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To be provided or clarified by Hosts ahead of time:

1) Accommodation for the guest

Which includes:

- At least a bed or room for privacy
- Possibility to wash laundry
- Access to a clean bathroom
- A place to store food in a fridge or freezer
- Cooking facilities such as a microwave, cooktop or others / Alternatively, 3 meals a day could be provided by the hosts themselves for the guests such as:
 - Breakfast
 - Lunch
 - Dinner

2) Important points to consider ahead of time:

- Whether the exchange will be based completely on volunteer work or on additional wages.
- Each host ought to decide how they want to compensate the participants of the youth exchange project. This may be related to how many hours of work the youths are expected to do per day in exchange for the knowledge and opportunities which they are given.

Every host should decide if they want to invite people to come over for free to learn at their facilities, or if they wish to offer the participants a small reward such as a nominal wage to help cover costs. It must be clear that the interested youths are not to be considered as a cheap source of labour, but that this ought to be a mutually beneficial arrangement within which learning new skills and developing existing skills is a key objective. In doing this, the youths will of course support their hosts in any component of their daily falconry life, as needed for the management of raptors.

This may include amongst others:

- Cleaning aviaries



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- Feeding and checking every bird's condition (even though some individuals may be in aviaries at the time and won't be used for any falconry purpose)
- Medical assistance under supervision by the hosts
- Feeding chicks during reproduction periods
- Controlling weights and assisting at training sessions
- Participating in falconry shows if needed
- Also taking care of other animals used for falconry such as ferrets, horses, dogs, ...
- If needed, game or other hunting management tasks
- Any other points which the host may indicate ahead of time in accordance with their specific requirements.

3. What we expect from hosts:

- We expect hosts to remain calm and to be patient with their international guests
- Explaining new tasks clearly so the participants can understand what is required of them.
- To not exclude the young falconer from the rest of the team (the young falconer should be able to interact with colleagues)
- Eventually the falconer should be able to work with birds by him- or herself, not just assist hosts with management tasks.
- To check out the present laws in their own country to ensure that such an exchange possibility falls within the scope of the law and to assist with the organization of necessary steps and eventual paperwork in advance.
- To offer a certain variation of different birds of prey to work with in accordance with the details which they previously advertised.

4. Periods, during which participants may visit hosts

The actual time range within which falconers from 18-30 can visit hosts all over the world depends on different preconditions, such as:

- The purpose of the exchange (is it a breeding station, a hunting experience, a display company etc, ...)



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- When are the different seasons to hunt, breed, put on shows, etc. at the respective locations (differences between different countries and continents may apply, so every participating host ought to decide which period would be best for interested youths to participate in their activities in order to gain the greatest benefits).