“20 traveling/20 hosted” in 2020!*

2017

- 2 GA students sponsored to travel abroad
- 2 international students hosted*

*Finland and Australia have sent students to Georgia each summer and December for several years

2018

- 6 GA students sponsored to travel abroad
- 2 international students hosted for family stay



2019

- 6 GA students sponsored to travel abroad
- 15 international students hosted at **Georgia Lions Camp****
- 2 international students hosted Jan 2019
- 2 international students to be hosted Dec 2019

*****We are excited to hold our first ever Georgia Lions International Youth Exchange Camp in Atlanta in summer 2019!***

2020 GOAL

- **100th year Celebration**
- **Up to 20** GA students sponsored
- **Up to 20** international students hosted at **Georgia Lions Camp** or in Dec/Jan with host family stays**

Host Family Opportunities



*Photo of Australian Youth Exchange Students and
their Atlanta host “siblings” at Stone Mountain
during Winter Host Family Visit*

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One Student at a Time*

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HOST A YOUTH



- ❑ **Share the gift of Southern hospitality with an international student in summer 2020.**
- ❑ The students will stay with host families for two weeks **(June 21-July 3)** prior to attending the Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp
- ❑ We encourage you to host for both weeks, but one week is okay too. You can host one or two students. We'll match youth to families by interests, gender, and age range.
- ❑ Incoming students will be ages 16-19.
- ❑ Host families must provide two references. You do not need to be a member of a Lions Club, but we want families who have been personally recommended by Lions or Friends of Lions. Background check may be requested.
- ❑ Main requirement is a sincere desire to share your hospitality and a warm, welcoming attitude. Families with similar aged youth are preferred, but we also love active empty nesters and families with younger kids too.

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

- Show off **Georgia**.
- Show them your **school, neighborhood, pool, stores**.
- Go **shopping** at Costco and Walmart (it's an adventure).
- Play **games** – share your favorite and learn theirs.
- **Cook** together (your Southern recipes and their cuisine).
- Shoot some **fireworks**!
- Go on **vacation** – they love to see more of the US.
- Take **day trip** to Chattanooga.
- Visit **family** – they want to learn about our culture.
- Bring to **worship** service.
- Visit a **college** campus.
- Cheer on the **Braves**!





Next Steps for **Hosting** an International Student this Summer

- **Host Family Stay Dates: June 21-27 AND/OR June 27-July 3, 2020**
- Email LionBeckyJarrell@gmail.com and let me know the following:
 - Preference for **Boy or Girl** 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)
 - Preference of **dates** (Week 1, Week 2, or both Weeks)
 - Two **references**
 - Your **City in Georgia**
 - ***Friends and neighbors who may also want to be host families***
- You will also need to complete the Host Family **Application**, write a “Dear Student” **letter of welcome** and attend Host Family **orientation** session prior to the summer.

Contact Lion Becky Jarrell – LionBeckyJarrell@gmail.com

Travel Abroad Opportunities



Claire and other international students in Slovenia

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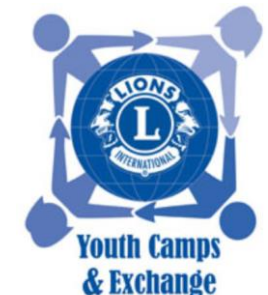
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TRAVEL ABROAD



- ☐ List of camps in [Youth Exchange Directory](#).
- ☐ Is Lions Youth Exchange Program right for me? Click [here](#).
- ☐ As a Lions Youth Ambassador, you will:
 - ☐ Live with a family in another country*
 - ☐ Meet people your age from around the world
 - ☐ Learn about Lionism and community service in another country
 - ☐ Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you
 - ☐ Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world.



*Note: Most camps have one or two-week host family stay prior to the Youth Exchange Camp.

Past Travel Abroad Experiences



Atlanta Lions Club has sponsored youth to go to Austria, Norway, France, Denmark, Estonia, Netherlands, Republic of Georgia, Canada, Slovenia, Turkey, Martinique, Italy & Australia.

