**Dear Rotarians:**

The Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogopogo is once again presenting our exciting, rewarding and fun filled **ADVENTURES IN TOURISM** program to selected high school students from across Canada, the North Western United States, Australia and Scotland.

The **ADVENTURES IN TOURISM** program will involve up to 20 high school students in an intense five-day exploration of many leading tourism facilities within the beautiful Okanagan Valley. During their packed program, participants will be given unprecedented behind-the-scenes access to the inner workings of a wide array of some of Canada’s leading destination resorts, golf clubs, wineries and First Nations’ attractions. The students will also be treated to the very best hospitality; being welcomed into Rotarian homes for the duration of their stay.

The registration fee is **CDN$500.00** plus travel expenses to and from Kelowna. Kelowna Rotarian families will billet the students during their stay in the Okanagan and all food and social events will be provided.

Our eleventh annual event will be held from **Sunday, April 14th** through **Friday, April 19th** with students expected to travel to Kelowna on the weekend of March 25th and returning home on Friday morning, April 19th.

**WE INVITE YOUR CLUB TO PARTICIPATE BY SPONSORING A STUDENT.** Please complete the attached sponsor application form and return it, along with your registration fee as soon as possible.

We ask that in the process of interviewing potential student candidates you include the following criteria. Students should not be smokers, as the age of majority in BC is 19 years and it is illegal to sell tobacco to minors. Students should be aware of any food or animal allergies and fully disclose this information to ensure that they are provided a comfortable host family situation. Students should also fully disclose any medication or health concerns including but not limited to chronic maladies. There will be a hike during the week, over a Creekside trail. The walk is not overly intensive, but students should be capable of walking on a trail (not a sidewalk) for ~1 hour.

In summary, **ADVENTURES IN TOURISM** is a comprehensive, carefully planned five-day event that will enhance each participant’s awareness and understanding of the pervasive tourism industry, the many ways it affects our lives, and the opportunities it holds for tomorrow.

Please pass this information to the Rotarian in your Club who looks after Youth and/or Adventures Programs or your Club’s Vocational or Local Spending Committee Chairperson. We look forward to hearing from you and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Gus McLeod

Club Co-ordinator, AIT 2019

Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogopogo

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***ROTARY CLUB OF KELOWNA - OGOPOGO***

***ADVENTURES in TOURISM 2019***

**SPONSOR APPLICATION FORM**

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Mailing Address

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PC/Zip:

We agree to sponsor a student in the **"ADVENTURES IN TOURISM PROGRAM".** We will assume the responsibility for the student’s travel expenses to and from Kelowna. We enclose our **registration fee of CDN$500.00 payable to “Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogopogo”**, which will be refunded if the application is not accepted.

Please provide us with the name of the Rotarian who will be the Co-ordinator and Contact Person for your Club:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Office Held:

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W)

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date:

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Following submission of your application, the Co-ordinator from your club will be contacted to confirm your registration and will be forwarded a student registration form.

**\*\*\* Please forward CDN$500.00 payment with your registration form. \*\*\***