



## ORANGEVILLE LIONS CLUB

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### 2008 District A-9 Lions International Youth Exchange and Camp

The Orangeville Lions Club recently hosted the District A-9 youth exchange and camp delegates as they traveled through the local area.

The main purpose of the exchange and camp are to create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. For delegates, participation as a youth exchange and/or youth camper is often a life-changing experience. Traveling to another country, living with a host family, and experiencing another culture are milestone events.

The 2008 District A-9 program involves participants from 17 different countries. Delegates spend a portion of their time with host families within the district as well as a week at camp with the other delegates from around the world. Local Amaranth Lions Club members, Jane and Bruce Blears were involved as youth leaders on this year's exchange.

The Lions International Youth Exchange Program is a unique cultural learning opportunity that was officially adopted in 1961.





Even a traditional camp menu of hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream bring out the smiles after a long day of travel.



Did you ever see a Canadian barbeque ice cubes??



As a way to better understand the delegates and their home country, one of the exchange delegates gives a presentation at each meal. At the Orangeville stop, the presentation involved a number of highlights related to the country of India.

Orangeville Lions Club members assisting with the event included Lions Bill Theeuwen, Terry Sullivan, Dan Roach, Neil McCannell, Wayne White, Steve Piercy and Barry Sinclair.