

Guidelines Concerning Travel

This is a cultural and educational exchange, *not* a travel exchange. You should not arrive with the expectation of being a tourist. Your hosts (District 7210, club and family) are under no obligation to provide or permit it. However, you may have some opportunities to travel through the generosity of your host club, individual Rotarians and host families. **If you do travel, you must follow the travel rules of District 7210. Under no circumstances should you make your own travel arrangements and then expect District 7210, your club and your host family to agree.** Breaking this rule may result in being returned home.

The following provides the guidelines used by District 7210 for travel authorization requirements for our Inbound Exchange Students.

You must comply with the rules established by District 7210 in all cases.

DISTRICT 7210 YOUTH EXCHANGE RULES

In all cases, when you are traveling outside of a District 7210 function, you must have written approval from your natural parents authorizing travel during the exchange year.

The reason for this rule is simple. The Rotary District 7210 Youth Exchange Committee, host club and host family are responsible for you while you are in this country. So we must know where you can be reached in case of an emergency or a message from home.

Individual travel approvals will vary based upon many factors. Host families will ask themselves if the travel is something they would allow their own son or daughter to do. Common sense must be a guide. For example, you are not allowed to get together with other exchange students every weekend, as this is a detriment to all of you and the program. You chose to be an exchange student to meet and learn about people from the USA. Further, the travel desires of an exchange student should not place a burden on a host family

In summary, so there is no misunderstanding:

There will be no travel allowed that has not been approved by your host family, Youth Exchange Officer and District 7210 YEX Committee in accordance with these rules.

We are not trying to prevent you from traveling or to reduce your fun. However, Rotary is responsible for your safety and therefore must know where you are at all times.