

Short Term Exchange Program Calendar

- **Mid-June**
Students depart (group travel itinerary)
- **Mid-July**
Students and their “matched” counterparts return
- **Mid-August**
Students fly home
(dates may vary)

Exchange Countries:

*Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Italy
Netherlands (Holland)
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Ecuador*

Applications are available from:

Your local Rotary Club
or the
D-5080 Youth Exchange Website:
www.rotary5080ye.org

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Youth Exchange Chairman
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Short-Term Exchange Coordinator
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Local Rotary Club Contact:

Short Term Exchange Program



Rotary District 5080 Short Term Exchange Program

Helping Youth Discover the World

*An opportunity for youth, ages 15-19,
to experience another culture by
participating in a 60 day
international short term exchange.*

What is Short-Term Exchange?

Short-Term Exchange is a 60 day short term exchange program. Applicants are matched with a student in Europe or South America. Matches are based on the student's age, gender, country preference and interests. The purpose of the program is:

1. To promote international peace, goodwill and understanding through a 60 day family-to-family international exchange.
2. To provide the opportunity for students within Rotary D-5080 to experience international travel and spend 30 days with a foreign host family.
3. To provide the opportunity for foreign students to experience international travel and spend 30 days living with a family in Rotary D-5080.

Applicant Criteria

The Short Term Exchange Program is open to students between 15 and 19 years of age. Students may come from Rotary or non-Rotary families.

We are looking for well-rounded students who are open to new ideas and experiences. While abroad, students serve as ambassadors of their family, home community, country and Rotary district.

Students must understand and abide by Rotary Youth Exchange Rules and be able to adapt to their host families and host country.

Cost

You will pay a fee of US\$500 which includes medical/travel insurance, orientation, and administrative costs. Half is due by March 1 and half is due in May.

Other Costs

- Airfare
- Passport
- Modest gift for host family
- Reasonable amount of spending money

- Room, board, recreational and sightseeing costs for the foreign student's visit. (The host family will provide similar items for the US/Canadian student.)

Orientation

Students and at least one parent are required to attend the Short-Term Exchange orientation:

- The first Saturday in May – at Camp Lutherhaven near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Applicant Responsibilities

1. Complete the Short Term Exchange Program Application and Country Preference form per the instructions and give them to your local Rotary club representative by March 1.
2. Attend the Rotary club interview with your parents.
3. Upon acceptance and notification of a match, learn about the country you will be visiting.
4. Apply for your passport.
5. Attend the required orientation meeting.

Parent Responsibilities

1. Be willing and able to host a foreign student in your home for a 30 day period.
2. Be willing and able to provide recreational and sightseeing opportunities for the foreign student during his/her visit.
3. Provide a check for US\$250 payable to "Rotary D-5080 Y.E.C." by March 1. Pay the remaining US\$250 in May at orientation camp..
4. Attend the required orientation meeting.
5. Encourage your son/daughter to act as a goodwill ambassador while on exchange.

Local Rotary Club Responsibilities

1. Distribute brochures, applications, and country preference forms to applicants.
2. Interview applicants and parents.
3. Provide a counselor for the applicant and his/her family.
4. Visit the applicant's home to determine that the family is able to host the foreign student.
5. Invite US/Canadian applicant and his/her parents to a Rotary meeting prior to departure.

6. Invite the foreign & US/Canadian students to a Rotary meeting while they are both in our district.
7. Be available to help the foreign student with any concerns or problems.

Applicants

If you need the name of a Rotary club representative in your area, see the Contact page of www.rotary5080ye.org. The deadline for submitting your application forms to a local Rotary club is March 1.

Sponsoring Rotary clubs

Forward completed and approved applications, country preference forms & fees to:

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(contact Jennifer for mailing address)



This program provides a cultural and educational experience for two "matched" students and their families.

It offers each student the opportunity to experience the culture and customs of a foreign country and share the culture and customs of his/her own country.

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