



The 4-H/Bosnia Youth Leadership Program



Travel to Bosnia-Herzegovina in 2007

Frequently Asked Questions

1. When will the travel portion for Delaware teens take place?

We are anticipating a two-week travel between September 30 and October 13, 2007, but these dates are tentative at this time and are subject to change and even cancellation by the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo if conditions in Bosnia, the region, or events the world so warrant.

2. These dates conflict with school. Can't we go in the summer?

In addition to taking the Delaware teens to Bosnia, the 4-H staff will also be visiting with the Bosnian teens that will be in Delaware in April and May of 2007 about the projects they conceived and implemented back in their communities. For the most part, these projects will be happening in September and October. Like you, many Bosnian teens are on vacation in the summer and may be unavailable to participate.

3. Is it safe to travel in Bosnia?

Yes, it is absolutely safe.

4. I participate in fall sports activities at my school. Can I arrange it so I don't miss too many practices or games? Can my parents pay the difference on my ticket if I have to leave later or come back earlier for an important game?

While we recognize that sports and other school activities are an important part of many young peoples lives, this program is a once in a lifetime opportunity. If this is not the most important activity you are involved in next fall aside from family and school, please do not apply. It is expected that all participants will actively participate in all aspects of the program as a group. You need to decide what is most important to you and your long term future. No consideration will be given to changing schedules, flights or other issues to accommodate these individual needs except in the most extreme emergency.

5. Who will be chaperones?

At this time, Mark Manno and Katie Daly will be chaperones. Both have been to Bosnia previously and have traveled the entire country.

6. What will the schedule in Bosnia be like?

While that portion of the program is not yet planned, we have discussed spending four days each in Livno, Tuzla and Banja Luka. We will spend one to two nights in the capital city of Sarajevo also. Transportation between cities will be by bus. We expect that teens will stay with host families.

7. Who can apply?

Anyone can apply, but preference will be give to those teens who actively participated in 2006 or plan to participate in 2007.

8. How does the selection process work?

Once your application is received we will mail out forms to those people you name as references. The selection committee will then contact you and arrange an interview. Selection will be based on a combination of factors.

9. How many Delaware teens will be selected?

At this time, we plan to select five teens.

10. What happens after I'm selected?

We plan to have the selection process complete by March 15, 2007, so that both the Delaware teens and the Bosnian delegation arriving in Delaware in April will know who will be returning to Bosnia in October. There will be a number of required orientation sessions for the teens and some for parents. These sessions will include language and culture orientation, travel information, team-building and preparation to teach some aspect of 4-H leadership while in Bosnia. After you return from the trip you will be expected to make a number of presentations to 4-H, the community, and prepare news articles and press releases for general distribution. You will also be expected to be an active member of the planning committee for the 2007 program.

11. Why do you have to be 16 to travel to Bosnia but you can host when you are younger?

Hosting and traveling are two very different experiences. The hosting experience involves the entire family. When traveling, there are many other issues to consider. Delaware 4-H policy dictates that you be 14 to participate in out-of-state 4-H trips. The 4-H staff felt that a minimum age of 16 is reasonable to travel abroad, even if you have traveled abroad previously. Even then, the committee will still look closely at issues of maturity and responsibility for each applicant.

12. How much will this trip cost?

We anticipate that most expenses will be paid by the grant that supports this program. Incidental expenses, souvenirs and possibly some of your expenses while in transit will be on your own. We will have a much clearer picture as we get closer to the dates of travel. No one will be denied the opportunity to participate based on costs.

13. Who can I contact for more information?

Contact your county 4-H agent or Mark Manno at the State 4-H Office. His phone is 831-2997 and email is mmanno@udel.edu

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