

# Grange Inter-State Youth Exchange (GISYE)

*Submission Deadline: April 15*

AGES 16-20

The GISYE program provides the opportunity for exchange visits between youth Grange members and families in different states. The exchange, of 7 to 10 days in length, is designed to help the young Grangers to develop a better understanding of the community and Grange life of other areas. By thus building interest, enthusiasm and the increased youth membership should result.

## **The Plan**

This program is open to single Grange members (minimum of one year) in good standing who are more than 16, but less than 20, years of age on April 15, and in good physical condition.

The exchange is boys with boys, and girls with girls. One-way GISYE assignments are also possible. It is not restricted to rural families. SO far as possible, exchange will be placed with families of the same or similar religious faith.

Applications are received by the National Grange Youth Department, which then selects the exchanges. Upon notifications of their selection, each pair of exchangees will arrange their own schedule of visits. These should be 7 to 10 days in length and preferably sometime between June 15 and September 1.

Travel arrangements are the responsibility of the exchangees and their host families. The cost is to be borne by the family involved. Each exchange will get an official "GISYE" pin.

## **The Exchange**

Exchangees should correspond with their host families prior to making the visit. Upon arrival, they will participate in all the family activities of their host.

If it also a responsibility of a GISYE to publicize the program and make a report of their visit to the National Grange Youth Department.

## **The Host Family**

The host family will accept the exchange as a member of the family and, as such, provide room, board and laundry service while the exchangee is in their home. **ALL PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIANS AND ANY PERSON OVER THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN THE HOST FAMILY HOME MUST HAVE COMPLETED A SAFE GATHERINGS BACKGROUND CHECK**

## **The Grange**

The Subordinate and Pomona Granges should arrange a special program or activity in honor of the exchanges and assist in assuring the success of the exchange program.