

# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

## DISTRICT 6440

### Youth Exchange Program



## Inbound Students- Welcome to District 6440

### Welcoming the World to District 6440 **Under Construction**

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I took a while to adjust to life in a smaller city, but I will always think of it as my second home. I love America!  
Hermann- Mexico 2000-01

*I was writing an email to my Dad in France, and there was this sentence "I think that I will have to ship some stuff home". The problem was that I couldn't remember AT ALL how to say "shipping" in French, my own language. It's actually such a wonderful thing! I THINK IN ENGLISH! I am so happy! And I so don't want to go home! - Melanie, from France*

Our District hosts 20-30 Inbound **RYE** students during a typical year. These students represent 19-20 different countries. Several of these students may arrive in January as winter Inbounds specifically from the southern hemisphere. All of our exchanges are arranged through Central States Rotary Youth Exchange (**CSRYE**) from over 30 participating countries around the world. All students typically live with 2-4 host families during their 11 months in America. Each local Rotary Club designates a Youth Exchange Officer and Counselor who are dedicated volunteers involved with the student and the host families to make this year the best year of their lives.

**No Tourists Allowed**- High School is a focal point for Inbound students, even if they have already graduated from their school back home. Going to school and living with caring host families are major cultural activities to learn about the United States

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as a resident, not a tourist. Students may not attend college classes and have agreed to abide by the RYE rules and guidelines before entering the program. Most students have a fairly good grasp of the English language. Those not fluent have committed to total immersion into our society and agree to learn English quickly.

**High School** - As an RYE student, every day they attend high school and learn something new about American culture, about the English language by studying subjects such as American History, English writing and authors, Music, Science and Math, and other languages of the world taught by American teachers. Our students attend schools where they make friends and learn what it's like to be a teenager in America. They learn daily from interacting with teachers, sales clerks, bank tellers, school friends, as well as their new RYE friends.

**Host Families** - Each family has volunteered to be a loving, caring part of a RYE student's life. In addition to opening their hearts, they will provide a room, food, and safe home after being carefully selected by the local Rotary YEO. Families apply to be hosts and are then put through interviews and background checks to ensure that they will be a good fit for the program. Rotary program families are not paid to host our students. Students learn how family members relate to one another and will learn about teenage social life and extracurricular activities. Our students are flexible, enjoy the challenge of adapting to American life, and have a spirit of adventure.



**Insurance** - A full medical and liability insurance program is provided for each RYE student paid for by the host Rotary Club. To view the policy [click here](#). The student is responsible for the deductible charges as described. Students are free to go to any doctor or hospital for treatment as this is not a Group Health program. No Inbound should purchase any other policy before arriving.

**Travel** - RYE students in District 6440 have several guidelines restricting their travel both within the District boundaries and outside on overnight trips. Please [click here](#) to review the complete guidelines. Our guidelines are based upon keeping the students safe while enjoying our culture.



**Rotary Involvement** - A Club in each student's home district sponsors and trains the student while a local District 6440 Club acts as the host. Each club has to set up admission into a high school, arrange for host families, provide a Youth Exchange

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Officer, Club Counselor, and resource persons who act to ensure that the student remains active in club and district functions. Inbound students receive a monthly allowance from the host club. The club also covers all academic fees for schooling.

**Bus Tour**- Each summer CSRYE arranges for tours of the western and eastern regions of the USA. Students must be recommended by their district committee to enroll for a 2 week long bus tour in June. The cost of the tour is the responsibility of the student.  
[Tour info](#)

### Activities for Inbound Students

Click the calendar page button on the home page to review our activities. Several mandatory training seminars are planned. Students are also invited to attend optional club and district events during the year. We attempt to have at least one event every month. Students are allowed to miss school to participate in these activities.

### Summer Conference

Each July all of our students from the 17 Rotary Districts of Central States participate in the Summer Conference held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. [Click here](#) for CSRYE information.

### Photo Yearbooks

2007-08  
Exchange Year  
2004-05  
Exchange Year  
2001-02  
Exchange Year

2006-07  
Exchange Year  
2003-04  
Exchange Year  
2000-01  
Exchange Year

2005-06  
Exchange Year  
2002-03  
Exchange Year  
1999-2000  
Exchange Year



Nadja- Germany



Ingvi- Iceland



Salla- Finland



Rodrigo- Brazil