

YORK-BENIMARU FOUNDATION (YBF) / MANITOBA 4-H HOME STAY PROGRAM



YBF Directors, Manitoba 4-H Council, and Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives are looking forward to continuing with the Home Stay Program. The program promotes cultural awareness and personal development in our young people as well as fosters a good understanding and strengthens business and agricultural ties between Manitoba and Japan.

This summer Manitoba 4-H families will have the opportunity to welcome 20 Japanese students and two chaperones into their homes from July 30-Aug 13, 2010.

Interested in hosting? Check out the details below!

4-H HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!



Japanese Youth Visit

2010 will mark the 23rd year of this exchange program sponsored by The YBF in Japan. The 20 students (approximate ages 16-18) and 2 chaperones will be in host family homes from July 30-Aug. 13, 2010. All host families will attend an evening orientation prior to the visit and families are invited to a welcome luncheon and a farewell barbecue with their Japanese participants.

What is hosting about:

By welcoming an out of country delegate into your home your family will learn more about the lifestyle and culture of another country. Being a host family need not be expensive or change your regular family routine. The purpose is to give delegates the opportunity to experience everyday life in another part of the world and to treat them as part of your family. Host families may want to plan some special activities for their visitors and take them to local places of interest. Seeing combining, horseback riding, campfires and star gazing are common highlights mentioned by the Japanese students. To be a host family this coming year, complete this application and return it as soon as possible. Details below:

All individuals over the age of 18 in the host family home are required to complete Manitoba 4-H Council's Youth Protection Program (YPP) screening.

For more information, please feel free to contact Leanne Sprung, RLS- Sr. 4-H and Youth at 761-2702 or leanne.sprung@gov.mb.ca

2010 YBF HOMESTAY PROGRAM HOST FAMILY APPLICATION

Please submit the following on or before March 31, 2010 (the sooner the better to ensure YPP form completion)

1. General Information: Name, Address, Phone # (home/work)
2. We would prefer to host a: Male or Female
3. List all members in your family, making note of 4-H members, including name, age & gender
4. List hobbies & activities your family enjoys
5. Adult supervision available during this time (eg. vacation, older sibling, work from home, etc.)
6. Provide two references (one from your 4-H Club). Include name and phone # (home/work)

Please return to:

Manitoba 4-H Council / International Opportunities Committee
1129 Queens Avenue, Brandon, MB R7A 1L9
Email: 4hcouncil@mts.net (note no "i" in council)
Fax: 204-726-6260