Next Steps for Traveling Abroad to a Lions Youth Exchange Camp



1. Check out the [Lions Club International Youth Exchange Directory](#) to see spreadsheet of camps or view easy to read [PDF list](#).
2. Complete [Application Excel Form](#)
 - Save in Excel as **US.Georgia.MD18.YourName.AF.xls**. Do NOT save a PDF or Google Doc.
 - Indicate your available dates and your **top 3 choices**. Make sure your choices work with your **age** and **available dates**.
 - Print the last page (**Signature Page**). Both student and a parent must sign. Then scan the signed page and include with your other attachments. I will get the Lions' signatures.
3. Write a **“Dear Host Family” letter**.
 - Tell about yourself, your family, your hobbies, other interests, and what you are looking forward to about the Host Family experience. Information is used to find the best match for you and your host family.
4. Send final email to LionBeckyjarrell@gmail.com with **all attachments**. Save with file name conventions as shown below:
 - Excel Application: **US.Georgia.MD18.Your Name.AF.xls**
 - Signature Page: **US.Georgia.MD18.Your Name.Signature Page.pdf (or jpeg)**
 - Host Family Letter: **US.Georgia.MD18.Your Name.Host Family Letter.doc (or pdf)**
 - Scan of Passport: **US.Georgia.MD18.Your Name.Passport.pdf (or jpeg)**
 - Photos: **US.Georgia.MD18.Your Name.Headshot Photo.pdf (or jpeg)**
 - Photos: **US.Georgia.MD18.Your Name.Family Photo.pdf (or jpeg)**
 - You can include additional photos that show hobbies, friends, etc. This helps with matching to host family.
 - Travel Insurance: (You'll send this after you make flight reservations)

Send completed forms (in a single email) to Becky no later than March 4, 2020.

It's better to send earlier as many camps may fill up prior to then. Plus, I cannot turn the paperwork around immediately as this is my volunteer job and not my real job.☺

Notes:

- The Lions camp contacts listed in the directory are for internal Lions use only. All applicants **must apply through their local Lions clubs** (Becky Jarrell for Georgia).
- Most camps will only accept one participant from each country, so **apply early**.
- We have arranged for several countries to hold spots for our applicants. Becky can provide more information.
- After **acceptance** to camp, send \$75 application fee to Atlanta Lions Foundation to cover Orientation, T-Shirt, and Trading Pins.
- Attend orientation program in spring (with mentors from past Youth Exchange Ambassadors).

About Georgia Youth Exchange Camp in Atlanta



Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp

- We held our first Georgia-based summer camp in 2019.
- We had 15 students from 14 countries.
- 2 weeks host family stay + 1-week leadership camp at Oglethorpe University

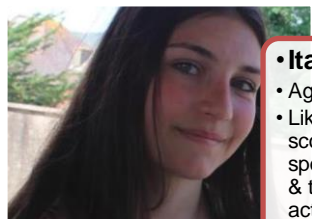


Check out the 2019 Summer Camp

- <https://youtu.be/nx3IWMC1mx4>



Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp 2019 Participants



Eleonora

Italy

- Age 17
- Likes scouting, sports, films & tv, music, acting, art, poetry, writing



Lucas

Brazil

- Age 16
- Playing basketball, soccer and other sports, swimming, building remote cars



Milja

Finland

- Age 16
- Likes gym, crossfit, sports



Emanuele (with sister)

Italy

- Age 17
- Likes football (soccer), music, languages



Cathy

Northern Ireland

- Age 17
- Dancing, horse-riding, gym



Luz

Spain

- Age 16
- Likes guitar, drawing, reading, hanging with friends



Sasha

Russia

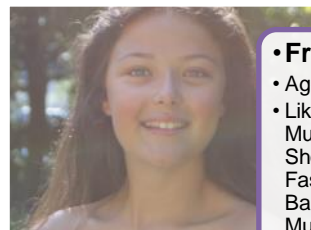
- Age 16
- Likes horse-back riding, drawing, sports



Olivér

Hungary

- Age 16
- Likes tennis, basketball, hiking, skiing, ice skating



Flore

France

- Age 16
- Likes Dance, Music, Shopping, Fashion, Ballet, Art Museums



Dorota

Slovakia

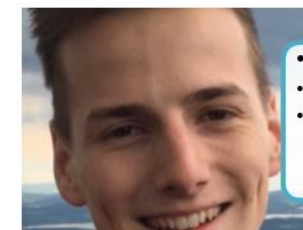
- Age 17
- Likes sports, photography. On Slovak National Handball Team



