

Dear compatriots,

The Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia re-launches “Ari Tun” program for the Diaspora youth.

The goal of the program is to familiarize Armenian Diaspora youth spread all over the world with its Homeland, instill them acknowledge their national identity, familiarize them with the traditions and practices of their people, Armenian families and the Armenian soul, foster a closer cooperation of Armenia and the Diaspora both in educational-cultural and moral-psychological respect.

In 2016 the program is going to be launched on June 12 and will continue till August 27, in 8 phases (each phase will last for 14 days). Diaspora youngsters from 13 to 18 will be hosted in Armenian families and will participate in a four-day camp envisaged by the program. the program is open for application by young people who did not participate in the program before.

The choice of host families is carried out by the administrative districts of Yerevan, RA community councils, and RA Ministry of Diaspora. The participants' stay with the Armenian families is not remunerated. The process of selection of groups and individuals for program participation is carried by the Diaspora community structures, educational institutions and the Diaspora Armenian organizations, with the support of RA diplomatic representations in the given country. Individual applications for participation in the program are also welcomed. Travel expenses are covered either by the participants or sponsors.

The Ministry of Diaspora of the Republic of Armenia meets the participants upon their arrival and sees them off when they leave Armenia. Armenian language classes, visits to the museums, tours to the sights of Armenia are also organized by the Ministry. During the camping days there will be educational programs, classes of Armenian language and Armenian Studies, of national songs and dances will be organized. Meetings with state, public and cultural figures will also take place.

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