

special mission exchanges: organized to a country usually in economic or political upheaval and needing humanitarian acts of special friendship such as medical supplies, food, or receipt of the special skills of participants. May or may not include home stays.

Trail Blazer: an honorary designation given to clubs in 2009 who have met a level of sustained exchange activity and high involvement of members and who organize and lead a Global Exchange.

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## FRIENDSHIP FORCE WORD-SPEAK

A GUIDE TO WEAVING YOUR WAY THROUGH THE LANGUAGE OF FRIENDSHIP FORCE

ambassador: a participant in an exchange to promote cultural understanding and awareness who is expected to represent the home club or country as a citizen ambassador.

host: the individual(s) providing a home visitation experience to the visiting ambassadors. Hosts may be full hosts, day hosts or dinner hosts. Hosts may arrange for friends, neighbors or other community members to meet the visiting Ambassador(s) and

hosts for another group of FF members from some other country or some other part of the USA.

interclub visitation: *See Domestic Exchange.*

national exchange: exchanges organized by Atlanta staff, open to any FF member in the USA and led by experienced local exchange directors.

outbound exchange: a visit of cultural understanding arranged by distant FF members to enable participants vetted and organized by our club to learn about the distant country or area through a 6-7 day program of daily activities and family experiences.

would like to visit on exchange or to host - used by Atlanta to provide matching exchange assignments between or among world clubs.

exchange workshop: a cultural sensitivity and logistics briefing required for all ambassadors before embarking as a participant on each exchange.

FF - FFNC - FFI: Friendship Force of Northern Colorado (FFNC) is one of 300+ clubs around the world, chartered by the non-profit Atlanta-based Friendship Force International (FFI) to offer intercultural home hosting experiences as part of The Friendship Force (FF). *See club directory for a history of FFI and FFNC*

bridgebuilder exchange: a special exchange matching similar special interests between two FF clubs e.g., gardeners, golfers, artists, school bands, etc.

buddy: a partnering of newer with experienced members to communicate and share organization information.

club directory: a special photo membership directory listing contact information and interests of all members of our club.

conference: a meeting of FF clubs to share ideas and best practices - **regional** meetings usually held

development exchange: a special exchange organized to an area of the world where FF is attempting to establish a new club - may or may not include home stays.

dinner host: an interested community member who wishes to be involved with an exchange and may host a small dinner, luncheon or brunch for visiting Ambassadors and their hosts.

domestic exchange: an exchange usually of 4-5 days established to introduce members of FF to another area within the USA - also referred to as an Interclub Visitation.

and be involved in parts of the exchange.

**exchange**: the primary purpose of FF - a formal program of people-to-people cultural exchanges usually of 5-7 days between two countries or parts of the same country, Organized by volunteers to introduce the guests to the culture and people of a city, region, or country. Different types of exchanges exist and include: Inbound to our club; Outbound from our club to another FF Club; Domestic within the USA; Special Missions of friendship; Development Exchanges; Global; and Bridgebuilders. Selected exchanges open to all USA members are promoted on the website: [www.thefriendshipforce.org](http://www.thefriendshipforce.org)

every other year and rotated among clubs. **international** meetings usually held each spring with alternate years in Atlanta or abroad.

**committees**: where the work and business of our club gets conducted with oversight by the four elected and various appointed Board members and committee chairs.

**day host**: a FF member or prospective member in the host club who assists the host with transportation to organized program events, provides day tours of local attractions, or offers to serve as a host if the host is at work or unavailable during daytime.

**exchange committee**: the expanded group of volunteers who assist the exchange director in the planning and execution of an exchange.

**exchange director - (E.D.)**: the lead volunteer and face for any exchange. Responsible for organizing and selecting ambassadors to make a positive impact on international understanding and goodwill; for planning the exchange and preparing ambassador or host participants for their roles in the cultural event; and for acting as the leader of the journey into the heart of another country or area. Appointed by the president and confirmed by the Board in our club.

**region**: a geographic area, established by Friendship Force International for administration and communication purposes. Represents a portion of a country, the entire country, or a grouping of several countries. Northern Colorado is part of the Rocky Mountain Region and includes 5 clubs in Colorado as well as clubs in Utah, and Wyoming.

**regional representative**: each region in the USA has a designated representative who is a member of a club within the region and serves on an ad hoc advisory board to Friendship Force International to encourage communication to and from the region and Atlanta. Our current representative is Dan Hathaway of Colorado Springs

**FFNC Board**: 4 elected officers plus committee chairs who oversee the business of our club. Board meetings open to all members.

**global exchange**: a cultural exchange with a special make up of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of ambassadors from the outbound country and  $\frac{1}{2}$  from other parts of the world to explore the culture of the host country.

**home stay**: hosting arrangements provided by a household in a distant location, identified, organized, and vetted by the FF club sponsoring an exchange.

**inbound exchange**: a formal 6-7 day program of hosting activities arranged by our club as the

**exchange program**: a set of activities organized by the hosting FF club to introduce inbound participants to the culture and life of the area or country being visited. Participants are expected to honor their hosts by attending events while a few activities may be identified as optional.

**exchange sign up**: the first step toward possible involvement (no commitment) for members to express interest to ED to stay informed for participation in upcoming exchanges, as ambassadors or as hosts.

**exchange survey**: a straw poll taken each fall to identify areas of the world which our members.