



Rotary International Youth Exchange Committee
District 5100, located in Northern Oregon and SW Washington, USA
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"Light Up Rotary"

April 9, 2015

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

Re: District Conference, May 13 – 17, 2015
Arrival Time 3:30 PM Wednesday, May 13, 2015

At: Red Lion Hotel Pendleton
304 Southeast Nye Avenue
Pendleton, OR 97801

THIS IS A LONG LETTER, PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT ASIDE FOR LATER. PLEASE READ IN ITS 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 5100 District conference from Wednesday, May 13th through Sunday, May 17th.**

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 Pendleton Convention Center; however, the Exchange Students will be housed at the Red Lion. The Rebound Parent and Final Outbound Parent Orientation will be held on the weekend before at Tualatin High School on Saturday, May 9, 2015. A separate letter will be sent for these events. The drop off and pick up point will be at the Red Lion Hotel in Pendleton.

Students should arrive at the Red Lion between 3:30 and 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13th. 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 should be picked up at the Red Lion by 10 AM on Sunday, May 17. Carpools in both directions will need to be arranged. Please notify Steve Schwab, by email, your travel

arrangements, number and if you have room to take more students. 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 “**Light Up Rotary**”. 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 Pendleton Convention Center 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 EMAIL 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 length of the performance (should not be more than 5 minutes), and what audio or other equipment you require. We would prefer CD's over cassettes, and flash drives are better than 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 Elitis English 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.

Saturday, May 17th – There will be activities for the students Saturday. These will include the Elitis English test for those students who were in the talent show and language test for the outbounds in the talent show. **All Students** need to confirm with me in an email how and when they will be leaving this event on Sunday. I will want a time, name and cell number of the person that is driving you home.

Shelterbox – Remember to bring any money you have raised for the Shelterbox project. We discussed this on the Eastern Oregon trip in Hermiston.

STUDENTS, PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WITH YOU:

- **NAME TAG** – The one issued to you. You will need it to get your meals.
- **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 3X5 note cards, or memorize it)
- **Music, Instruments, props and/or costumes for the Talent Show**
- **Clothes for getting wet and dirty**
- **Extra shoes that are OK to get wet**
- **Toiletries**
- **Swimsuit**
- **Award Winning Positive Attitude**
- **Spending Money**
- **Your Notebooks and pen**
- **Camera and spare batteries**
- **Pins for Trading**
- **Shelterbox Money** – Sparky will collect any money you have for this cause.

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

On Friday when at the Convention Center 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 2012-15
Rotary District 5100 Youth Exchange Committee