



Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee
District 5100, located in Northern Oregon and SW Washington, USA
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"Peace through Service"

March 25, 2013

To: All Inbound Students and Outbound Candidates
Cc: Club Youth Exchange Officers – District Leadership and DYE Committee

Re: District Conference, May 15 – 19, 2013
Arrival Time 3:30 PM Wednesday, May 15, 2013

At: University of Portland (a map is attached and signs will be out)
5000 N Willamette Blvd.
Portland, OR 97203

THIS IS A LONG LETTER, PLEASE DO NOT PUT ASIDE FOR LATER. PLEASE READ IN ENTIRETY!

Since our Eastern Oregon trip in February, I am sure the new Outbound Candidates have been doing all they can learn about the country and culture they will soon be experiencing. Inbound students are on the downward side of the exchange and are hopefully maximizing their remaining time to learn more about the US and our culture. **We will come together again as a group for Rotary district's conference from Wednesday, May 15th through Sunday, May 19th.**

This is a **required** event for both outbound candidates and inbound students. Outbound candidates are required to be on site for the entire conference, with the only exception being a very serious illness. Inbound students may ask to be excused if their prom or another significant event falls during the conference. However, you are expected to attend the conference at all times other than the time of your event.

INBOUND STUDENTS MUST CONTACT Steve Schwab by email at steve@sunsetgarbage.com IMMEDIATELY, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR BEING EXCUSED FROM ANY PART OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE. Outbound Candidates will not be excused from attending any part of this event.

The actual District Conference will be held at the Lloyd Center Double Tree Hotel; however, the Exchange Students will be housed at the University of Portland campus. The Rebound Parent and Final Outbound Parent Orientation will be held on the U of P campus on Sunday, May 19, 2013. A separate letter will be sent for these events. The drop off and pick up point will be at the U of P campus at Shipstad Hall (address above, refer to the map and look for signs).

Students should arrive at the U of P campus between 3:30 and 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 15th. Transportation to and from the event is a club responsibility. Lunch will not be served on Wednesday, so students should eat before arriving. All students may be picked up at the campus between 9:00 AM and NOON on Sunday, May 19. Inbound student's return home on Sunday is the responsibility of the Rotary

Club. Please notify Steve Schwab, by email, your travel arrangements and contact number. If an Outbound Candidate must drive to this event, they will be required to turn the keys to their vehicle over to the District Committee upon their arrival. We will be walking everywhere during this conference so bring comfortable walking shoes.

Chris Taylor will assist in arranging transport of the Eastern Oregon Inbound and Outbound Candidate students from points East of The Dalles. Eastern Oregon students, please contact Chris at 541-786-0408 (Cell) to confirm that you will be going with Chris, and to check for your pick up place and time. If you are being transported to this event by other means, please let Chris know. **DO NOT CONTACT CHRIS for a ride, if you are not from Eastern Oregon.**

Speech Contest – Wednesday is the speech contest. Every student is required to prepare a 5 minute speech. The Theme of your speech is “**Peace through Service**”. Four students will present their speech to the entire conference on Friday evening as part of the Talent Show. See the attachment for details.

Talent Show – The Talent Show will be held Friday evening at the Double Tree Hotel beginning with dinner at 6 PM. Families are encouraged to attend the Talent Show. Please check with your Rotary Club for registration information. **IF YOU PLAN TO AUDITION FOR THE TALENT SHOW, PLEASE COMPLETE THE SIGN UP FORM SENT TO YOU IN A SEPARATE E-MAIL AND RETURN IT TO TERRY MOHR AT: tmohr@carsonoil.com.** Terry will need to know, who is in the performance, what is planned to be performed, the time of the performance (should not be more than 5 minutes), and what audio or other equipment you require. (i.e. number of microphones, CD Player). We would much prefer CD's over flash drives or cassettes, or an internet hook up. You are responsible to bring your own props. **PLEASE PARTICIPATE!** The Rotarians really like this part of the conference.

Country Fair - We are holding a country fair similar to the one held this past January where you will be sharing information and answering questions on Friday at the Conference. All inbound and outbound students should bring display items for your country. These would include some pictures, maps, displays, etc.

Language – Students not participating in the talent show will spend Thursday working together to improve the outbound student's language skills and learning to work through common situations you will encounter in your hosting countries. Non talent show inbound students will have the opportunity to retake the SLEP test on Thursday. Non talent show outbound candidates will be taking a simple language “quiz” in their new language at the same time. Talent Show participants will have the same opportunity on Saturday morning the 18th.

Saturday, May 18th – There will be additional activities for the students Saturday. These will include SLEP test for those students who were in the talent show and language test for the outbounds in the talent show. After lunch we have something special planned.

Shelterbox – Remember to bring any money you have raised for the Shelterbox project. You received an earlier email about this project.

STUDENTS, PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOU:

- **NAME TAG** – The one issued to you.
- **One medium-size suit case**
- **Appropriate CONSERVATIVE clothing**
- **Rain Wear** (This is Oregon, if you don't like the weather, wait five minutes)
- **Rotary Blazer** – Outbound's, if you do not have yours yet, you will receive at District Conference
- **YOUR FIVE MINUTE SPEECH** (On note cards, if you have not memorized)
- **Instruments, props and/or costumes for the Talent Show**
- **Clothes for getting wet and dirty**
- **Extra shoes that are OK to get wet**
- **Soap, Towels and other Toiletries**
- **Sleeping Bag and pillow.**
- **Award Winning Positive Attitude**
- **Spending Money**
- **Your Notebooks and pen**
- **Camera and spare batteries**
- **Pins for Trading**
- **Shelterbox Money** – Barbara will collect any money you have for this cause.

Attire – While at the U of P campus, the dress is casual but neat. Denim pants and athletic shoes are OK.

On Friday when at the Double Tree Hotel for the District Conference, dress is business casual. Blazer, slacks, shirts with collars, ties, and dress shoes for the men; blazer, blouse & skirt or dress, and dress shoes for the ladies.

At no time are low hanging baggy pants, spaghetti bra straps, tee shirts with any inappropriate printing, cut offs or pants with holes in them are allowed. No bare midriffs are allowed. If you are wondering if something is not allowed, it probably isn't. Remember you have one chance to make a first impression.

Things Not To Bring – Electronics unless for the talent show. Cell Phones must be turned off except when we inform you that it is OK. We need your complete attention at all times.

Do not forget to wear your name tag! This is a great event, but a busy one. Bring a big smile, stretch your flexibility and enjoy the great opportunity that Rotary is making possible.

If you have questions, or need additional information, please contact your country officer or Steve Schwab.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Steve Schwab, Chairman
Rotary District 5100 Youth Exchange Committee