

## Youth Exchange 2014 – Where the Fun Never Stops



In 2014, South Carolina Lions sponsored 14 young people from 14 different countries. Students enjoyed experiencing American life as part of an American family for two weeks. Then it was life “on the road” with the traveling Youth Exchange Camp.

This summer, the busy schedule included whitewater rafting in the Upstate, a carriage ride in Charleston, a photo session with Governor Nikki Haley and a tour of her mansion, as well as being interviewed for a TV spot on WLTX.





The students ranged in age from 15 – 18 years of age and were from Belgium, Russia , Finland, Mongolia, Germany, France, Israel, Turkey, Italy, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Denmark, and Austria.

With the cooperation of Lions and friends around the state, the Youth Camp was able to provide unique activities like go-cart racing, water battles,

swimming in pools and at the beach, and a great variety of eating experiences. One of the memorable events this year was the “hot sauce challenge.” The uncontested champion was







Tomer of Israel. WHEW!!! Spoons full of different hot sauces and a variety of spicy peppers. A big thanks goes out to PDG Jim Varn (MD32 Chairperson), PDG Ned Shows, and PCC Dianne Pitts for travelling as chaperones and to all the individual Lions and clubs that made this camp possible!