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District 5160

Newsletter #1

September 2018

IMPORTANT DATES!

Inbound Student 2018-19 date:

- September 15: 1st Quarter Report Due
- October 5-8: San Francisco Trip!

Outbound Student 2018-19 dates:

- September 15: 1st Quarter Report Due

YEO/Counselor dates:

- Monthly reports due: 15th of each month.

Club dates:

- September: **Get your student involved!**

All Inbound Student Dates:

- All Inbound Student dates, times, locations, etc., for the 2018-19 exchange year can be found at:

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2018-2019-trips>

OK, Everyone! Ready for a Dist 51060 RYE Committee Trivia Challenge?!

Which committee member said: "I am a certified archery range master"?

Post on your 5160 RYE facebook page who you think it is and the answer will be in next month's newsletter....

Updated Travel Policy

Many students, host families, and YEOs/Counselors are frequently confused about who needs to be "vetted", at what level, and by whom, so the YEX Committee has updated our travel policy with the intent of covering 95% of all travel and overnight situations for our students. **The chart below provides some basics.**

Student travel is welcomed as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program for an Inbound Youth Exchange student during the exchange year. The purpose of this policy is to provide student travel guidelines that ensure the safety of the student, the ability to contact them in the event of an emergency, and to ensure that the students travel plans are approved by the exchange program.

| Type of Travel | You need approval from... |
|------------------------|---|
| Local Travel | Host Family |
| Regional Travel | Host Family AND Counselor |
| Extended Travel | Host Family, Counselor, Natural Parents, District 5160 Youth Exchange Committee AND approved Request for Student Travel Form ** Request for Student Travel Form must be submitted no less than 45 days prior to date of departure |

Our full travel policy was provided at the Inbound Orientation at the end of August, but it can also be found online at:

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/host-families/travel-policy>.



Interact Club Involvement

Getting your student involved with a local Interact Club can be a great way to help them engage with peers at school and build interest for both future host families and future outbound students. If your high school has an Interact Club, it is **MANDATORY**, that your student joins that club!

An easy way to get our inbound students to see each other, and get involved with peers from their school is by encouraging them to attend the **October 21, 2018 Interact District Kick-off Party** in Winters. For more information about the Kick-off Party and to have your student register to attend, please visit the registration web site at: <http://interact5160.org/kick-off/> **Last day to register is September 21st!** The cost is ~ \$15 per person & can be paid on site.

RYE Committee Changes



The RYE committee welcomes two new members: Kelly Nickel – Youth Exchange Trainer and a special shout out to Interact Student Committee Member Surya! To meet our 2018-19 committee...please visit our web site:

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/committee-members>

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Food Fun from our 2018-19 Outbounds



Lexi Kenyon-Brox from Redding loves her Myrabel Tarte, baguettes, ananas (pineapple) and French Bacon!



Jacob Bohatch from Redding East is craving Belgian waffles, chocolate, and Belgian Fries with Mayonnaise?!?



Noelle Kopping from Chico is loving her host family backyard grill and Weiner Schnitzel in Austria!



Ru Townsend from Berkeley enjoys her savory meat-filled Pastel and acai bowls in Brasil!



Bucket Lists

At the inbound orientation, every student created a “bucket list” of things they hope to see, do, try, eat, etc., while they are in the USA on exchange. It is NOT the expectation that the students will complete these “bucket lists”, but we have found that these lists are GREAT conversation starters and easy ways for local Rotarians to engage with the students.

The lists, historically, have ranged from: “I want to ride a horse”, to “I want to touch snow for the first time”, to “I want to go to an American high school football game.” Check out this years list at:

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/bucket-lists>.

First Night (and Second Night) Questions



RYE students may wonder or stress about starting discussions in their host language about everything from family routines, meal times and laundry duty to those potentially awkward topics like bathroom sharing rules and how to work out potential problems. Wouldn't it be great if there were a way to make this easier? Actually there is!

The “First Night Questions” handout is a VERY useful tool for host families and Inbounds! The idea is to go through the questions together within the first few days of exchange (actually the questions can also be used when changing families or anytime that could use a communication boost). Then watch the conversation bloom!

Second night questions are for students and Rotary Clubs and are good to do with your counselor.

<http://yex.rotary5160.net/first-night-questions>