



Factsheet: Lions Youth Camp and Exchange Programme 2020

The Lions Club of Ringwood & Fordingbridge is part of Lions Clubs International, one of the largest service organisations in the world. Lions internationally are dedicated to working with young people in the community, corresponding to International, National and Local requests for assistance in times of need.

What is it all about?

The scheme enables you to attend a residential youth camp (usually 1-2 weeks) in a country of your choosing, and also to experience life in that country by staying with a host family for 1-3 weeks. It happens generally in the summer holidays, and there are usually over 100 camps to choose from in up to 40 different countries.

Why?

The scheme is dedicated to:-

- Promoting improved international understanding and relations
- Encouraging learning about other countries and cultures
- Providing an insight into everyday life in that country by placing you with a host family in your country of choice
- Helping you make international contacts abroad and friends for life
- Empowering our youth to be excellent Ambassadors for the UK, their town and the Lions Club of Ringwood & Fordingbridge

How can I apply?

If you live or attend school in the Ringwood or Fordingbridge area and you are going to be aged between 16 and 21 next summer you can apply by downloading an application form from www.randflions.org.uk. All applications must be received by **Friday 18 October 2019**.



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What happens next?

We will review your application and invite you to attend a short interview. If accepted we will contact you again in November 2019 and then show you how to apply for a place at the camp of their choosing. You will need a valid passport. If you don't yet have one please apply for one as soon as possible.

What can I expect at an International Youth Camp?

- You will meet with other people your own age from different parts of the world.
- Visiting local places of interest - cultural, commercial and tourist.
- Possibly attending formal functions
- Meeting civic dignitaries
- Having fun
- Participating in activities and exchanging ideas
- Shopping and socialising

Will I need to know a foreign language?

English is spoken at most camps however some insist on their native language - notably France. It would be useful for you to know a little of the local language particularly when you stay with the host family.

How much does it cost?

You will be expected to fund your own travel arrangements to and from the country of choice, have in place adequate travel insurance and sufficient spending money. You will also need a valid passport and any international visas for your travel. All of your accommodation costs, food etc... will usually be provided for you by the Lions in the country you are visiting. Many International Camps have no fee but some do which often cover the cost of any activities you will be involved in. Any fees are clearly identifiable in advance and if there is a fee you will be expected to meet the cost of this.

What if I have any questions?

Further information is available from our website (www.randflions.org.uk)



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