

# Youth Exchange



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**Where are you going this summer?**

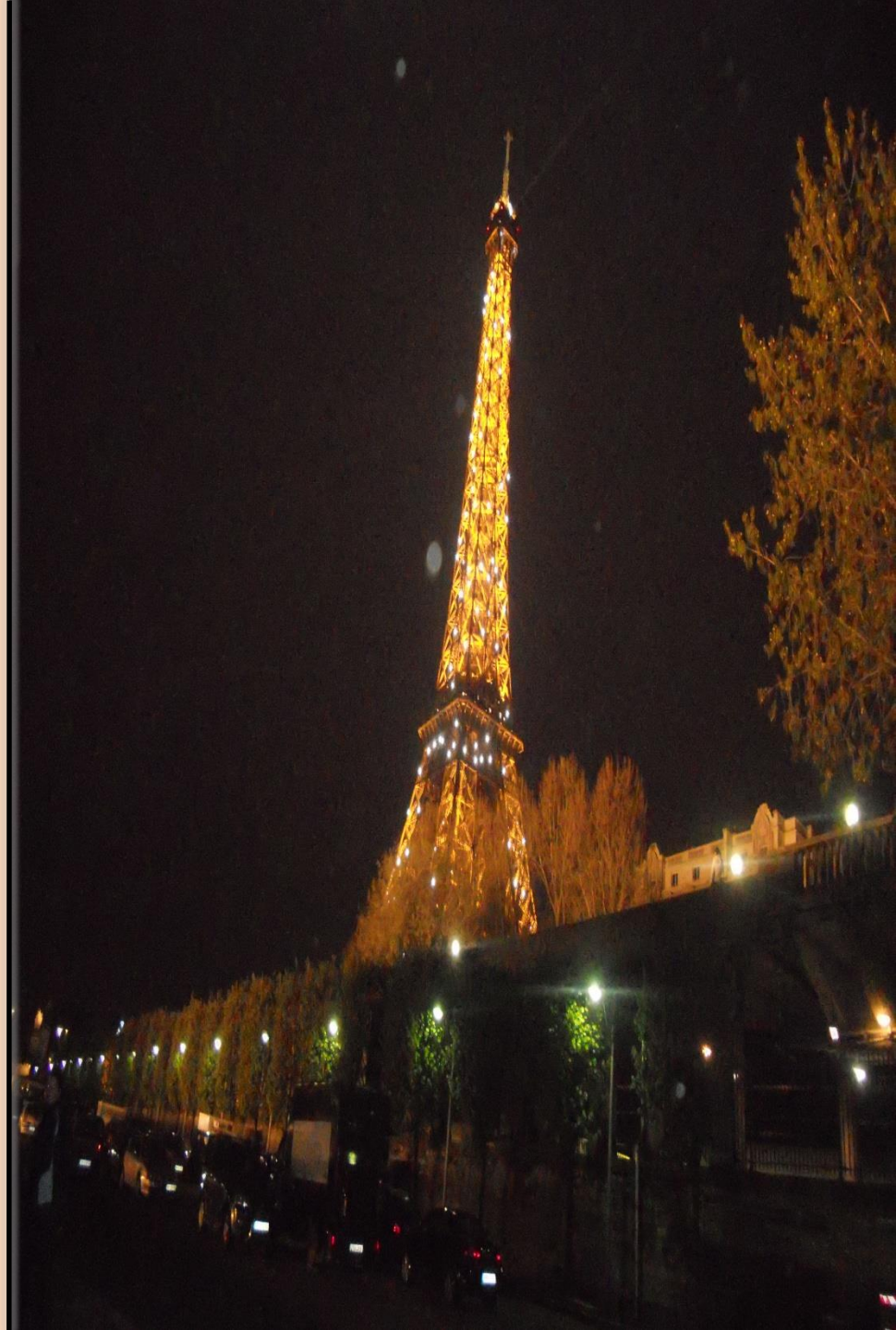
**We have some ideas for you!**



District 6910 and ESSEX  
have joined forces to coordinate  
short term exchanges for the  
summer of 2014.

**Who, What, When, Where & How**

Please Note:  
Rotarians' Children and Grandchildren  
are given preference in this program.





**Who?** High school students between 15 and 18.5 years old. Must live and go to school within District 6910.



**What?** Six-week short-term exchanges (3 weeks out-bound and 3 weeks in-bound).



**When?** Summer 2014.



**Where?** Over 30 countries are on the exchange list. You do not need to be fluent in a foreign language.



**How?** A multi-step process beginning with a student application and local Rotary Club sponsorship.



First step? Interested student and family fill out an application.



Every youth exchange must be sponsored by a local Rotary club.



Interviews are held to help ensure program understanding and selecting good quality students.



Candidates are selected and the country matching begins (usually in January).



**Who pays for the program?**

The program is funded by the families that participate.



**What does the short term program cost?**

\$1,800 to \$2,500 is a good estimate. Costs include:

- Airline ticket for your child.
- Small administrative fee to cover district expenses such as background checks, etc.
- Insurance (medical for your child)
- Spending money (for your child)
- Hosting expenses for inbound student.

