

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE A TO Z

An Opportunity of a Lifetime



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What Is Rotary!

- **International service organization**
- Overall Goal – making community, world a better place
- **One major goal – Polio Plus**
 - \$240 million (USD) and counting has been raised to immunize children of the world
- **Key program – Rotary Youth Exchange**
 - Providing ambassadors through our youth



Characteristics of RYE

WHY ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE IS #1 !

- Careful interviews
- Thorough orientations
- Local support group (Rotary club)
- Activities provided by Rotary
- Low cost



Youth Exchange Program Summary

- **Two Programs**
 - **Short Term Program**
 - **Long Term Program**
- Opportunity to experience new culture
- Opportunity to be the ambassador
- Opportunity to make friends for a lifetime



Short Term Program

- One on One exchange with another student
- Hosted by exchange student's family
- Normally three to four weeks in each country



Long Term Program

- For one school year
- Total immersion in the culture
 - Will become fluent in the language
- Hosted by 3 families (on the average)
- Supported by Rotary club and Rotary counselor



Costs of the RYE Programs

- **Short Term –**

\$1800 to \$2,200 (USD)

- Air fare
- Insurance
- Incidental costs abroad
- Costs for hosting

- No student allowance

- **Long Term –**

\$3,250 to \$4,500 (USD)

- Air Fare
- Insurance
- Orientations
- Language camp
- Monthly allowance
- Blazer, pins, slides

Host club provides student allowance



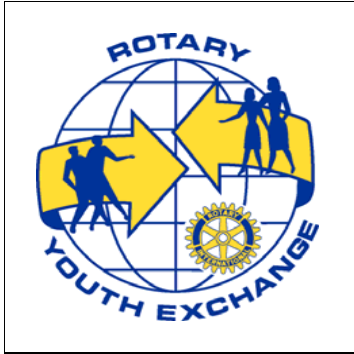
Sample Schedule

- **Short Term**

- Interviews -- Dec
- Orientation -- April
- Exchange -- Jun -
Aug

- **Long Term**

- Club Interview - Oct
- Dist Interview --Dec
- Orientation – Jan,
Mar
- Orientation camp-
June
- Departure -- Jul -
Aug
- Return -- following
June / July



ROTARY CLUB INVOLVEMENT



Club Involvement is Critical

- No club involvement means No program
- 10 to 20% of clubs in U.S. agree to host in many districts
- Outbound students average 3 to 10 per district
- Other U.S. districts host & send 40+ students
 - Alaska, Ohio, Michigan, Washington, NY
- Improvement needed and certainly possible
 - A culture change



Club Structure for YE

- President
- Board of Directors
- International Director
- **YOUTH EXCHANGE COMMITTEE**
 - Club YEO (2-3 year term)
 - Counselor(s) for Student(s)
 - 3 to 5 members (2 to 3 year terms)



Tasks for YE Committee

- **Inbound Program** (for long term students)
 - Find host families (look for dynamic Moms)
 - Appointing counselor (the “best friend”)
 - Getting student involved (club, school, city)
- **Outbound program**
 - Advertising short term / long term programs
 - Interviews / orientations (club and dist levels)

TASKS SUMMARIZED IN RI MANUAL, PAGE 7



Club Participation and Activities

- **Outbound Program**
 - Promoting Program at schools
 - Student Interviews
 - Family and student orientations
- **Inbound Program**
 - Counselor and host family orientation
 - Student orientation
 - Socials (Christmas Party, ...)
- **District conference**



Challenges to Club

- For **hosting** students (long term)
 - Budget (\$1,800 to \$2,500 - USD)
 - Host Families (perhaps biggest challenge)
- For **sending** student (short term / long term)
 - Little cost unless providing scholarship
 - Provide banners
- For **both**
 - Having committee to lead effort



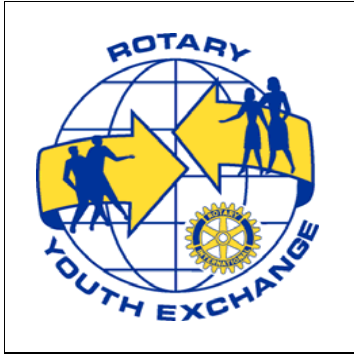
Club Budget

- Student allowance
- District activities for students
 - Orientation Week-end
 - Meetings with Youth Exchange students
 - District Conference
- T-shirt and Sweatshirt
- Other (Rotary lunches, presents, allowance, etc.)



Paybacks Can Be Enormous

- Inbound / outbound students
 - Memorable experience of lifetime
- Rotary members
 - Opportunity to become true Rotarians
 - Friendships around the world
- Rotary clubs
 - Involved in making world a better place



The Student



Qualifications of Rotary Exchange Student

THE TRAITS FOR BEING AN AMBASSADOR

- Good student (upper half of class)
- Willingness to adapt to new situations
- Initiative to get involved in activities
- Willingness to speak to groups
- Attitude for giving to others

