



Special Exchanges



History of Special Exchanges

- Bridgebuilders
- Discover Exchanges
- Festivals
- Open World
- Interfaith Dialogue (Pilgrimage Project)

Next Generation

- For 21 years, I've been the Next Generation by joining and leading exchanges
- We need to find new members to lead our future by creating exchanges which would excite them



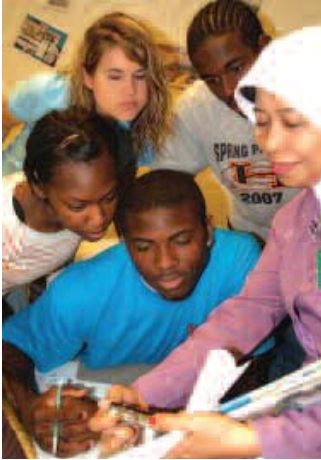




Next Generation Exchanges

- Educational
- Eco/Eco-adventure
- Humanitarian

Educational Exchanges



- Educational
 - Language Learners
 - Teacher Exchanges
 - Student/Youth Exchanges/Band Exchanges
 - School Principal Exchanges

Humanitarian Exchanges

- Humanitarian project which can be completed by the end of the exchange
- Ambassadors may contribute a nominal amount

Eco/Eco-Adventure Exchanges

- Nature
- Environment
- Outdoor Activities

2009 Eco-Exchanges

- Great Lakes, USA – Dave Kalan/Jim Huck
- Costa Rica – Vicki Vance

2011 Eco-Exchanges

- Costa Rica – Vicki Vance
- Intergenerational Eco-Exchange from Germany and Japan to Wisconsin and California – FFI Board Members



Great Lakes Eco-Exchange

Goals

- Fun activities which appeal to Next Generation
- Pair activities – environmental or eco-topic followed by a related outdoor activity
- Fill the exchange
- Low cost
- Provide multiple home stays in different settings – not a long distance between locations

Milwaukee

Audubon Center/Birdwatching on Nature Trail

International Crane Foundation/Bluff Climbing

Great Lakes Water Institute/Sailing

Urban Ecology Center/Bird Tagging

Wisconsin Lake Cottage

Solar Home/Rain Barrels

Chicago Activities

- Downtown tour of green buildings
- SMART home and LEED buildings
- SCARCE Recycling Center
- Conservation Foundation

Costa Rica Eco-Exchange



Earth University





Eco Lodge









Ideas from Young FF Leaders

- Active exchanges
- “How To” Exchanges
- Exchanges with less structure
- Humanitarian exchanges geared to the Next Generation
- Vocational exchanges
- Exchanges which incorporate a local event
- Attend a class and then have class travel on an exchange to use what they learned

- Be more sensitive about timing, length and cost of exchange
- Promote more domestic exchanges or exchanges to neighboring countries to bring down transportation costs
- Families with children want to be hosted by families with children
- Keep younger members and families active until they can afford or have the time to travel

I challenge you to create a Special Exchange based on one of your passions in life