



Rotary International District 5100
Youth Exchange Committee (2010-2011)
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"Reach Within to Embrace Humanity"

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

Re: District Conference, May 16 – May 20, 2012
Arrival Time 3:30 PM Wednesday May 16

At: George Fox University
414 North Meridian Street
Newberg, Oregon 97132
503-538-8383
www.georgefox.edu

Enter the campus off N. Villa Road. Girls will be housed in Macy Residence Hall #69 boys in Hobson Residence Hall #61.

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's district conference from Wednesday May 16th through Sunday, May 20th.

This is a **required** event for both outbound candidates and inbound students. Outbound students 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 date of your event.

INBOUND STUDENTS MUST CONTACT SPARKY VAUBEL sparky@sparkyelectric.us IMMEDIATELY BY E-MAIL, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR BEING EXCUSED FROM ANY PART OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE.
Outbound Candidates will not be excused from attending.

The District Conference is being held on the Campus of George Fox University in Newberg. The students will be staying in the Hobson and Macy Residence Halls. The Rebound Parent and Final Outbound Parent Orientation will be held at Newberg High School on Sunday May 20th. A separate letter will be issued for these events. The drop off and pick up point will be at the Residence Halls.

Students should arrive at the George Fox Residence Halls between 3:30 and 4:30 PM on Wednesday, May 16th. **Transportation to and from the Conference is a club responsibility.** Lunch will not be served on Wednesday, so students should eat before arriving. All students must be picked up at the residence halls between 8:45 and 10:30 AM on Sunday May 20th. **Inbound** students return home on Sunday is the responsibility of the Rotary Club. Please notify Duane "Sparky" Vaubel, by email, your travel arrangements and travel 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 students from points East of Boardman to Newberg. Eastern Oregon students, please contact Chris at 541-568-4365 (H) or 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 Newberg 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 round one and round two of the speech contest. Every student is required to prepare a 5 minute speech. The Theme of your speech is “Reach from Within to Embrace Humanity”. Four students will present their speech to the entire conference on Friday evening as part of the Talent Show.

Talent Show – The Talent Show will be held Friday evening at Bauman Auditorium preceded by dinner at 6 PM at Klages Dining Hall. The actual talent show and Parade of Flags begins at 7:30 PM, ending around 10:00 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 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 in Bauman Auditorium. All inbound and outbound students should bring display items for your country. These would include; pictures, costumes, maps, displays, music, etc. Talent Show performers should bring display items to put out, but will be rehearsing during the country fair.

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 morning. None talent show outbound 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 19th.

Saturday, May 19th– 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 out-bounders in the talent show. After Lunch you will be going to Evergreen Water Park in McMinnville. ☺

STUDENTS, PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOU:

- **NAME TAG** – The one issued to you.
- One medium-size suit case
- Appropriate CONSERVATIVE clothing
- Rain Gear (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
- Grubby work clothes, for a service project
- Extra shoes that are OK to get wet
- Swimming Suit for the Water Park
- Soap, Towels and other Toiletries
- Sleeping Bag, pillow.
- Award Winning Positive Attitude
- Spending Money
- Your Notebooks and pen
- Camera and spare batteries
- Pins for Trading

Attire – While at the Residence Halls, the dress is casual but neat. Denim pants and athletic shoes are OK.

On Friday when at Bauman Auditorium for the district conference dress is business casual. Blazer, slacks and shirts with collars 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 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 – IPOD"s, or any type of portable music machine, computers, televisions, Xboxes, Playstations, etc. Cell Phones must be turned off except at specific times when we inform you that it is OK. We need/require 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 Sparky Vaubel.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Sparky Vaubel, Chairman
Rotary District 5100 Youth Exchange Committee