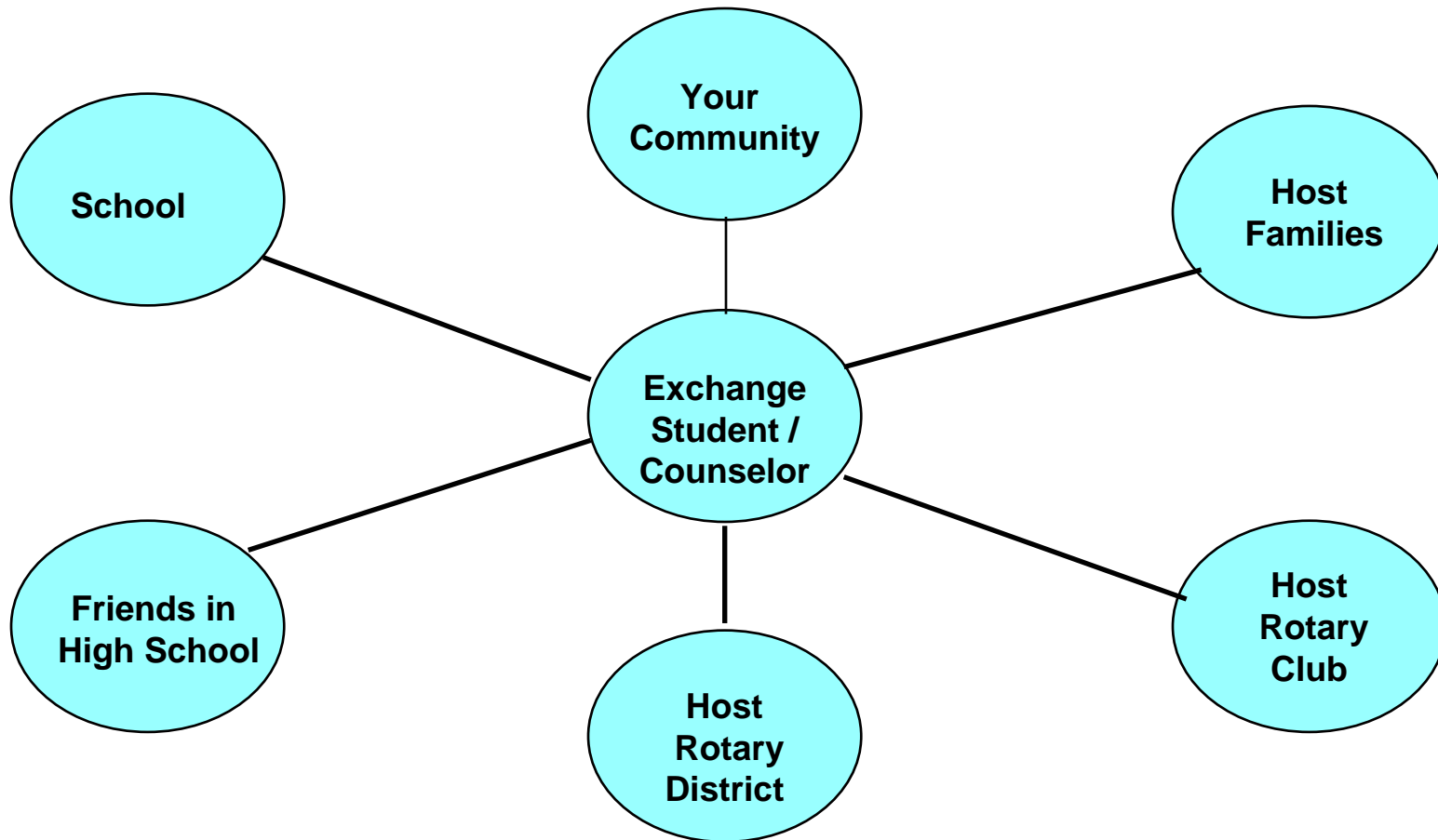


Student Challenges

- Challenges for student are many
 - Adapt to host family
 - Apply self at school; establish rapport with teachers
 - Make right set of friends
 - Become involved in Rotary club
 - Be known in the community
 - Communicate to Rotary back home



CHALLENGES FOR THE ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT

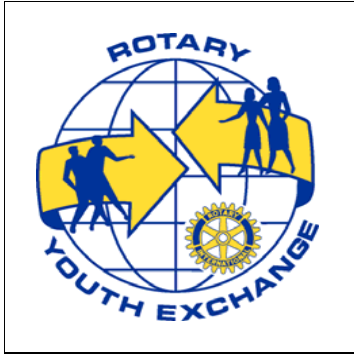




Following Rules of Rotary

- No **drinking**
- No **driving** (includes no driver education courses)
- No **drugs**
- No serious **dating**

Quick ways to go home!



Rotary Certification



Certification

- Districts that would like to participate with students traveling internationally, must be certified by Rotary International
- Each club needs to be trained and approved by your district to participate in the program.



Certification

Will significantly improve the program

- **Rotary International**
 - Set requirements for Rotary districts worldwide
- **State department**
 - Levying requirements for U.S. exchange programs
- **Multidistrict**
 - Processes in place to help districts and clubs
- **Rotary District**
 - Set up district procedures, train and advise clubs, handle reports and secure documents as needed



Resources

- **Rotary International**
 - **Youth Exchange** www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/index.html
- **Multidistrict Locations**
 - www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/websites/index.html
- **USA-Canada Youth Exchange Network**
 - **Rotary YEO resources site** www.yeoresources.org
- **Council on Standards for International Educational Travel**
 - **(CSIET)** www.csiet.org/mc/page.do