



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 6270



Youth Exchange Program Agreement and Commitment 2010 Promoting Peace and Understanding throughout the Rotary World

The District 6270 Rotary Youth Exchange Program shall be referred to as the "DRYE" The Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Inc. shall be referred to as "CSRYE". The Rotary Club of _____, Wisconsin USA, shall be referred to as "The Rotary Club".

The Rotary Club hereby attests that its Youth Exchange Officer and Board have reviewed the Rotary International "Rotary Code of Policies (RCP), Sections 2.110 and 41.080 (February 2006), the U.S. Department of State JI Visa Regulations 2006, the District 6270 Youth Protection Policy, and the District 6270 Reporting Guidelines. In addition we attest that our Board of Directors and Club Youth Exchange Officer commit to comply with these Policies, Regulations and these Reporting Guidelines at all times, for the protection of each exchange student. The Rotary Club agrees that it will participate in youth exchange under the Direction of the DRYE Committee and CSRYE only, and is prohibited from arranging exchanges outside of the District structure.

Volunteers

The Rotary Club hereby agrees to utilize the District 6270 Volunteer Affidavit to register each Club volunteer and community volunteer who will have repeated contact with Youth Exchange Students sponsored by The Rotary Club, and to submit these to the District RYE with this Compliance Form, or with Inbound student Guarantee Form, as required. Repeated contact means direct unsupervised contact with one or more Youth Exchange students. The Rotary Club agrees to update each Volunteer Affidavit every year, and to promptly provide Volunteer Affidavit for any new volunteers. The Rotary club agrees to interview volunteers to determine suitability to work with youth. The Rotary Club agrees that the Youth Exchange Officer (YEO), and/or Youth Exchange Counselor (YEC) must attend at least one (1) scheduled DRYE YEO Training session each year. The Rotary Club is not limited to the YEO and YEC and may send club any members to the DRYE Training. The Rotary Club agrees that neither the YEO nor the YEC may be a host parent for the exchange student currently hosted by the Rotary club. The Rotary Club agrees that it will have YEO and YEC for Inbound student(s).

The Volunteer Affidavit Forms and Criminal Background Checks will be kept on file for five years, and copies will be available for audit by the District 6270 Youth Protection Committee and/or the Department of State.

Host Families

The Rotary Club hereby agrees to utilize the District 6270 Host Family Application form and to screen each family which applies to host a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. Host Families that have applied, had references checked, and been interviewed have by the application agreed to allow the DRYE to acquire criminal background checks. The Rotary Club commits to providing the DRYE with the host family application for the Inbound student's first host family with the Guarantee Form, and for all subsequent host families a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the student changing host families.

The Rotary Club agrees that exchange students under their care WILL NOT be placed with a host family until all of the following have been completed:

Host Family application completed, and references checked

In home interview conducted by The Rotary Club YEO or his/her designate of all members of the host family

Criminal background check done for each member of the Host Family that is (or will be during students stay) 18 years of age or older.

Orientation conducted for Host Family or Families including providing family with a copy of the RYE rules and requirements, youth protection policy, a copy of the Department of State J-Visa regulations; and the checklist filled out

Application, and orientation checklist submitted to the DRYE.

The Rotary Club agrees that after the exchange student is residing with the host family they will:

Conduct announced and unannounced home visits

Will have more than one (1) host family but not more than three (3) host families

YEC will converse with host family at least once a month and keep a written record which will include date, place and what was discussed. The YEC is cautioned not to record confidential discussions but to generalize the meeting.

Inbound Students

The Rotary Club agrees to provide the Inbound student with the following information before or upon arrival to host country:

- Name and contact information for host Club Counselor (YEC)
- Name and contact information for host Club President
- Name and contact information for two (2) non-Rotarian resource persons, one male and one female
- Local medical, dental and mental health care professionals
- Local law enforcement agencies
- Local social service resources, where available, including suicide prevention hotlines, rape crisis hotlines, and local child protection agencies

The Rotary Club agrees that after the exchange student is residing with the host family they will:

- YEC will meet with Inbound exchange student at least once a month and keep a written record which will include date, place and what was discussed. The YEC is cautioned not to record confidential discussions but to generalize the meeting.
- Monitor exchange student for compliance with program rules, including instruct, correct and advise student of cause and effect.

Further agree to inform District RYE Inbound Coordinators and/or Chair of any non-compliance with program rules by student, and where agreed between The Rotary Club and DRYE, terminate the student's exchange and return them home at the earliest practical time by a route agreed upon by The

Rotary Club, the DRYE, the sponsor Rotary Club, the sponsor District, and the exchangee's parents or legal guardians. Under no circumstance shall The Rotary Club terminate and return the student on their own initiative.

Selection of Outbound Candidates

The Rotary Club agrees to follow the DRYE and CSRYE guidelines and eligibility for selection of Outbound Candidates. The Rotary Club understands that parents of outbound students are not required to host incoming students.

Failure to submit the District 6270 Club Compliance Statement prior to July 1 of each year, or failure to implement and comply with each step detailed above, will result in suspension of the Club from participation in the DRYE, until such time as compliance can be restored.

Club President:

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Club Youth Exchange Officer:

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax _____

Email _____

Indicate your preference below: (no guarantees but we will try)

January August Male Female Either

Inbound only Outbound only Both

The fee for this program is \$1,150.00, for each inbound student you host.
Deadline July 1. Late fee of \$100 after July 1 and before November 1.

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