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District 5160

Newsletter #4

November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES!



Inbound Student 2019-20 dates:

- **December 15th:** Quarterly Report 2 Due
- **February 15th-17th, 2020:** Winter Fun Weekend (mandatory)
Location, trip and departure Details to be announced so stay tuned.
- **May 1st- 3rd, 2020:** District Conference (mandatory) In Redding.
This is a **Blazer** event! More details to follow.
- **June 19th-21st, 2020** (tentative dates): Santa Cruz Surf Weekend (mandatory): Save the date!
- *YEX Activities Coordinator Cory will send out details for each of these activities as the dates get closer. Coryrose621@gmail.com*

Outbound Student 2019-20 dates:

- December 15: Quarterly Report 2 Due

YEO/Counselor dates:

- Monthly reports due: 15th of each month.

Club dates:

- Fall and Winter: **Recruit Host Families for next year's students!!!**

All Inbound Student Dates:

- Dates, times, locations for the 2019-2020 exchange year can be found at: <http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2019-2020-trips>

KEY INFO from WESSEX for hosting clubs, counselors, and inbound hosting families:



Our WESSEX top leadership met with the US Department of State and has vital information that everyone needs to know.

First, NO HOST FAMILY REIMBURSEMENT. Not an issue in our District, but WESSEX wanted to remind everyone involved on the inbound side of our program. Federal rules do **NOT** allow any reimbursement to Host Families, even if it is called something else...like a "transportation allowance", "meals stipend", etc.

Second, NO MARIJUANA...students or adults. Even though "Adult Use of Marijuana" is legal in California, Youth Exchange falls under a Federal program and Federal mandates...and Cannabis/Marijuana is not federally legal. Therefore, even legal usage, cultivation, sales, etc., by a youth exchange volunteers and/or host families violates Federal law. As such, we must disqualify those people from roles with inbound students to the USA. If you have ANY questions about these two important items, please let our team know.

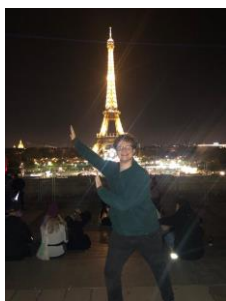


Host Family Changes

Rotary International's policy is that every exchange student should experience living with multiple host families. YEOs and Counselors, please check with Lynnette to make sure your second host family is fully vetted, as students cannot move into a new home until fully vetted. This process can take a week or two (or more!) so plan ahead. We are here to help!! Lynnette at: gerbertfamily@comcast.net

Transitions can be both great opportunities and challenging...so please take the time to train with new host parents, making sure the first night questions are discussed, etc. Often, basic things are missed because the student has been here for several months and the YEO/Counselor knows their role. Let's make sure the new host family has the BEST training and/or support possible!

Brad, OB Belgium 2019-20 strikes a pose with the Eiffel tower!

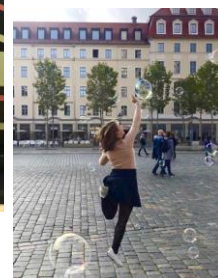


2019-20 IB's at Golden Gate Bridge
San Francisco
October 2019!

Faustine, IB France 2019-20, crowned Homecoming royalty at Mt Shasta High School!



2019-20 IB's assist at the 2019 Interact District Conference
Excellent job!!



Darcy, OB Austria 2019-20, has such a "bubbly" personality!