Family  
to  
Family  
Short-term  
Exchanges



# What does a Youth Exchange Student look like?



# Youth Exchange Program Process

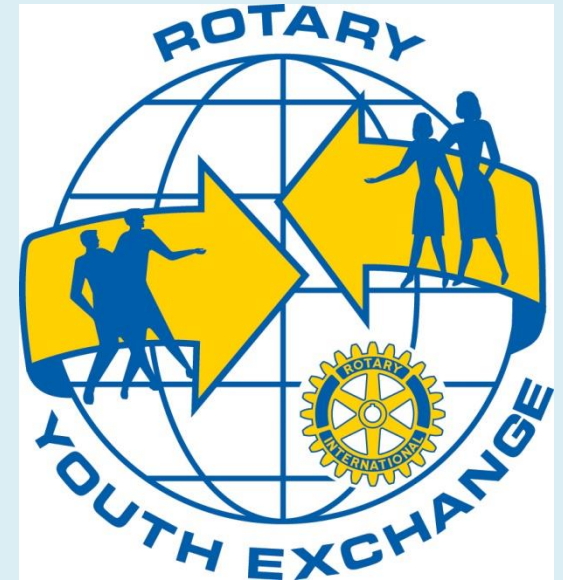
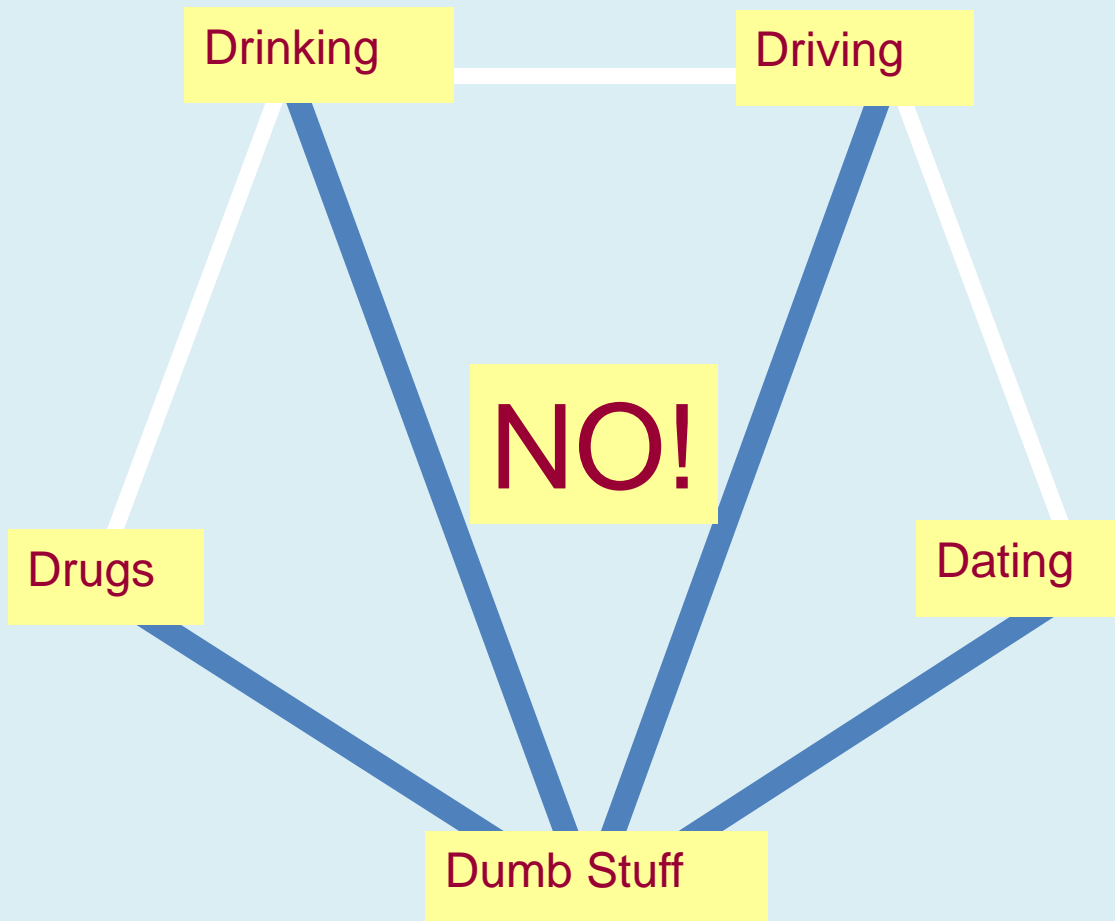
- Family & student complete application
- Local Rotary Club agrees to sponsor
- Application is submitted to district
- Interviews are held
- Students selected
- Students matched to country and host family
- Families begin to arrange exchange dates

# Youth Exchange Program Process

- Application will be located on the District 6910 website.
- Preference will be given to the children and grandchildren of Rotarians.
- Sponsoring club should have at least one person who has completed the Department of State training, criminal background check, and completed the volunteer reference form.
- Youth Exchange operates under the Department of State rules and regulations.
- Students must sign a pledge related to conduct during participation in the program.

# Youth Exchange's Code of Conduct

## The Five Ds



# Sponsoring Club Contributions

- Youth Exchange Officer & Volunteers – Department of State Training, Criminal Background Check, Volunteer References
- Club Counselor – Available by phone to assist students in need. Utilized to verify student's well being.
- Volunteers that can help with stranded youth exchange students on their way to other clubs who are delayed at Hartsfield/Jackson Airport.

# Host Family Screening

- Background Checks
- Interview
- Home Inspection

# Where to get more information

- District committee
  - Burton Blackmar - District Chair
    - Phone: 678-267-0203
    - E-mail: [blackmar1@gmail.com](mailto:blackmar1@gmail.com)
  - Denton Ashway – Youth Protection Officer
    - Phone: 770-205-9414
    - Email: [ashwayad@bellsouth.net](mailto:ashwayad@bellsouth.net)
- ESSEX website – [www.exchangestudent.org](http://www.exchangestudent.org)

*Thank you for supporting  
Youth Exchange!*

