

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE
DISTRICT 5440 Cowboy Country Youth Exchange BUS TOUR**

**APPLICATION FOR 2009:
Monday, June 7 – Monday, June 21. 2010**

Please PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

The name you want to be known by on the bus tour (prefer 2 names only):

_____ (first) _____ (last)

Age (at June 7, 2009) _____ Birthday (mo/day/yr.) ___/___/___ - Male/Female
(circle)

Your name and address at home – as it would be written on a mailing to you in
your own country: _____

(Country)

E-mail address (home country) _____

Current e-mail address _____

Hosting Rotary Club (U.S. club & location)

Hosting parents' names & address for the rest of the year & dates with them:

Dates: _____ Dates: _____

Names: _____ Names: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you have any physical limitations? ____ Need a special diet(vegetarian?____
If "yes", please explain:_____

Who should we call here in the US in case of emergency or illness?

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone:_____

Cell: _____

Address: _____

How well do you swim? Circle: Well Fair Poor Not at all

Do you have any talents or skills that you might share with the group while traveling? (example: Play guitar, sing.)

**Please attach a check or money order for \$850.00 and payable to:
Cowboy Country Youth Exchange Bus Tour. Second payment is due April
30. Mail to:**

**Gentry Moellenhoff
1900 Willow Springs Way
Fort Collins, CO 80528**

I have read the Absolute Rules and guidelines and by signing this application, I indicate that I agree to abide by them. I also agree to observe the rules of the tour guides.

Signed - _____

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

DISTRICT 5440 BUS TOUR - 2010

Dear Exchange Student,

This is **your** copy of the packet for the 31st annual Bus Tour. **The tour will run from Monday, June 7 through Monday, June 21, 2010.** It will depart from two different locations near Denver (more information later) on the 7th, and on the evening of the 21st, return to Fort Collins, and then Denver. The **total cost is \$1700** and that includes transportation, lodging, meals, activities and park entrance fees.

This packet includes the following:

- Application form
- Rules and guidelines (2 copies-both to be signed and returned)
- Parent Permission & Liability Form
- List of items to take on the trip
- Map
- Itinerary

This packet is important to you! Do not give this to anyone else. (Make a photocopy for your parents if they want to see it.)

Your application and first deposit of \$850 are due by February 28. The parent permission form may be mail or faxed from your parents and should in by April 30. Reservations are accepted in the order they are received, so start work on this immediately. Arrange to mail a check (you may give your host parents the money and let them write the check) or money order – **DO NOT SEND CASH!** **The balance or second payment is due to me by April 30, 2010.**

THERE WILL BE **NO** REFUNDS AFTER MAY 1.

Please read the Rules sheet carefully, discuss it with your Exchange chairperson or counselor to be sure you understand what the rules mean. You and your chairperson or counselor must both sign and return **BOTH** copies to me with your application and deposit of \$850.00.

The Parent Permission and Liability Form which gives permission for you to go on the tour and releases Rotary from liability during the time you are on the tour, must be sent to your parents, signed by them and returned to me by April 30, 2010. No student will be allowed to participate without THIS written consent from his/her parents.

The list of items for the trip and the map are yours to keep. Please keep the list in a place where you can find it and use it as you pack in June!

I know this trip will be on of the most exciting parts of your exchange year and I am looking forward to hearing from you soon. Discuss the trip with your club chairman and host parents – they may have had experiences with other students who have gone on the tour. They also may be able to answer your questions and you need to talk to them about the rules! If you still have any questions about the rules or any other matter, you may contact me in any of the following ways: Gentry Moellenhoff

1900 Willow Springs Way
Fort Collins, CO 80528 USA

Home phone: 970-282-3630

E-mail: bgmoe2@q.com

Or, you may also reach Bill Moellenhoff at 970-225-3443

All checks or money orders should be made payable to **Rotary Youth Exchange District 5440 Bus Tour** and mailed to me at the above address.

Important: Send these items by these dates:

**Before Feb. 28- Application, deposit of \$850, & both
copies of Rules with signatures**

**April 30 – Balance of cost/\$850 and parent
permission form**

Sincerely,

Gentry Moellenhoff
Bus Tour Coordinator

ITEMS TO TAKE ON THE BUS TRIP

Please, limit yourself to one piece of luggage and one carry-on (the daypack listed below is ideal for the carry-on). You will be carrying your luggage yourself and often up a flight of stairs. **HINT- If you plan to buy t-shirts or gifts & souvenirs, save some space in your luggage.**

A Laundromat stop is scheduled for day 7 of the trip – you need pack for only one week, not two!

1. EACH STUDENT MUST BRING:

- **Insurance card (medical)**
- Personal toiletries
- Old sneakers or strap-on water sandals for raft trip (no flip-flops allowed on the raft-they float off!)
- Pocket money for snacks, souvenirs, postcards, t-shirts, gifts (about \$300 has been enough in the past)

2. CLOTHING NEEDED:

- Casual clothing; shorts, jeans, t-shirts, "sweats"
- "Sneakers" & sandals
- Swimsuit
- Jacket or sweater & Rotary sweatshirt for chilly times & places
- One nicer outfit for special dinners (No Shorts) – girls, skirt /dress or dress pants – boys, pants, preferably other than jeans (or nice jeans) & shirt with collar

3. SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Pillow
- Sunglasses (cheap ones are better on this trip than costly ones)
- Nylon windbreaker or rain-jacket
- Hat
- Camera, extra batteries or charger
- Beach towel
- Daypack
- Postage stamps, if you intend to send postcards or letters
- Personal medicine/copy of prescriptions
- Small games or musical instruments
- ipod
- Flashlight, travel alarm, cell phone & charger are all helpful

Do **NOT** bring your passport or your Rotary blazer but a student ID is good. Do **not** bring a blanket. Stamps and prescription medications are difficult to get while traveling. Be sure you know what the cost to mailing a postcard to your country is, if you plan on mailing them.