Kaan

Turkey

- Age 17
- Likes basketball, music, photography



Jasper

Germany

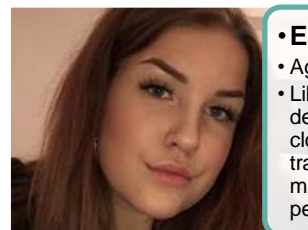
- Age 18
- Likes soccer, sports shooting, video games



Yu-Chi

Taiwan

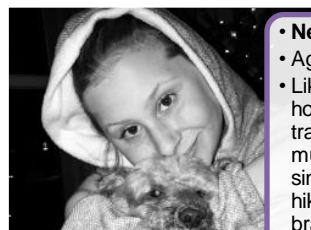
- Age 18
- Likes movies, music, photography



Jasmine

Estonia

- Age 16
- Likes art, designing clothes, traveling, meeting new people



Irene

Netherlands

- Age 16
- Likes writing, horses, travelling, music, acting, singing, hiking, braiding, and cooking.

Georgia Lions Youth Exchange Camp Agenda (2019)



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| JUNE 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Arrival Host families pick up at airport. | Host Family Week 1 (6/23-6/30) Host families share Southern Hospitality and introduce youth to everyday life in the US. | | | | | |
| | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlanta Zoo with Center for Visually Impaired Campers 10-noon - OPTIONAL | | |
| 30 | JULY 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Host Family Week 2 (6/30-7/7) Host families share Southern Hospitality and introduce youth to everyday life in the US. | | | | | | |
| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Float building for Dunwoody Parade – time TBD | July 4th Parade March in Dunwoody Parade. All GA Lions invited** | | |
| CAMP AT OGLETHORPE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlanta United soccer match Evening: Country Presentations | 7 <i>THEME: Atlanta is an International City</i> 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centennial Park Civil Rights Museum CNN Tour Coke Museum Evening: Country Presentations | 9 <i>THEME: Lions are Everywhere</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carter Center Drive to N Ga mtns Dinner and sleepover with Towns County Lions in Hiawassee | 10 <i>THEME: Georgia's Natural Beauty</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hiking in N. Ga mtns (Brasstown Bald) with Towns County Leos and Lions | 11 <i>THEME: Lionism</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlanta Lions Club luncheon – Host families invited Georgia Aquarium Evening: Country Presentations | 12 <i>THEME: Fireworks and Fun</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean eyeglasses at Lions Lighthouse Stone Mountain hiking and cookout Evening: Fireworks | 13 <i>THEME: Celebrations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fernbank Museum Free Time/shopping Final Celebration/ Party (Nicola's restaurant) |
| Departure 14 Caravan to airport. | | | | | | |

About Lions Club International and Atlanta Lions Club



Lions serve. It's that simple, and it has been since we first began in 1917. Our clubs are places where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities, and the world.



About the Atlanta Lions Club



- The [Atlanta Lions Club](#) is the first Lions Club in Georgia, founded in 1920. We're celebrating our Centennial in December 2020!
- Our **service projects** include:
 - ❖ [Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation](#) – *Bringing individuals into a world of sight and sound*
 - ❖ [Georgia Vision 20/20](#) – *Preventing vision loss for all Georgians*
 - ❖ [Young Generation Movement](#) – *Mentoring and challenging our vulnerable youth*
 - ❖ [Lions International Youth Exchange](#) – *Building World Peace One Student at a Time!*



Atlanta Lions Club has a Rich History!



- In 1948, we founded the **Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation**.



GEORGIA EYE BANK, INC.

- In 1963, we created the **Georgia Eye Bank**.



- In 1968, Atlanta Lion George Crumbley created the first **Peach Bowl** to benefit the Lighthouse. The Peach Bowl continues to be college football's most charitable bowl donating \$50K each year to help the Lighthouse provide vision and hearing services to Georgians in need.



