

Youth Exchange Report August 29, 2010

Another year of Youth Exchange is over and it was another very successful and fun year. We had 17 youth this year from 16 different countries. Something that I have been trying to achieve since taking over the camp 3 years ago was to have only one youth per country. They were here for 4 weeks from July 3 to July 31st. As usual they spent 10 days with 2 different families and then 8 days at the camp in Mount Brydges.

The leaders at the camp this year were Lion Martin Moore, Lioness Kim Schindel and myself.

Our donations this year were \$7178 as well as \$1700 that the youth pay for camp fees (\$100 per youth) for a total of \$8878 and our expenses came in at \$7127.74. Part off the extra income this year came from Zone 24 South, which made it the Zone project this year. This extra donation was made in order to ensure there are funds available when things like tents and sleeping bags need to be replaced. Thank you to these clubs for their extra donations and to all the clubs that donated this year. Donations were made by 5 Lioness clubs and 25 Lions clubs.

I want to also thank all of the clubs that participated in helping it to be another successful year for us. The Strathroy Lions club once again took us for the whole day and put together a great day for the youth. We also had 10 clubs during the week that put on meals for us which is greatly appreciated. Also, thank you to the Mount .Brydges Lions club who supply us with the camp and the facilities that come with it.

I want to also say thank you to the Lions and Lioness that were host families this year or that sent me host families. This was an especially easy year to find host families because of that.

One thing that we don't do enough of in our District is promote outgoing youth. We need to get the word out there that it is something that is available to the youth in our District. This year we had one youth go out from the Windsor area. He went to Germany.

In closing I would like to say thank you to the district for allowing me to run this program for the last 3 years. I will greatly miss not doing it next year but hopefully will get the opportunity to do so again in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
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