ROTARY DISTRICT 5440-Cowboy Country Youth Exchange
2010 SOUTHWESTERN STATES BUS TOUR
ITINERARY

Day 1 -- Leave Fort Collins, CO; pick-up 5450 in Denver, CO – CO mountain travel- South Park –Treasure Falls –Hot springs @ Pagosa Springs, CO (Oak Ridge Lodge -970-264-4173)

Day 2 -- Mesa Verde National Park –Navajo Indian Reservation – Grand Canyon National Park, AZ (Yavapai West w/ Xanterra LLC -928-638-2525)

Day 3 -- Grand Canyon Nat'l Park – Arizona desert – Route 66 & Seligman, AZ – Las Vegas, NV (Super 8 Motel – 702-794-0888)

Day 4 -- Mojave Desert, CA – Historic Old Los Angeles & Olvera St. – Mexican Dinner as a group – Buena Park (L.A.), CA (Best Western Inn Suites – 714-522-7360)

Day 5 – Beach time @ Huntington Beach – Disneyland/California Adventure

Day 6 -- Hollywood – Universal Studios

Day 7 -- California Coastal Highway 1 – Santa Barbara – Solvang (Danish town & our laundry stop) – Morro Bay (Motel 6 – 805-772-5641)

Day 8 – Scenic Coastal Highway 1 / “Big Sur” – San Francisco – group dinner in Chinatown (Hampton Inn @ Gateway Blvd.-650-616-6186)

Day 9 -- Tour San Francisco – SF Bay Cruise - Lunch at Hard Rock Café on Fisherman’s Wharf -- Golden Gate Bridge – Sightseeing & dinner at Wharf

Day 10 -- Free time in San Francisco all day

Day 11 -- Travel – Sierra Nevada Mountains to Lake Tahoe (lunch) – Winnemucca, Nevada (Santa Fe Inn – 775-623-1119)

Day 12 -- Travel – Great Salt Flats – Great Salt Lake - Mormon Temple Square- Salt Lake City – (Royal Garden Inn- 801-521-2030)

Day 13 -- Travel – Craig, CO & Rotary picnic dinner – Steamboat Springs, CO (Steamboat Motel - 970-879-5230)

Day 14 -- Raft trip on The Colorado River

Day 15 -- Grand Lake – Trail Ridge Road (highest through road [highway] in the U.S.) - Rocky Mountain National Park – Estes Park – Fort Collins & Denver

* Underlined locations are overnight/motel locations (1/19/2010)

RULES OF THE SOUTHWEST BUS TOUR 2010

The following items will enable all to have an enjoyable trip. Your cooperation and behavior will affect future trips as well as the success of this year’s bus tour. The ability to find motel accommodations for future tours depends on the impression you leave with the people you meet on the tour this year.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS (as determined by the chaperones) will cause the student to be **terminated from the tour** & returned immediately to the host district at his/her own expense. The student will not receive a refund.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR is appropriate at all times. Decisions by the chaperones and district committee are final.

LISTEN & FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

Students are to SPEAK ENGLISH at all times.

This is a NON-SMOKING TOUR as most of the public areas we will be in are designated “smokeless”,

BE ON TIME. Remember that you are part of a group. Proper timing is most important on this kind of trip.

RESPECT PUBLIC & PRIVATE PROPERTY

Members may not travel in any vehicle other than the chartered bus nor leave the motel or group without permission.

Interpersonal relationships are to be kept at the friendship level. Boys and girls may not enter each others rooms after curfew. Mixed couples are not allowed alone in motel rooms & doors must remain open when in mixed groups.

Bus company rules prohibit use of the bus toilet except in emergencies. Rest stops are scheduled every 2 – 3 hours.

Hotel quiet hours begin at 10:00PM. Curfew is the same unless otherwise announced. Students are to remain in their rooms at all times after curfew. ROOMS WILL BE SECURED WITH A SEAL. Broken seals qualify those students to be terminated from the trip.

STUDENTS MAY NOT CHANGE ROOMS ASSIGNMENTS. (Most of the time you will choose your roommates.)

Students are not allowed to charge phone call, videos or food service to their rooms.

These rules and the tour chaperones decisions will be enforced and supported by the District Committees. Each club’s Youth Exchange Officer must assist each student with transportation to and from departure points.

Please discuss the rules with your Youth Exchange Chairman, your counselor and your host parents.

I understand, accept and agree to abide by the above rules

* Signature of Club Youth Exchange
Chair or Counselor

Signature of Rotary Student

PRINT name

*Your signature implies this student has a good attitude and record for the year & is likely to abide by these rules. 1/10