

Host Family Orientation Outline/Documentation

This Orientation can NOT be conducted at the same time as the In Home Interview/Inspection.

IB Student: _____ Host Family: _____
Please print

Rotary Club: _____ Year: _____

The following topics should be covered during the Host Family Orientation.

General Comments:

- Modern RYE Program started in 1972
- Now Over 7000 students from over 80 countries participate in program annually
- All YE Programs are regulated by Department of State, thus numerous REQUIREMENTS – including IN HOME interview, background checks, orientation sessions, monthly contacts
- Student will have 12- month medical insurance policy upon arrival
- Student will have \$400 emergency fund to cover unexpected expenses, medical deductibles, etc.
- Counselor will keep original documents
- Student generally spends 3 ½ months with each family – move dates mutually agreed upon

Counselor Duties:

- Student usually stays with counselor first to get acquainted
- Counselor will enroll student in school, open bank account, make introductions to club, etc.
- Counselor will have MONTHLY contact with student and with host family
- Counselor is student's friend and mentor and is host family's resource if problems arise

Discussion Items:

- Ok to initiate communications with student (and parents) prior to hosting
- Use Host Family Manual as resource
- First Night Questions – in manual DO THIS!!!!
- Treat like one of the family – chores, meals, etc.
- Include student in family life – do not allow student to isolate him/herself
- Telephone calls and internet access – establish guidelines
- The Four "D"s – drinking, driving, dating, drugs (also downloading and decorating – i.e. tattoos and, piercings)
- Driving – students are not allowed to drive ANY kind of motorized vehicle (i.e. go carts, waverunners, ATVs)
- School – students are expected to make an effort in ALL classes. Failing grades are NOT acceptable
- Religion – do not require church attendance, but invite student to participate
- Medical Insurance – authorization for treatment is part of Long Term Application – Emergency fund can be used to pay deductibles
- Money – student will have monthly stipend from club and probably a credit card from home
- Employment – formal employment not allowed – babysitting, mowing yards, ok

- Smoking – not allowed, application should state that student does not smoke
- Traveling – guidelines in Host Family Manual – student can travel with other students in local community - travel outside community must be with recognized school group or adult - **independent travel is not allowed - all travel out of area must be approved IN ADVANCE by YE Committee – travel request form available online**
- Parental visits – parents may want to visit during last part of exchange - visit must be approved
- District Activities – September Orientation, October and November events, other events later in year
- Flexibility to Share Student – families should be willing to share their student with other host families and counselor – families should be sensitive to not interfering with current host family activities
- Youth Protection Policy – Rotary is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all YE students. It is the duty of all Rotarians, host families and volunteers to safeguard, to the best of their ability, the welfare of the student. Students will receive training on how to respond to any situations where they feel threatened or unsafe.
- District/Club support – advise host families that you are available to assist should problems arise
- Questions?????

You should also provide the following to each family:

- (a) Host Family Manual
- (b) Contact information for Inbound Counselor and Club President

Please put a check mark in the following boxes and sign below:

- Yes, we have received an Orientation covering the topics listed above.
- Yes, this orientation was conducted **separately** from the In Home Interview/Inspection.

Date Orientation was Conducted: _____

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Husband's signature

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Wife's signature

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Rotarian's signature

The Club YEO or Inbound Counselor should sign, scan and e-mail this form to admin@rye6080.org
Or
Mail it to: Rotary 6080 Youth Exchange, Johnah Terbovic, 20 Allies Alley, Sunrise Beach, MO. 65079
Or
FAX to 1-312-423-1843

We MUST have a copy of this Form in our Files in order to maintain our RYE Certification.