

YOUTH PROGRAMS OVERVIEW Morning Star Rotary + Bethlehem Rotary Club 2025



- My role : Youth Coordinator
- Today's purpose
- My Why
- Rotary's Why
- Volunteer Commitments
- Broad Volunteer Opportunities
- Program Review
- Timeline
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### My Why







### **Our Collective Why**

### Meets 3 / 7 of Rotary International's Areas of Focus:

- Peacebuilding and conflict prevention
- Basic education and literacy
- Community economic development

### Adds value to local clubs:

- Pipeline for future Rotarians
- Supports leadership among next generation
- Enables current members to share wisdom with and be inspired by younger generations
- Engages parents / potential members
- Provides great excuse for media outreach

### **Volunteer Commitment**

- No committee meetings
- Program-based and time-bound
- Clearances required for some
- Many point-people are district leaders
- Communication among Jennifer and Club President / Treasurer

### Volunteer Opportunities

### **Spread the word:**

- Word-of-mouth
- Re-post social media
- Recruit families to host international students

### **Develop community relationships:**

- Partner with various organizations and local leaders
- Recruit new Rotarians

### Interact with students:

- Mentor / coach at camps
- Judge speeches
- Drive to events
- Host exchange students

### Academic Merit and Vocational Scholarships







#### Who: Seniors at Freedom High School

**What**: Two \$1,000 awards, one for Education Major, one for Service

#### Volunteers:

• Spread the word to eligible students



**Who**: Artisan of the Month Student from Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School

**What**: Monthly \$100 Scholarship for tools and education

#### Volunteers:

• Engage in conversation at the club meetings



### Camp Neidig



### Who: Rising high school seniors

## What: A 3.5 day leadership experience

- Drive students to / from camp
- Work at camp
- Attend the Recognition Dinner at Camp

### Short-term International Exchanges





### Who: Students 15-19 years old

What: Families host an international high school student in the summer for a few days to several weeks, then their high school student stays with that child's family for a few days to several weeks.

- Spread the word
- TBA

### Long-term International Exchanges





### Who: Students 15-19 years old

**What**: Rotary clubs sponsor students to live abroad, and welcome a student from abroad.

- Find host families and students
- Host students for a meal with your family, community, entertainment, sports events, etc.
- Councilor to inbound
- Transport to District Youth Exchange Events

### STEM-Youth Explorer Academy (STEM-YEA)





#### Who: Rising 8th graders

**What**: A residential experience for students who would not ordinarily have access to STEM enrichment activities. Curriculum is written by the SETI Institute.

- Attend Celebration Dinner at Camp
- Work at camp







**Who**: High school students, grades 9 through 12 are eligible to participate

**What**: 5-7 minute speeches about any topic, but relating to Rotary International's 4-Way Test

- Work with students on their speeches
- Judge or attend speeches at local, regional, district contests

### **Interact Club**





### **Who**: High School Freshman through Seniors. Approx 30 members

**What**: Club that develops leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self.

- Support Liberty's Club Advisor
- Proactively check in with Leadership and Advisor
- Ideate opportunities with Interact Leadership to partner on community service and Rotary projects
- Explore Club expansion to Freedom, other high schools

# Shout out to Rotarians involved in Youth Programs!

Justin Strasser - International Exchange

Mike Orbin - STEM-YEA

Rod Seifert - Scholarships and STEM-YEA

Rick Morrissey - Camp Neidig

Charlie Incalcaterra - Camp Neidig

Susan Burnett, Betty Isaacs, Sheila Seifert - Four Way Test Diane Donaher - STEM-YEA, Interact Dee Dee Foran - International Exchange Dana Huber - Four Way Test, Vocational Scholarships

### **The Calendar**

TIMEFRAME	PROGRAM
Monthly	Artisan of the Month Scholarship
February - April	4-Way Test Speech Contest
Early April	MSR Scholarship Applications Due via BASD Foundation
Early May	MSR Scholarships Awarded via BASD Foundation
May 1	Camp Neidig and STEM-YEA Applications Due
Mid-June	Camp Neidig Leadership Camp
Mid-July	STEM-YEA Program
Summer	Short-Term International Exchange
Late Summer - Early Summer	Long-Term International Exchange
August - June (BASD School Year)	Interact Clubs

