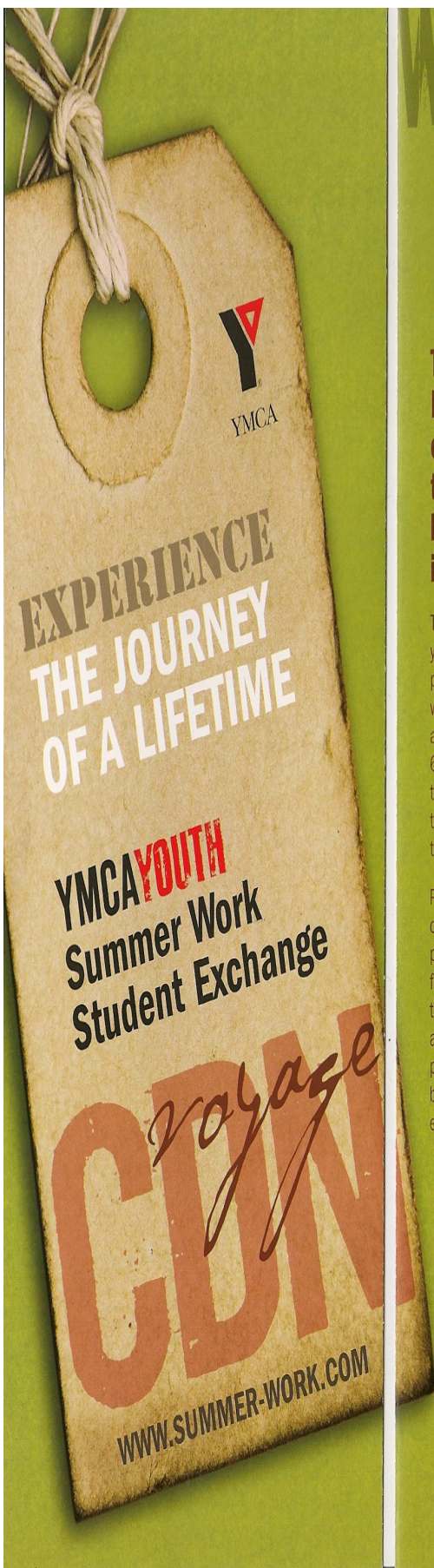


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The YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange is a national program offering opportunities for youth to improve their second official language skills while gaining important employment experience.

The program is open to Canadian youth, 16 to 17 years of age during the summer in which they participate. Participants will be enthusiastic youth with a basic ability in either French or English as a second language. These exchanges will last for 6 weeks starting at the end of June. To strengthen the cultural and language experience, youth are twinned with a community in another province where their second language predominates.

Participants will be hosted by a family in their twin community, and will also be provided with an appropriate paid employment placement. All participants will be further supported by Local Coordinators, hired and trained to ensure that everyone in the program can access a local support network of YMCA staff and peers. Local Coordinators will also enrich the experience by planning activities for participants a few evenings each week and during most weekends.

Summer Work Student Exchange Program

- Age:** Students must be 16 or 17 years of age at the time of the exchange.
- Language:** Students must have basic ability in the other official language.
- Duration:** 6 weeks during the summer months.
- Program:** French/English language immersion, fun, exciting exchange opportunity.
- Reciprocal Exchange:** Students' families will also host a student.
- Group Participation:** You will participate in various group activities with other exchange students.
- Community:** You and your team will contribute to the local community through a planned one-day event.
- Employment:** You will be provided with a paid employment opportunity in your host community.
- Cost:** A \$50 participant fee will be required if accepted. The cost of transportation and planned local activities will be covered by the program.

For complete program information

Please call or visit the program website. We encourage participation of all youth.

