

Greater Springfield Chapter CISV USA

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Up Next: New England Regional Mini Camp! Springfield goes to Maine!

Kick off Spring Break right at the New England Regional Mini-Camp in Maine! The camp will be held in the greater Bangor area from April 12 - April 14, 2019.



Children ages 10-18 are welcome to attend this camp -- whether you're a long-time CISV'er or new to CISV, this camp will be a blast! CISV of Greater Springfield is looking to send a large contingent, and carpooling will be available.

Our chapter's kids will join children from CISV Maine, CISV Boston, and CISV New York for a fun-filled weekend of peace education and leadership activities. Information on cost and registration will be available closer to April, so stay tuned. You may also check the CISV Maine webpage for further details: [Maine NE Mini-Camp](#).

Be on the Lookout for CISV Leaders!

CISV of Greater Springfield needs delegation leaders for our 2019 summer programs in Austria, Germany, Ecuador, Canada, Denmark, and France! If you know of anyone age 21+ who has worked with children/teens and has a passion for travel and peace education, please send them our way!

Contact Diane Peluso at dkp.pel5@gmail.com for more information on delegation leader jobs and to apply!

February Delegate Spotlight

Laura Griffiths: Making connections at home and abroad!



Laura Griffiths, of Longmeadow, MA, started her CISV journey as a delegate in Springfield's 2017 Interchange with Lyon, France. Interchange is CISV's signature summer exchange program. (See Laura, pictured to the left of the Eiffel Tower with her French Interchange partner, Eryne.)

Laura went on to attend Step-Up 14 in Philadelphia last year and she will participate in Step-Up 15 in Quito, Ecuador this summer.



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**New Website
Coming Soon!**

Making connections with kids at home and abroad is a big part of Laura's CISV experience. She is a true CISV ambassador, learning from others while sharing her experiences as a teen in the U.S. "CISV is an experience of a lifetime!" says Laura. "I have made so many great universal friends ... it's the relationships I made that I'll remember forever!"

Interchange: Looking for Delegates!

Join our exchange program with Graz, Austria

If you know a teen who will be 13 or 14 years old this summer, tell them about CISV Springfield's Interchange program with Graz, Austria! Interchange is a life-changing group exchange program that's lots of fun for kids and families.

Delegates will travel to Austria from June 30 - July 17 and the Austrian delegates will arrive for their Springfield-area homestays from July 20 - August 5. Please contact Jennifer Hall-Witt (jhallwitt@gmail.com) **before** February 26th for more details and to apply!

CISV of Greater Springfield is redesigning our website! The new website will be easier to navigate and will be updated with current news, announcements, and forms. We hope to roll out the new website this Spring -- stay tuned!

Save the Date ...

A chapter-wide dinner and celebration is in the works! The tentative date is early in the evening on **Sunday, March 10th**. More details to come via e-mail, so keep an eye out for an invite in your inbox!

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