

Hi Lion Rebecca,

Here is the report from 5M Lions Youth Exchange Foundation:

We currently have 15-20 accepted applications for this summer for Camp Spicer. I would like to propose we accept up to six (6) applicants in our district. At this time, we don't have any members interested or have contacted me about hosting a youth in our district. Most camps have been reopened in Europe and are accepting applications from all over the world. We are hoping to have a full camp here, but with some restrictions elsewhere and the prohibitive cost of travel, we may not be able to hold as large a group of youth for this summer.

We have tried to secure 13-15 countries, who we are holding spots available for Camp Spicer for this July. We would like to have 30-35 youth coming again this year. We would like to utilize the Eden Prairie Lions Club and "Let's Go Fishing", on Lake Riley, in Eden Prairie, for a lunch on July 30, 2025. I propose we allocate up to \$500.00 from our restricted funds to host this lunch and event.

We currently do not have anyone interested in going a Lions camp abroad this year. I'm hoping we may get someone or a Leo interested by the end of April. I don't want to request any funds until I have more information or a possible commitment. This will be determined most likely after this spring cabinet meeting.

We want to get our host family process going this year and hope to have all our youth placed by the end of May of 2025. Please contact me at the contact information below, so that I can give you more information, or give your clubs a presentation to help spread the word about this fun and rewarding Lions initiative. We also offer a \$300. stipend for each youth a host family accepts. Please consider hosting a gender and person from a country you are interested in learning from.

There are less than a dozen International Lions Youth Exchange Camps in United States. I would like to continue to see this wonderful and important collaboration continue within our multiple district. We will continue to be a leader throughout the world for sharing the important work Lions do in Minnesota and the technology we have in this district with their youth.

Thank you for your continued support for the success of this International Youth Exchange Program. Our district keeps our funds here and Lion Ross Thorfinnson, our 5M-5 treasurer, will allocate funds according to passed motions from our cabinet meetings. We're also a 501c3. If your Lions Club has charitable Gambling Funds we encourage you to donate. Make checks payable to:
5M Lions Youth Exchange Foundation.
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