

Got the Travel Bug?? Check out the American Youth Leadership Program to Samoa

*"I've been across the world and back these past three weeks! It's been a wild ride and I'm so grateful for it. I know my memories of the people I've met and places I've been will stay with me forever!"* Signe, AYL Youth Participant from Washington, 2013/14.



Talofa! The American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) provides an opportunity for youth and adult participants to travel to Samoa, learn about Samoan history, culture, traditions, and ways of life by staying with a host family during the three week program mid-December, 2014 to early January 2015. American and Samoan host siblings will also study cultural issues in the U.S. and Samoa around obesity and diabetes, marketing, and access to food.

Youth (15-17 years of age) and adult citizens that reside in one of the 13 Western states are eligible to participate in AYL with Samoa: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Willing to try different foods, sleep in a fale and live Fa'a Samoa (the Samoan way)? Check out AYL- Samoa! Detailed information and applications are available on the University of Wyoming 4-H web site: [www.uwyo.edu/4-h/](http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/) Applications are due April 1, 2014.

The American Youth Leadership Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs and administered by the University of Wyoming 4-H Youth Development Program. The AYL grant covers the following costs for participants: passport, roundtrip airfare for pre-trip orientation in Wyoming, roundtrip airfare to Samoa, meals, lodging, site visits, cultural activities and transportation in Samoa, accident and sickness protection. AYL is designed to advance mutual understanding, prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens, spark an interest in learning about foreign cultures, and develop a cadre of Americans with cultural understanding who are able to advance international dialogue and compete effectively in the global economy. Contact Warren Crawford, [crawford@uwyo.edu](mailto:crawford@uwyo.edu), or Kim Reaman, [kreaman@uwyo.edu](mailto:kreaman@uwyo.edu), for more information.