

Youth Exchange Committee

PDG Lonnie E Morgan, Chair

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Dear Council of Governors:

Since my first experience with any Youth Exchange 3 years ago, as a host family volunteer, which led to a camp volunteer, which led to the main driver, which led to replacing DGE Tammy Allan as MD19 YEP director. I have been impressed by the excellent exchange students that have been sent to us.

Almost immediately at the first camp on Camano Island plans were made to exchange with Australia in early spring for a 2nd camp. As it currently stands MD19 Youth Exchange conducts two camps per year: The 3rd Camp Camano will begin June 25th and end July 5th with host family stays to follow. The 3rd Camp Totem will take place December 27th and end January 7th.

Currently we have 12 exchange students committed to Camp Camano representing 10 countries. We also have 8 students going out. I want to thank all the Lions clubs who sent support checks. Also thank you for supporting our fundraiser on May 4th.

Our biggest need is Host families, I am available at our table to discuss any details you would like. Schedule any visits to clubs, zones, cabinet meetings to promote youth exchange. My goal is simple. I want to match the 24 (potential) students coming into MD19 camps with an equal or greater number of students going out.

If you have questions about details, I am sure I can share details at the council meeting and will be prepared to have additional information in writing to add to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie E Morgan, MD19 YEP chair