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## Youth: the call of the wild!

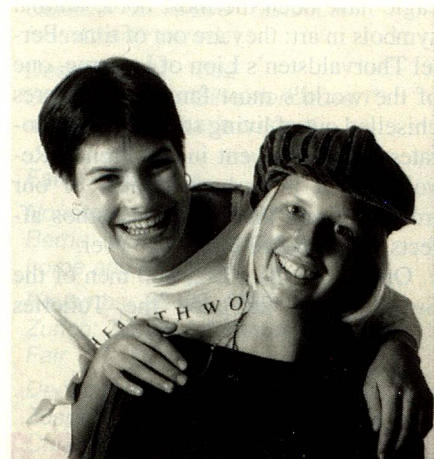
Spending unforgettable holidays in another country, getting to know a new language and a different culture, making friends for life: aren't you tempted? The exchange programme organised by the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad makes it possible. And young people like it.

**H**ow do Swiss young people spend their free time? Do they just sit around listening to country music? Do they really feed on nothing but cheese fondue and raclette? Of course not. But what do they do? How do the Swiss live? If you want to know, the rest is easy: since 1990 the Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad in Berne, working with the biggest worldwide youth exchange organisation, AFS Intercultural Programme, has been running an exchange scheme between young Swiss nationals in Switzerland and those abroad. This means: you spend your summer holiday with a host family in Switzerland and, either at the same time or afterwards, your family gives a holiday to a member of your host family here.

### Favourable echoes

Young Swiss Abroad who have taken part in the exchange programme often tell us about the good time they had. Lisa, from Canada, had this to say: "I never thought that my homeland would have so many interesting and varied things for me to do." Reto, from Norway, also had a very busy time in Switzerland: "My work at the bank

really gave me lots of pleasure." Roberto, from Argentina, did a trial apprenticeship while he was here and also made enquiries about possible studies in Switzerland. For many the time simply goes by too fast. Véronique, from France, writes: "The only trouble for me is that I don't want to go back to Marseilles any more".



Making new friends.  
(Photos: Youth Service)

*We had a great time!*

*I expect to make new friends*

*Ich habe die Schweiz kennengelernt wie sie wirklich ist und nicht wie ich sie als Ferienland erlebt habe*

*En Australie j'ai découvert une façon de vivre totalement différente de la nôtre.*

*Voy regresar el año próximo.*

If you are interested in the exchange programme, all you have to do is write us (see box for our address). A door you only have to push to open...

SSA Youth Service

### A few details

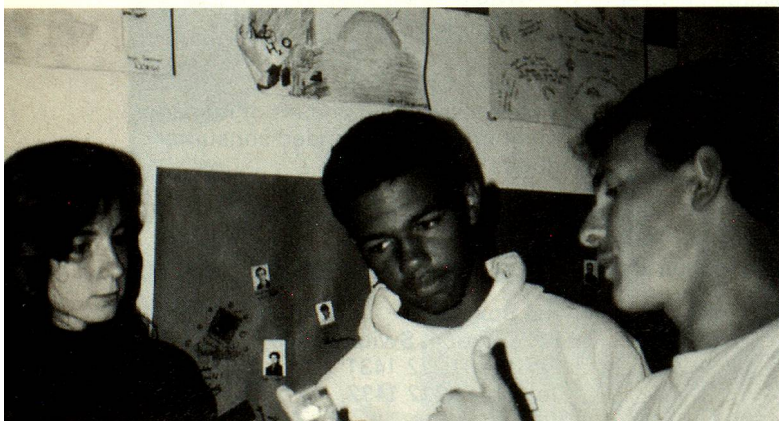
The programme is for young people and their families living in the following countries: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Singapore, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States.

**Dates:** July 7–August 14, 1993

**Age:** 15–25, overseas 16–25.

**Price:** About Sfr. 400.– per participant without travel.

Applications by the end of March to: Secretariat for the Swiss Abroad, Youth Service, Alpenstrasse 26, CH-3000 Berne 16.



The exchange programme more successful than ever.