One-Page Flyer

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TRAVEL ABROAD



- ❑ Every camp is unique with different activities, themes, programs, and age range.
- ❑ There are camps for ages between 15-23.
- ❑ There are also some specialty camps for youth with diabetes, blindness, or other disabilities.
- ❑ The participants cover their travel costs. The Host Country provides lodging, meals, and all activity costs. Some camps have a nominal fee (usually around 100-200 Euros).
- ❑ Most camps include a host family stay plus the Youth Exchange Camp. See [Youth Exchange Directory](#) to view list of camps.
- ❑ We've sponsored Georgia students to Austria, Norway, France, Denmark, Estonia, Netherlands, Republic of Georgia, Canada, Slovenia, Turkey, Martinique, Italy & Australia.
- ❑ We would like to sponsor up to 20 youth for Summer 2019.
- ❑ You do not have to be a member of a Lions Club or Leo Club to participate; however, you must be sponsored by a local Lions Club.
- ❑ \$75 application fee.

HOST A YOUTH



- ❑ **Share the gift of Southern hospitality with an international student in summer 2020.**
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- ❑ We encourage you to host for both weeks, but one week is okay too. You can host one or two students. We'll match youth to families by interests, gender, and age range.
- ❑ Incoming students will be ages 16-19.
- ❑ We also host a couple of students over the **winter holidays**.
- ❑ Host families must provide two references. You do not need to be a member of a Lions Club, but we want families who have been personally recommended by Lions or Friends of Lions. Background check may be requested.
- ❑ Main requirement is a sincere desire to share your hospitality and a warm, welcoming attitude. Families with similar aged youth are preferred, but we also love active empty nesters and families with younger kids too.

Contact Becky Jarrell at 770-355-7726 or LionBeckyJarrell@gmail.com for information.



Want to Help?



Can't Host, but Would Like to Help?

- In addition to looking for volunteers for Host Families, we would be grateful for financial support. This program is founded on Hospitality and Generosity. We only charge the international youth a modest amount that they will pay upon arrival. This will be seed money to cover dormitory expenses for the next summer. We are raising funds to cover the majority of expenses (about \$800-\$1000/participant).
- Camp expenses include: Oglethorpe University dormitory room rental, meals for week of camp (breakfast/lunch/dinner), all activity fees (including tickets and other activities), liability insurance, transportation (passenger van rentals), and other miscellaneous items.

There are three ways to make a tax-free donation to the Atlanta Lions Club Foundation (501.c3):

- Via Donate button on the [Atlanta Lions Club Facebook page](#) (preferred method because no service fee)
- Via www.atlantalionsfoundation.org (not preferred due to service charges)
- Via check to **Atlanta Lions Club Foundation**, mailed to Atlanta Lions Club Foundation, c/o Scott Rogers, 100 Peachtree Street, Suite 1950, Atlanta, GA. 30303, 770-685-6320
- In kind donations are also appreciated.

2020 Camps (flyers from other Youth Exchange Chairs)

Note:

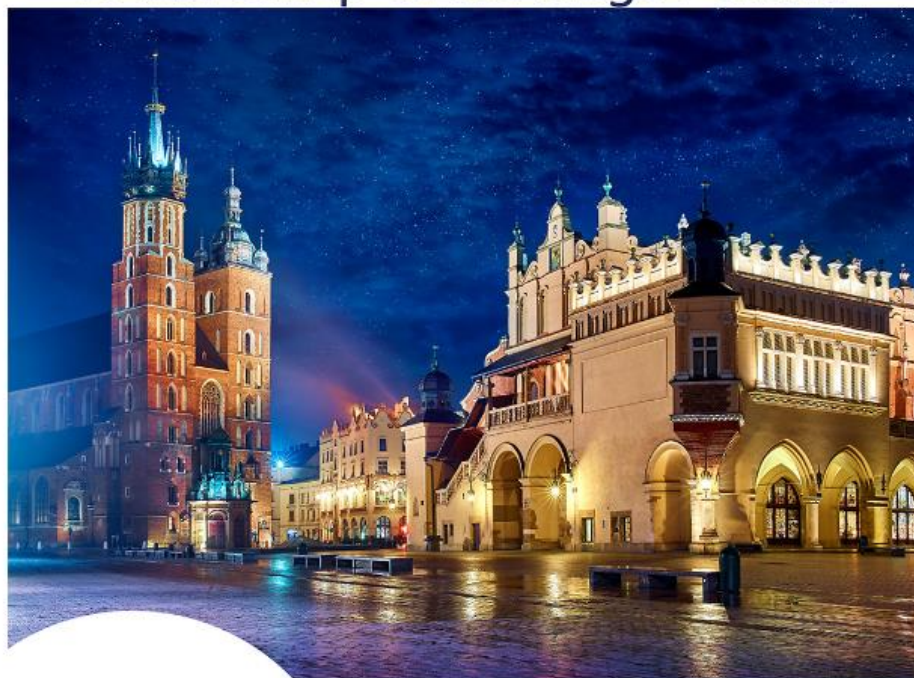
The Youth Exchange Chairs share information and some countries have posted flyers with more detail about their camps. LMK if you are interested in a specific country. I've included a few in this PPT and will add more as time allows. All applications have to come through official Lions Youth Exchange Chairs, so do not contact another country directly.

