

2020 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchanges



What

The 4-H Canada Club to Club Exchange program is a reciprocal home stay exchange, 7 to 10 days in length. 4-H Canada pays for the air transportation of all youth participants and two chaperones. Groups are responsible for a \$150 registration fee for each person (youth and chaperones) and fundraising to cover the costs of activities incurred when hosting.

Why

4-H Canada is committed to creating experiential learning opportunities that ensure a safe, fun, inclusive environment with the support of caring adults. This program, in partnership with Canadian Heritage, aims to:

- Enhance young people's knowledge and understanding of Canada.
- Allow 4-H members to connect and create linkages with one another.
- Enhance youth participants' appreciation of the diversity and shared aspects of the Canadian experience.

4-H Canada's program objectives include:

- Developing positive values
- Developing a sense of responsibility
- Skill mastery
- Developing leadership skills
- Developing planning and decision making skills
- Developing a sense of purpose

Who

- 26 groups of 8 to 10 youth participants, 2 adult chaperones and host families. It is recommended that you have 1-2 alternate names.
- Participants: Aged 12 to 17 years **as of the program dates**; groups can draw participants from more than one registered 4-H club or invite a potential 4-H member to be part of the group.
- Chaperones: Must be 25 years or older (as of June 30, 2020); **Trained Leaders according to the 4-H Canada Volunteer Screening Policy**. Chaperones should not be related to each other.
- Host families: Must be screened according to 4-H Canada's requirements before a residence is approved to host. Anyone 18 years and older who will be staying in the home while hosting, must be, at minimum, a Screened Volunteer, according to 4-H Canada's Volunteer Training Policy. **Final approval must be granted by May 31, 2020**. If a residence is not approved, it does not mean that the son/daughter cannot participate, but other arrangements would be made for visitor accommodations.

Please note that these are group opportunities and we are not able to accept individual applications.

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When

Exchanges take place within three travel dates. Each group must indicate their preferred dates based on the pre-set periods of time provided by 4-H Canada. Groups will host for one period and travel for the other. Matched groups will decide between themselves the exact number of days (between 7-10 days) and the dates for the exchange. The 2020 travel date options are:

- Tuesday, June 30 to Thursday, July 9
- Saturday, July 18 to Monday, July 27
- Tuesday, August 4 to Thursday, August 13

Where

As much as possible, groups will be twinned with a group from another part of Canada. Groups from Western Canada (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba) will be matched with groups from Eastern Canada (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland/Labrador).

How

Apply online on behalf of your group between September 3, 2019 and January 13, 2020 at exchange.4-h-canada.ca. Successful groups will be notified by January 29, 2020.

Confirmed names of participants will be required in February if your group is selected.

Groups will be matched based on the application they submit, demographics of each group, activities and community involvement, fundraising opportunities, dates selected for travel, exchange history, and how they will promote and recognize sponsor support.

Information resources are available to assist groups when planning their exchange. These will be made available to groups once they have been selected for an exchange.

Timeline

- Tuesday, September 3, 2019 – online applications open
- Monday, January 13, 2020 – online applications close
- Wednesday, January 29, 2020 - successful groups will be notified
- Wednesday, February 5 – chaperone call to discuss what needs to be done, introduction to Service Project
- February 10 to 21, 2020 – calls with twinned groups
- Monday, February 17, 2020 – complete list of confirmed participants and travel/host dates are to be established and communicated to 4-H Canada
- Wednesday, April 6, 2020 – group project, payments, and all participant and host family paperwork is due
- Thursday, April 9, 2020 – chaperone call to discuss matching participants
- April 13 to 24, 2020 – second call with twinned groups
- Monday, May 4, 2020 – list of twinned participants is due to 4-H Canada
- Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – chaperone call to discuss travel details
- Monday, June 8, 2020 – final activity list is due to 4-H Canada
- Late July – paper surveys mailed to groups and link to online survey provided
- Monday, September 14, 2020 – paper surveys, online surveys and written reports are due to 4-H Canada

Please note this schedule is tentative and subject to change.

