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IAF Youth Exchange Project Document A (Requirements for the Youths)

- The following are requirements which the project has for youths who participate in the project. Fulfilling the first category of requirements is required by the project coordinators and by the IAF. Parts of the second category may be required by the host and must be specified or waived by hosts in each case.
- Please note, participation in the IAF Youth Exchange Project is intended for youths who are already falconers to improve and hone their skills, not to teach someone falconry from the beginning.

Category 1 (required by IAF):

- 1) In accordance with the IAF definition of youth, the participant must be between 18 and 30 years of age.
- 2) The youth must already be a practicing falconer and must be able to demonstrate the following falconry skills (this will be verified by someone known to IAF vouching for this or by evidence submitted through pictures, videos, and testimonials):
 - a. Ability to tie a falconer's knot
 - b. Ability to independently undertake the day to day management of raptors
 - c. Ability to weigh hawks and to interpret weights
 - d. Preparing raptor food (chicks, quail, rabbit, mice, rats, etc)
 - e. Hooding raptors
 - f. Basic raptor identification
 - g. General falconry knowledge (basic behaviour and food management around raptors)
 - h. Dispatching quarry.
- 3) Sign the IAF legal waiver.
- 4) Be recommended via a letter of recommendation by 2 people well known to IAF (national delegates, AC members, members of IAF Working Groups, etc).
- 5) Ability to speak basic English (this is necessary to communicate with the project coordinators and hosts).
- 6) Disposition to write up a summary of the experience afterwards (2 pages).

Category 2 (some of which may be required by hosts):

- 1) Ability to make basic falconry equipment (jesses, anklets, etc)
- 2) Ability to handle large eagles
- 3) Ability to handle falcons
- 4) Lure swinging with longwings
- 5) Ability to train birds of prey from start to finish
- 6) Ability to manage Accipiter's
- 7) Experience with breeding raptors
- 8) Basic Medical or Veterinary knowledge
- 9) Casting, Imping and Coping hawks
- 10) Fieldcraft as necessary for hunting
- 11) Language skills in: (to be filled in on a case by case basis)



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- 12) Ability to handle other animals such as ferrets, dogs, horses
 - 13) Ability to do a commentary for a flying display
 - 14) Proficiency in telemetry usage
 - 15) Participants must have medical insurance
- Should this be necessary for visas and other paperwork, IAF would be happy to facilitate letters of support.
 - Please note, the youth embarks on this exchange knowing that they are responsible for their actions and for getting to and from the place of exchange as well as for any further financial costs arising from this. The IYEP facilitates this exchange by putting youths and hosts into contact with each other and mediating where possible, but final responsibility for costs as well as for their actions lie with the youths or the hosts respectively in accordance with the details of their particular exchange which were agreed in writing beforehand. Both youths and hosts will be required to sign a legal waiver relieving the IAF and the coordination team of any legal responsibility before participating.