

Rotary Youth Exchange

Information Night

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**Would you like to study abroad?
Do you ever dream of living in another country?**

Maybe **Rotary Youth Exchange** is for you. Questions?
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An information night for Rotary Youth Exchange will be held at the Carmel High School Community Room on **Thursday, September 15th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**. This session is for interested students and their parents to learn more about RYE, and whether or not it is the program for them. It is not a commitment, just a **chance to learn** more about the Program.

RYE is for students ages 16-17, typically sophomores applying for their junior year abroad. It is a full academic year in another country. You will live in a host home and attend a local high school. It is the best program of its kind, and one of the least expensive programs in existence. Join us to learn more.

The Community Room is in the west wing of Carmel High School, on the first floor, just north of the school cafeteria. The exterior entrance door number is 7 South. CHS is located at 520 East Main Street, Carmel 46032. That is just a few blocks west of Keystone / Hwy 431 on Main Street (131st Street to the west of Keystone).



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The program is to foster world understanding through intercultural exchange. Exchanges last almost a full year in the host country, during which the student lives with two to three host families and attends school.

Host families for these programs can be Rotarians or non-Rotarians. Typical Rotary host families come in all shapes and sizes and might include young children, older children or no children at all. For non-Rotarian families, an important part of their hosting experience is an introduction to how Rotary works. (Great for recruiting new Rotarians)

The administration of a Rotary Youth Exchange program is carried out entirely at the club and district levels.

Each year, Rotary districts worldwide arrange more than 8,000 international youth exchanges for secondary school students.

Hosting an Inbound

Club Responsibilities:

- Appoint a Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor(s)
- Become United States Department of State, (DOS) and Rotary Certified
- Solicit your local school cooperation
- Host Families – 3 – August-November, December-March, April-July.
- Fees - \$750 (CSRYE and District Costs), \$100/mth spending money, Other – Total \$2,250
- Counts as Community and International Service projects.

The district provides all training, paperwork, high level supervision of the students.

Club applies then commits to host, agrees to DOS and Abuse/Harassment training/certification and attends training for YEO/Counselors and Host families.

The first host family application is due 12/31 of the prior year, encourage a club member to be first host family.

Sponsoring an Outbound

Club Responsibilities – help find students, pay the fee, and sign the forms for sponsorship.

Fee - \$700 (Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, (CSRYE) and District Costs)

To qualify, a student should be between the ages of 15 and 16, in the upper-half of his or her academic class, of good character and emotionally stable and be in good physical condition. Most importantly, he or she must be able and willing to be a good ambassador. Plan on spending your Junior year abroad.

The student, or the student's family, is expected to pay the \$450 Rotary Fee plus travel, as well as provide some spending and emergency money. Room, board, and schooling are provided by the host Rotary club and family. Total cost \$7,500 to \$9,500.

Please talk to your schools and Rotarians – this is one of the few Rotary programs where our own kids and grandkids can participate.

"If every 17 year old went on exchange, there would be no more wars." Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar

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