

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT 6440

Youth Exchange Program

Who Are We

Committed- To promoting World Peace and Understanding

Program Objectives

Central States Rotary Youth Exchange

District 6440

Cultural & Sports Links



SERVICE Above Self

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is committed to preparing young people to take on the responsibilities and opportunities to share a common goal of peace and harmony within the global community.

Rotary Volunteers are the heart and soul of the **RYE** program. Their assignments include arranging for host families, recruiting Outbound students, interfacing with high school administrations and enrolling new Inbound students, and providing leadership, counseling, training, and supervision.

A Lifetime Experience is what you gain as a participant in **RYE**. Memories of host families, schoolmates, and other exchange students, and world travels are fond discussion topics at ROTEX meetings for exchange alumni. All agree that the world is a much smaller and more familiar place.

Adventure is what we call the opportunity **RYE** offers to provide to explore new cultures and countries, learn a second language like a native, and transform into a young adult. The adventure of a lifetime! **RYE** is an outlet for those with a passion to learn diversity first-hand and experience the gathering of

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knowledge from outside the protected confines of suburbia. A RYE student is young enough to adapt fully to a new culture and multiple families, yet old enough to be able to gather and integrate those new experiences into life back in America. We are committed to the belief that full immersion into an unfamiliar culture is the most effective means to understand and contribute in an exchange program. Rotary fosters international understanding and mutual respect.



The Objectives of Rotary Youth Exchange

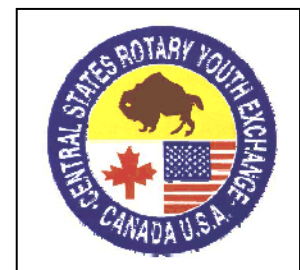
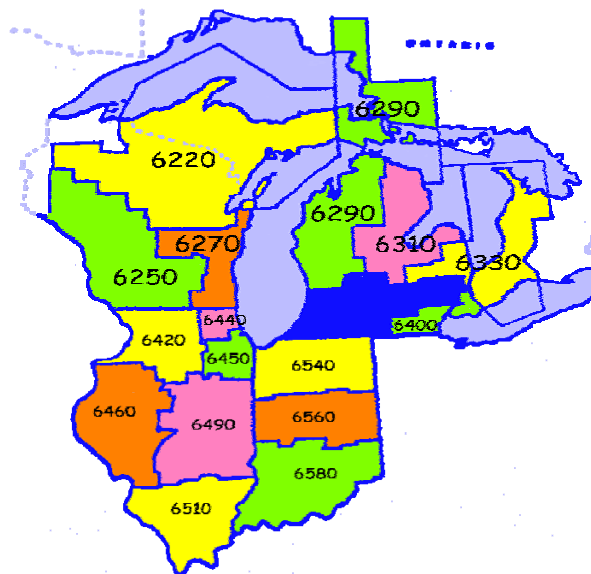
- ❖ To further international goodwill and understanding by enabling students to study firsthand some of the accomplishments and difficulties facing people and cultures in other parts of the world.
 - ❖ To enable students to advance their education by studying for a year in a safe but different environment from their own.
 - ❖ To give students opportunities to broaden their outlook by learning to live with and meet people of different cultures, creeds, and colors and by having to cope with day-to-day problems in an environment away from the security of home.
 - ❖ To act as ambassadors of their country and Rotary in their host country; and share knowledge of their country and discuss its attributes with the people they meet during their year abroad; and,
 - ❖ To provide sufficient time to study and observe another country's culture so that upon returning home students can pass on the knowledge they have gained and assimilate the positive aspects into their everyday living.
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Committed- A Tradition of Cultural Understanding

Central States Rotary Youth Exchange (CSRYE) was formed in 1972 to fill the need for a multi-district youth exchange program. Originally eight District Governors from the Great Lakes area met and formed the new organization. The program has grown now to include seventeen Districts in the Great Lakes region that includes the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, North Dakota, and parts of Michigan and Minnesota, and parts of Ontario, Canada. Central States Rotary Youth Exchange represents more than 900 Rotary clubs. Typically this organization sends out 250-350 exchange students while accepting a similar number of inbound exchange students annually.



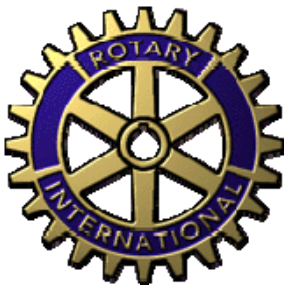
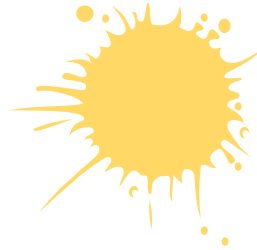
CSRYE has an all volunteer Rotarian staff coordinated within a worldwide network of Rotarians dedicated to providing the highest quality international exchange experience for both students and host families. CSRYE has eight

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correspondents covering all sections of the exchange world supporting the 17 Rotary districts with our priority being a firm commitment to making Youth Exchange have a lasting impact on world understanding.



Rotary International District 6440

The "Home" of Rotary International

Rotary District 6440 is located in the northeastern region of the state of Illinois on the shores of Lake Michigan and is adjacent to the States of Wisconsin and Indiana. The district extends with its 72 clubs to the Fox River on the west and the Reagan Expressway on the south. This prime location has established its' place in history by attracting major industry through being a transportation hub; be it rail, track, or airplane, and has an incredible international mix of immigrants living within its boundaries. The area is home to such outstanding schools as the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, DePaul University, University of Illinois- Chicago, Wheaton College, Elmhurst College, Lake Forest College, and numerous other schools of higher education.

The District also affords those living here many cultural opportunities from opera, to symphony orchestras, to many theater groups. Cultural centers such as the Field Museum, Brookfield Zoo, the Art Institute, Museum of Science and Industry, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Adler Planetarium are among the best in the United States.

We are near other tourist sites and most of our exchange students have the opportunity to visit other parts of the USA during our annual bus tours. We have many lakes and ski resorts within a short drive away.

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Sports are important in Chicago with teams fielded in most professional venues for the avid fan. Teams such as the Chicago Cubs and White Sox in baseball, the Chicago Bears in football, the Chicago Bulls in basketball, the Chicago Fire in soccer, and the Chicago Blackhawks in hockey, can provide year-round entertainment. Local high schools typically have teams in the following sports: soccer, golf, swimming, tennis, football, basketball, badminton, wrestling, and track & running events during the school year. Additionally, some summer and after school community clubs also exist for these sports.

Visit these community sites located within our District

[Chicago](#) | [Schaumburg](#) | [St. Charles](#) | [Wheaton](#)
[Libertyville](#) | [Woodstock](#) | [Waukegan](#)

Visit these cultural / sport sites located within our District

[Chicago Bears - Football](#) | [Chicago Tribune](#) | [Art Institute of Chicago](#)
[Field Museum](#) | [Chicago Fire - Soccer](#) | [Chicago Cubs- Baseball](#)
[Sears Tower](#) | [Woodfield Mall](#) | [Chicago Bulls- Basketball](#)

