

Hosts needed for visiting youths

Area families are urgently needed to host 33 French and Spanish youths arriving July 4-5. These students want to spend four to seven weeks in Michigan experiencing American-style living.

Families do not need to speak a foreign language, since the students have studied English and want to visit Evelyn and Julian Prince of West Bloomfield, the state coordinators for Nacel Cultural Exchanges, are hoping that families will respond quickly.

These 33 boys are part of the 160 French and Spanish exchange students and chaperones scheduled to arrive here July 4 and 5. In addition, another 53 boys and 14 girls are unplaced from the group of 160 French, Spanish, German and Mexican students and chaperones arriving in Michigan at the end of July.

The Nacel program organizers match the 320 Michigan host

families with students according to general interests and specific activities they would like to share with their guests. The teenagers have a variety of interests including team sports, water activities, tennis, computers, camping and music.

Some American families take their guests on trips; others share their everyday lifestyle. The students, ages 14-18, bring pocket money, and their parents pay for their transportation and insurances. Teacher chaperones accompany the teenagers.

Most students will be here for four weeks, but some will stay for seven weeks. Hosts must supply three family references and are asked to provide the guests access to other teenagers. Children of host families get preferred acceptance as exchange students for the Nacel reciprocal programs to France, Spain, Germany, Mexico

Hills woman to direct singers

Jean Anderson Branzel of Farmington Hills has been honored by the American Union of Swedish Singers by being named co-director-in-chief of its Central Division Convention to be held in Novi July 6-8.

She will be directing about 150 male chorus singers while her co-director, Lillian Lagerkvist, will direct the women's group. The concert will end with each director conducting a mixed chorus number.

Branzel graduated from Farmington High School, and her family has lived in Farmington/Farmington Hills for 55 years. She and her husband Sandy now live in the home her parents built in 1939.

The grand concert for the convention will be held at Novi High School at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 8. There will be nearly 200 singers on stage performing both ethnic and English music. Tickets can be bought at the door for \$5.



Jean Anderson Branzel



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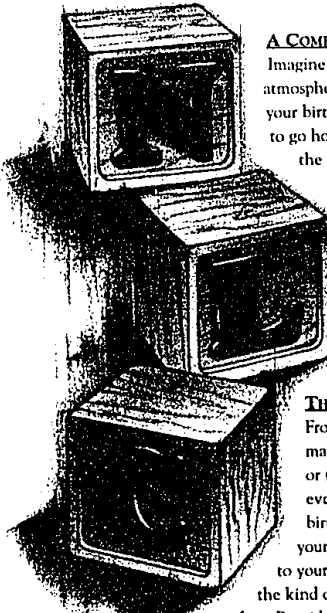
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