

## **Implementation of Youth Protection Policy Of District 6270**

There are differences between youth activities protection training and Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) training. Shown here are Rotary Youth Activities and Rotary Youth Exchange policies.

### **Rotary Club Certification**

- District youth protection policy requires all Rotary clubs to be certified to be in compliance with District youth protection policies.
- Certification can be attained by at least one Rotarian of each Rotary club attending the RI abuse and harassment prevention training at least once every three (3) years. Sessions are offered at either District Spring Assembly or Fall Seminar sessions.
- Annually Rotary Clubs must submit the completed “Continuing support of the District Youth Protection Policy” form, which is given to the Rotary Club President Elect at PETS. This form is due July 1 to the District Office, this is an annual necessity, as current club officers cannot obligate future club officers.
- Individual Volunteer Affidavits are required for all Rotarians who work with youth in any capacity that puts the volunteer in contact one on one with youth.
- Completed and submitted volunteer affidavits should be valid for up to five (5) years, or until a major change occurs (i.e.) change of address, name, phone number, etc.
- Once volunteer affidavits are on file in the District, then a Rotary club can annually send a listing of all Rotarians for background record check along with the appropriate fee.
- All background record checks are valid for up to 1 year (July 1- June 30).
- The district youth protection committee members complete background record checks.

### **Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)**

Host families -- all adult members of the household must have a background record check completed prior to the placement of any RYE student within the home. This includes any adults with access to the host family home. This means anyone with a key or other device that allows access to the home. Remember visiting adults (i.e.) grand parents if they are staying in the home while the student is present.

Rotary Youth Exchange procedure for host families must be as follows:

- Family completes an application.
- Club checks the references and does an in-home inspection, documenting both.
- Club submits application to district RYE chair for background record checks.
- Upon completion for background record check, applying family will be notified as approved to be a host student family.

**Under NO circumstance should any exchange student be placed in an unapproved home.**

All Rotarians and members of a hosting club youth exchange committee must submit a volunteer affidavit for a background record check.

The District Youth Exchange Committee will determine what training in addition to the above should be required of the club youth exchange officers. This additional training will be conducted at a designated date and time, outside of the district fall or spring meetings.