

**NEW!
INTERNATIONAL
LEADERS CLUB**

- ⇒ To promote international awareness and service through opportunities for personal growth and empowerment
- ⇒ On average, 21 teens have attended the eight meetings held so far
- ⇒ The Club's first major activity is being co-sponsored with the West Side YMCA's Leaders Club—a dance to be held on October 24th to benefit a local domestic violence shelter.

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ROYCO—Not a camp!

The International YMCA's Work & Travel program include hotels, restaurants and amusement park sites, as well as summer camps.

This past summer, **Royco Hotels**, one of the leading Hotel Development and Hotel Management Companies in North America, had 24 international students from Russia, Jamaica, Egypt, Ukraine and Taiwan placed in 11 US locations through the **Summer Work & Travel** program. These students were placed in housekeeping roles for work and were able to experience American culture too!

Properties range in size from limited service properties to full service hotels, with restaurants, lounges, and conference facilities.

Winter Work & Travel

We are pleased to announce the return of the **Winter Work & Travel** program that can bring qualified applicants to Camps and Conference Centers for a minimum of 3 months and a maxi-

Work & Travel—includes hotels, restaurants and amusement park sites, as well as summer camps and winter sites.

mum of 120 days to work in support staff roles, i.e. kitchen/food service, maintenance and office.

There are two types of Winter Work Travel Placements:

1) Winter Work & Travel placements at Camp or YMCAs (non-returning

staff) These are Identified by the International YMCA and at No Cost to the camp!

Contact Dianne Carty:
dcarty@ymcanyc.org

2) Winter Work & Travel Direct Placement and Returning Staff at Camps or YMCAs. These are staff known to the site. There is a \$400 Fee per Applicant, payable to ICCP with the application. Contact Judy Gomez:

ygoomez@ymcanyc.org

All Winter Work & Travel participants MUST be full-time students on an "official" university break during the time they would be here.

Be sure to let former support staff know about this opportunity. It does not matter which J-1 organization sponsored their J-1 visa in the past!

Winter Work & Travel participants can work in kitchens, offices or in maintenance roles.



International YMCA
We build strong kids,
strong families,
strong communities.

ICCP News

YMCA sites, and sites who use credit cards at the time of placement, will get the 2008 placement fee. All others will see a slight increase from \$975 to \$995 in 2009.

A SPECIAL OFFER for Returning Staff ONLY \$350!

Start the process NOW, regardless of which J-1 organization they may have come through initially, and be sure that returning staff understand they should NOT go through their recruiter at home but deal directly with the US camp director.

This offer is good only if complete applications are submitted with payment by 12/30/08!! Discount also for submitting online! Detailed information, instructions and all forms are on the ICCP website:

www.internationalymca.org/ICCP/DirectPlacement/Direct_Placement.shtml

A SPECIAL 2009 OFFER TO YMCAs

YMCA camps and conference centers, as members of the "Y Family," can place Regular participants—counselors, program specialists and support staff (office, kitchen, and maintenance)— at the 2008 fee of \$975!

USE A CREDIT CARD AND GET '08 FEE!

ALL sites will get the 2008 fee of \$975 if payment is made with a credit card at the time of placement! VISA, AMEX and Master Card are accepted.

All other sites will see a slight increase in 2009, to \$995 for Regular placements.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2009

It will result in overseas recruiters knowing camps' staff needs early enough to contribute to more effective recruiting of applicants. In addition, ICCP staff are traveling to South America to interview applicants and knowing camps staff needs for '09 will help them too!



Marta Rodrigo, former ICCP participant from Spain, entertains recently at ICCP with "nuevo flamenco"

Online registration for 2009 is found at this link:

www.internationalymca.org/ICCP/CampdirorsPage.htm

EVALUATIONS REMINDER

Every year ICCP works hard to improve. Your feedback is appreciated: the positive comments and your constructive criticism.

If you speak: we will listen!

It can be done online:

www.internationalymca.org/ICCP/FORMS.shtml

INVOICE REMINDER

Invoices are sent monthly. All balances were to be paid in full by September 1st. A 1.5% finance charge is added monthly to unpaid balances. Prompt payment will avoid having service to your camp interrupted.

A special "thank you" to all sites that paid on time!

Account Representatives can answer questions regarding the statement.

YMCA GLOBAL TEENS



Global Teens is a leadership development program which engages teens in the powerful adventure of international travel. Program elements include

**Global
Teens in
Lima, Peru
August '08**

meaningful service projects, youth to youth interaction, homestays, and awareness of cultural and social issues. A year-round, NYC-based program is available also.

This past summer, 86 teens traveled with 18 leaders to 9 countries!

Countries visited were Hong Kong, Peru, Mexico, South Dakota (Lakota Nation), Chile, Thailand, Dominican Republic, South Korea and Czech Republic. Applications are now being accepted and can be found on the website.

For more information contact Chad Nico Hiu, Teen Program Director: chiu@ymcanyc.org

**FOR
PERSONAL
CONTACT
WITH STAFF,
USE THE Y'S
TOLL FREE
NUMBER:
888/477-9622**



YMCA GO GLOBAL

This voluntary service and capacity-building program places skilled American adults (18+) at YMCAs around the world.

Go Global volunteers fully immerse themselves in the culture of their host country and assist YMCAs

in developing countries in working toward self-sufficiency. Group and individual programs are available.

Currently, there are three volunteers abroad performing service. One is in Chile, and two are in

Colombia.

Applications are now being accepted and can be found on the web site.

