



YOUTH EXCHANGE

WELCOME STUDENTS HERE!

We will exchange with District 1080 of England, hosting 10 students and 4 Rotary chaperones between April 3, 2006 and April 24, 2006. Then, from August 1 to August 22, 2006, we will host 20 German students from Districts 1830 and 1930. Students will stay in America for a total of three weeks, staying one week each in 3 areas of our district, making each host family responsible for seven days of the visit. Within each District 5220 region, we hope to establish the involvement of multiple clubs for local tours, events, and home stays. Of these days, we hope to have structured activities planned for five of the seven days.

We will need volunteers not only to host students in their homes, but to plan and accompany the visiting students on different planned outings. Some of the activities planned include: Governor's Mansion, California State Railroad Museum, John Sutter's Fort and the State Capitol in Sacramento, San Francisco attractions Alcatraz, GG Bridge, Chinatown, Coit Tower; local attractions in Columbia, Calaveras Big Trees, and Yosemite, as well as Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Carmel. We will need potential chaperones and guides for all activities we plan. A more complete list of potential activities is available at:

http://www.rotary5220.org/Avenues_of_Service/short_term_eng_ger.htm.

You'll also find information on the exchange Districts of Germany and England.

Besides providing financial support, sponsoring Rotary Clubs will be required to fulfill other supportive obligations, including assisting with the inbound students, tours, housing, transportation, education, fellowship, and providing general club and district event support. It is expected that clubs will also adhere to various simple yet important procedural guidelines such as the "Abuse and Harassment Prevention Policy" (all further specified in the District Handbook).

CLUB/HOST FAMILY EXPENSES:

- Basic food and lodging provided by hosts
- Club program participation fee - \$350 (Due March 31, 2006)
- Additional financial support may be available through clubs for students who are not financially capable of participating
- Compliance costs for screening/fingerprints

SEND STUDENTS ABROAD!

In return, our local participating exchange students will travel abroad to both countries independently in July, with 10 students and up to 4 Rotary chaperones (including a high school teacher) going to England between July 10 and August 1, and 20 students traveling to Germany between July 11 and August 1, 2006. Some monetary obligations are as follows:

STUDENT EXPENSES:

- Airfare – England \$1,109 – Germany \$1,329 (Due March 31, 2006)
- Spending money and emergencies \$200 to \$500

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

- Participants are subject to the District Abuse Policy
- Each club needs a Youth Exchange Chairman to coordinate participation

The word is out to the students, so we are now hoping you will try to generate some interest within the clubs and also begin looking for potential volunteers to assist in different aspects of the program.

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Find forms and applications at: http://www.rotary5220.org/Avenues_of_Service/short_term_eng_ger.htm.