2020 Camps

• Poland



Lions Club International Youth Camp & Exchange Poland



Lions Camp Poland
KRAKÓW 2020



NECESSARY INFORMATION:

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Participants' age: | 18-22 |
| Host family before the camp: | 11-18 July 2020 |
| Camp date: | 18-26 July 2020 |
| Camp fee: | 160 EUR |
| Number of participants: | 20 (10 boys, 10 girls) |
| Airport of arrival: | depends on host family stay |
| Airport of departure: | KRAKÓW |

Krakow is the former capital of Poland, a city of kings, full of memorabilia of glorious Polish history, but also vibrating with young energy. Krakow is one of the most popular Polish cities among tourists. Why is it worth going there? The city owes its success to amazing monuments and a unique atmosphere. The Wawel Hill, with the Royal Castle and the Cathedral – the place of coronation and burial of Polish kings, overlooks the city. The Main Market Square is one of the largest European squares. Here you will see an amazing Gothic church with the famous mediaeval altar by Veit Stoss and with amazingly colourful Art Nouveau walls. One of the oldest monuments is the historic seat of the Jagiellonian University – Collegium Maius.

The Main Market Square is full of life around the clock, thanks to numerous restaurants, clubs and events, while underground, 4 meters below the surface, one finds the remains of medieval stalls and learns about the city's oldest history. The old Jewish district of Kazimierz adjoins the Old Town. Narrow streets, stylish pubs and small galleries make us feel as if we were traveling in time. Krakow is the capital of the Malopolska Region with great number of perfect destination trips.

Our Camp gives a unique opportunity to meet people of various cultures, to learn about their countries and customs. The participants may also taste various cuisines and cook their national dishes. There is possibility to try the excellent Polish food as well.

During the Camp we offer:

- Sightseeing of historical places – from early Middle Ages to communist era
- Appreciating rich culture of the region
- Trip to a unique Salt Mine Wieliczka
- Boat trip along the Vistula river
- Meeting with other Lions
- Presentation of participants' countries, their hobbies, families and friends
- National cooking

Note: no smoking, no drugs and no alcohol

The application form, a passport photo, family photo, letter to a host family, scan of a pass and a copy of insurance policy should be sent until 31 March 2020 to:

YECC D 121 Poland
Katarzyna Thomas
katarzyna.thomas@interia.pl
+ 48 602 697 660



2020 Camps

- Netherlands

Website

<https://youth.lions.nl/dutch-camps#top>
and <https://youth.lions.nl/incoming-guests#top>



Dutch Camps 2020



The Netherlands

All 3 Camps: July 19 - July 29

Home stay

From over-the-Oceans: 4 - 19 July

European: 11 - 19 July

Age: 17 - 20 (At July 1, 2020)

Number of youths: 30 each camp

Language: English

Campfee: € 100,-

Arrival days: July 4 or July 11, 2020

Departure day: July 29, 2020

**Other arrival/departure days
are not accepted!**

Arrival-/departure airport

Amsterdam Airport Schiphol (AMS)

Application deadline

March 15, 2020

The Dutch Youth Exchange Committee decides in which camp
the students will be placed.