For more information contact Chad Nico Hiu chiu@ymcanyc.org

NEW! 12-MONTH AUSTRALIAN STUDENT WORK & TRAVEL PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce an exciting new program that can bring Aussies to camps and conference centers for up to twelve months in support staff roles, i.e. kitchen/food service, maintenance, office!
And, there is no fee to

the US host site!
Our recruiter in Australia, once informed of the jobs needing to be filled, will find prospects and submit completed applications to the International YMCA. In turn, these will be shared with the US

site.
Let current and former Aussie staff know about this opportunity and ask them to inform their friends and relatives. It doesn't matter which J-1 organization sponsored the Aussie's visa in

the past!
Complete information can be found at this new web site: worknholiday.com
For more info, contact Diane Carty: dcarty@ymcanyc.org

Care and Feeding of Your J-1 Exchange Visitor Employer/Host Site Responsibilities

So you need international camp counselors or international seasonal staff. Or perhaps you offer opportunities for trainees and interns at your site. The benefits of the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program are numerous to both employers/host sites and to J-1 Exchange Visitors (EVs). Participants in these J-1 visa programs, sponsored by the International YMCA, include camp counselors and support staff (office, kitchen, maintenance), summer work and travel seasonal staff, trainees, and interns.

Just as program sponsors like the International YMCA have responsibilities to EVs, sites hosting EVs have responsibilities also. They range from taxes and insurance to evaluation. General responsibilities include:

- Safety/Supervision: Ensure that EVs are in a safe environment, that they are trained in safety procedures, and that they are properly supervised at all times.
- Compensation: Pay EVs the prevailing wage or equivalent. In rare instances, EVs may be unpaid as agreed in a training plan or other document.
- Tax and Social Security Withholding: Withhold applicable federal, state, and city taxes; do not withhold Social Security, Medicare, or Federal Unemployment tax. Remember, you may begin to employ

train and pay EVs before they have a SSN as long as they can document that they have applied for a SSN.

- Insurance: Provide for workers compensation insurance. EVs have accident and sickness insurance for non-work-related medical care so there is no need for the host site to provide it.
- Room and Board: Some employers, such as camps and conference centers, may be responsible for providing room and board:
- Cultural and Social Activities: Provide information for EVs to take advantage of local cultural activities, a goal of the Exchange Visitor Program.
- Contact with YMCA: Report any problems immediately to the International YMCA.
- Evaluation: Complete an on-line evaluation.

This is a “bare bones” list. EVs may also require additional attention related to cultural adjustment, navigating local transportation, shopping, and other day-to-day activities.

If questions or problems related to any of these issues arise, call or email the International YMCA for assistance.

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INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CAMP STAFF TO GO DIRECTLY TO CAMPS IN 2009

In a continuing effort to respond to feedback and suggestions from our camps, ICCP will expand its more “travel friendly” approach in 2009 regarding participants’ US arrival locations.

Participants placed in New England and the East (NY, NJ, PA, Ohio) will be instructed to travel directly to camp, as did participants in the South Mid-West and West in 2008. This means that camps in the rest of the country now also can select a major international airport, in addition to JFK, for their ICCP international staff to arrive closer to camp.

This occurred without difficulty this past summer and the camps appreciated the flexibility.

This decision will give camps and participants placed in the East the same flexibility with arrival dates as their will be no more pre-assigned arrival dates set by ICCP. Camps can decide when best to have their participants arrive in the US.

More information will follow.



The International YMCA is authorized by the US Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs, to sponsor the Exchange Visitor Program and J-1 visas. J-1 visas are cultural exchange visas.

SEVIS FEE INCREASES EFFECTING TRAINEE & INTERN FEES

Fees related to Trainee & Intern programs have increased by \$80, reflecting an increase from \$100 to \$180 for the SEVIS fee.

SEVIS (the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System) is the Congress-mandated fee-based system created by the Department of Homeland Security to better keep track of international students and exchange visitors in the United States.

**SEVIS—
Student Exchange
and Visitor Information System**

The increase will be applied to changes needed to further improve the important task of welcoming international students and exchange visitors while protecting national security and will dramatically improve the administration of the program.

The fee increase is the first of its kind in five years.

The SEVIS fee, along with the DS-2019, program fees and FedEx overseas mailing, are all included in the fee charged by the International YMCA for Trainee & Intern applications.

The prices noted here apply to applications received by December 31st. They are still inclusive and reflect the increase:

1-3 months	\$780
4-6 months	\$880
7-12 months	\$980
13-18 months	\$1080

The cost for required insurance remains unchanged and continues to be \$58.50 per month.

DID YOU KNOW...

That the YMCA operates in more than 130 countries?

That the International YMCA is a Branch of the YMCA of Greater NY but began to take shape in 1911 as the Committee of Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students (CFR)?

The YMCA offered English classes to immigrants at Ellis Island as early as 1918?

The International YMCA officially began to administer its first exchange visitor program in 1948, after receiving a grant from the Ford Foundation to bring trainees to the US?

That ICCP—the International Camp Counselor Program—will celebrate 50 years of service to US camps, and the world, in 2009?!!

LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED

Trainees, Interns and others within proximity to the West Side YMCA in NYC may be interested in taking classes in one of the following languages:

- Mandarin • Portuguese • Spanish
- Japanese • Italian • French

Program cost is \$250/session for 8 weeks, with a \$100 deposit. Y members receive a 20% discount! Classes begin the last week in October and will be held at the West Side YMCA (5 West 63rd Street – Between Broadway and Central Park West). For more information on these extremely affordable classes—only \$31.25 per class!—contact Fabio Cruz, Language Center Coordinator: 212-875-4303 or fcruz@ymcanyc.org

The Strong Kids Campaign has raised \$107,000 in pledges this year for scholarships to International Y program participants!



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Since 1911
A Branch of the YMCA of Greater NY