2010 COSTA RICA

Who: 4-H youth ages 15-18 (must turn 15 by the date of travel)

What: Travel to Costa Rica with 4-H youth from across the U.S. and live with a Costa Rican host family during your stay. The 4-week program will include a trip to the rainforest and 4-days at camp with 250 Costa Rican 4-H’ers. An adult chaperone will travel with the delegation on all international flights and stay in Costa Rica for the entire exchange period to assist with any delegate concerns/issues.

When: June 19 – July 17, 2010

Where: Departure Orientation in Houston prior to flight to San Jose, Costa Rica where there will be an Arrival Orientation to introduce you to the country and culture.

How: This exchange is coordinated with the Fundación Nacional de Clubes 4S who will organize the Arrival Orientation and the host family stays.

Cost: $1800 plus Airfare. Total estimated program costs are approximately $2600 - $3000. Final cost is dependent upon currency exchange, transportation costs, and the delegate’s home airport.

Program Fee Includes:
- Roundtrip airfare to/from home state
- In-Costa Rica expenses: transportation, lodging, meals
- Orientation in Houston and San Jose, Costa Rica
- 3 nights 4 days at a 4S camp
- Fieldtrip to the Rain Forest
- San Jose Airport facility tax
- Health and accident insurance
- A portion of the working expenses of the adult chaperone(s)
- Administrative costs
- Pre-trip conference calls/orientation materials/T-shirts

Additional costs to be paid by each delegate may include:
- Passport
- Gifts for host family members
- Spending money and all other personal items

Application Deadline: January 15, 2010

Payment Schedule:
- January 15th $900 deposit with Application (refundable until April 1st)
- February 15th Airfare (estimated at $800- $1200 depending on home airport)
- April 15th Remaining balance

Cancellation Policy
- Payments NOT refundable after each deadline (Airfare NOT refundable once issued)
- Cancellations must be made in writing
- For exceptional circumstances, refunds are made on a case-by-case basis

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