

Families needed to host exchange students

Local families are needed immediately to host over 100 French and Spanish exchange students, mostly boys, who want to spend four weeks this summer experiencing American style living.

Evelyn and Julian Prince of West Bloomfield are the state coordinators for Nacel Cultural Exchanges which this year is bringing more than 6,500 French and Spanish students to live with American Families, including 331 to Michigan.

Families don't have to speak

French or Spanish to host, since the students have had 4-8 years of English language study. Their parents supply the children with pocket money and pay for their transportation and insurance.

"We often ask Michigan families to help out the exchange students by hosting, but afterward the families thank us for giving them such a wonderful experience," Mrs. Prince said. "They didn't realize they would be doing so much for their own family."

"THE STUDENTS are usually so polite and enthusiastic that they are a super influence and lots of fun besides! They share their knowledge of their own country and often invite the American family back to experience it firsthand," she said. "Hosting an exchange student is the best gift you can give your family!"

For the first time, Michigan families will have the opportunity to host both French and Spanish guests during July or August. One hundred and twenty French students and 60 Span-

ish students will visit Michigan July 10 - Aug. 7, with 121 French students and 30 Spanish students visiting July 24 - Aug. 20. French and Spanish chaperones who are teachers of English accompany the teenagers and are also placed in families.

Program organizers match host families with students according to general interests and specific activities they would like to share with their guests, such as sports, water activities, computers and music. Some American families take their guests on trips; others stay home.

"Having Tristan spend a month with us was a marvelous experience," said Lois Haske, whose family hosted through Nacel last summer. "His knowledge of English was excellent. A very good match was

made between him and my son John; they shared a lot in common," she said. "To me he is like my second son! Tristan was a joy to have with us!" Lois and her family will be hosting another French boy this summer.

IN THE RECIPROCAL program, Nacel offers American teenagers the opportunity to live four weeks abroad as part of a French, Spanish or German family. Moreover, for the first time, American teenagers who have hosted are being offered a \$200 Nacel hosting scholarship off the price of their European homestay either this year or in the future. This year the cost including transportation from Detroit or Grand Rapids is \$1,295 or \$1,095 for families who host or have hosted. More than 150

Michigan teenagers will be going abroad with Nacel this summer.

Nacel Cultural Exchanges is a non-profit organization listed with the National Association of Secondary School Principals and approved by CSJET. Nacel is the largest summer homestay program between Europe and the United States. Nationally more than 72,000 students and families have been served since 1969, while locally there have been more than 1,900 participants since 1980 when the Princes first brought the program to Michigan.

Families interested in hosting one of the teenage boys or their chaperones, or possibly a girl this summer should phone local representative Nancy Garber at 544-5998 or the Princes at 626-6641.

MHS sponsors card contest

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) and Compton Printing are sponsoring the second annual holiday greeting card contest. The winning design will be featured in a special holiday catalog.

The card with the winning design will be printed by the humane society and will feature the artist's name on the back. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will benefit homeless animals at the humane society.

Cash prizes of \$250 to the first place, \$100 to the second place and \$50 to the third place winners will be awarded, courtesy of Compton Printing.

The theme of the contest is dogs and cats and the art style is traditional. Entries must be submitted by July 12. Mail entries to MHS, Attention: Joan Witt, 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit, Mich. 48211.

Both a dog/puppy and cat/kitten must appear in the artwork. Entries must be a minimum of 5-inches by 7-inches, up to a maximum of 14-inches by 17-inches. Entries must be the original work of the artist and not have been published previously. All artwork selected for use by the MHS will become the property of and copyrighted by the humane society and will not be returned. It may be used

in various publicity and educational activities.

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