

## What You and Your Parents Want to Know!

- **Age Restrictions:** Youth must be between the ages of 16 and 18 during the time they are in Billerbeck.
- **Hosting:** Teens participating in the program must host teens from Germany twice: once the year before they travel and once the year after they return. The hosting period is for about 2 1/2 weeks each time.
- **When:** Students in Germany typically end their school year later than ours, so the trips usually start in late June or early July and end in late July or mid-August.
- **Cost:** Families are responsible for paying for the airfare and providing spending money for their son or daughter. Some hosting expenses are incurred for food and admissions. Guest youth admissions to group events are funded by the Club. Fundraising opportunities are available for the students to help offset the expense of their trip. Each youth has an account within the Sister City Club to accumulate funds earned for his/her trip.
- **Expectations:** Teens traveling to Germany must be mature, friendly, and cooperative. When hosting, it's important that they spend lots of time with their guests and participate in activities and outings for the entire five weeks guests are visiting. It is a great way to have fun and make life-long friendships! Each participant must sign a contract with the Club.

## Adult Exchange!

In addition to the youth exchange, adult visits between Englewood and Billerbeck take place every two years. American adults typically spend two weeks touring Europe, including three days with our German friends!

- In 2014, one Englewood Club group toured Rome, Venice, Berlin, and Amsterdam, while another Club group toured Belgium and the Netherlands before traveling to Billerbeck.
- In 2010, the Club toured in Germany from Munich to Billerbeck.
- In 2006, separate family groups toured Southern Germany and met in Billerbeck.
- In 2002, the Club visited Italy, Switzerland, France and Germany on the way to Billerbeck.
- In 1998, the Club toured Switzerland, Austria, the Czech Republic and Germany (Dresden and Berlin), on the way to Billerbeck.

The Englewood Sister City Club also conducts monthly events including golf outings, Schützenfest, regional attractions, trivia night, and fun social activities. Annual family dues are \$15.

## ENGLEWOOD SISTER CITY CLUB



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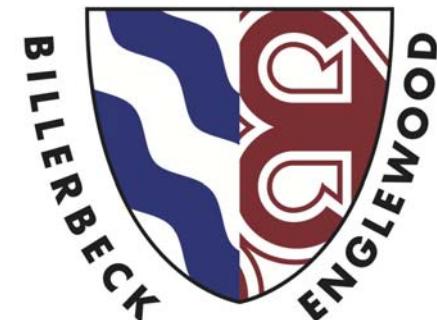
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## TWO CITIES



*Eine Familie*

**“ACROSS THE OCEAN  
WE ARE FRIENDS!”**



# YOUTH EXCHANGE



Welcome to the Englewood Sister City Youth Exchange, sponsored by the Englewood Sister City Club and our partner city, Billerbeck, Germany. The purpose of the exchange is cultural, educational, and recreational. Each year, Northmont area teens and German teens from Billerbeck spend five weeks visiting host families and teens in their respective countries. Americans visit Germany in even-numbered years, and Billerbeck teens visit Englewood in odd-numbered years.



Since 1986, over 200 area teens have participated in the youth exchange. During the travel period, teen guests stay in the homes of two host families for two and a half weeks each. They join in and experience typical lifestyles of their host families. While the time goes quickly, much is learned about the culture, heritage, and language. Just as important, teens spend time with each other, developing friendships which are often long-lasting between teens and host families on both sides of the ocean.



In addition to family time, each club provides many planned activities and outings. The Englewood Club has provided trips to New York, Washington, D.C., Chicago, an amusement park, and local and regional attractions like sporting events. In Germany, visits to Berlin, Munich, the North Sea, Amsterdam and other European cities are typical. Many hosts also take their guests on sightseeing and/or family outings.

## Yes, I'm Interested!

### How do I sign up?

If you would like to participate in the Youth Exchange or want more information, send us a little information about yourself. Drop this in the mail, or contact us by phone or email. We'll send you more details.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

H.S. Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities and interests:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Traveled outside of US? \_\_\_\_\_

Foreign Language? \_\_\_\_\_  
(not required)

### Englewood Sister City Youth Exchange

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