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2011 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE
One-month Summer Hosting Program

California 4-H is looking for families who would like to host an international student in their home for one month this summer. The international students range in age from 12 and 19 and come from Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway.

Applications are being accepted now. Students are placed in homes with a youth of the same gender and within two years of age. The application provides information to help ensure good placements with families and teens sharing common interests.

You don’t need a fancy home or a separate bedroom to host – just a desire to make room in your lives for a new friend. You don’t need to spend a lot of money or time traveling the state – the students are not here as tourists. They are here to live with your family and participate in your normal summer activities. The costs are minimal. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance.

Please consider offering this priceless educational experience to your family. Teens that participate in exchange opportunities are better prepared for life in a global society. Through this first-hand experience they gain a deeper understanding of another culture and gain insight into the values and lifestyle of their own family and community.

Applications for Norway need to be completed by February 28, Costa Rica by March 30 and Japan by May 1. Placements for the Japan program are on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information go to: http://www.ca4h.org/Projects/Citizenship/International/.

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