

Rotary Youth Exchange / North Star



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Where is North Star Rotary Youth Exchange?



Who is North Star?



2023-24
NAYEN
GOLD
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD



2023-24
Dr. Abe
Kuttothara
INNOVATION
AWARD

By the Numbers:

- Between 8000-9000 Exchanges per year
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- 80 Countries Participate

- 25,000 Volunteers

- 56% Rotarians

- 11,500 Host Families

- 39% Rotarians

- 95% of all Districts Participate

- 12% of Clubs

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Districts 5950 & 5960



182 Volunteers
31 Clubs are hosting
24 Clubs sponsored outbounds

River Falls Rotary

- Sponsored 11 LT
- Hosted 19 LT
- 22 STEP

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Process to Apply to Be an Exchange Student?

- Fill out an application found on the website northstarrotary.com
- Connect with the local or nearby Rotary Club for Sponsorship Document
- Interview with Rotary Club
- Interview with District – Early December
 - Request Country Placements
- **Accept Offered Exchange Country Assignment**
- **by Christmas time**



Once Accepted by North Star

- Get a passport
- Follow steps to apply for a visa – Guarantee Forms
- Gather required documents
 - School Transcript
 - Immunization Records
 - Purchase International Insurance
 - Get Medical and Dental Exams
 - Airline Tickets
 - Attend the 3 Orientation Sessions
 - Pay Outbound Fees



Inbound Process

Inbound Assignments

Partner Agreements are Made – Applications trickle in

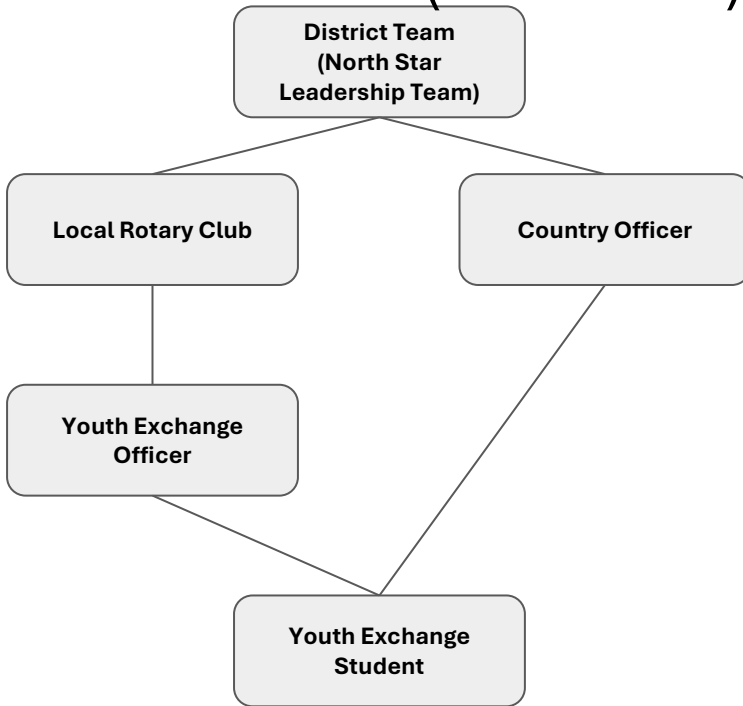
Assignments to Clubs Made in March – April

Guarantee Forms – Club Guarantee, School Acceptance, and Host Family Named

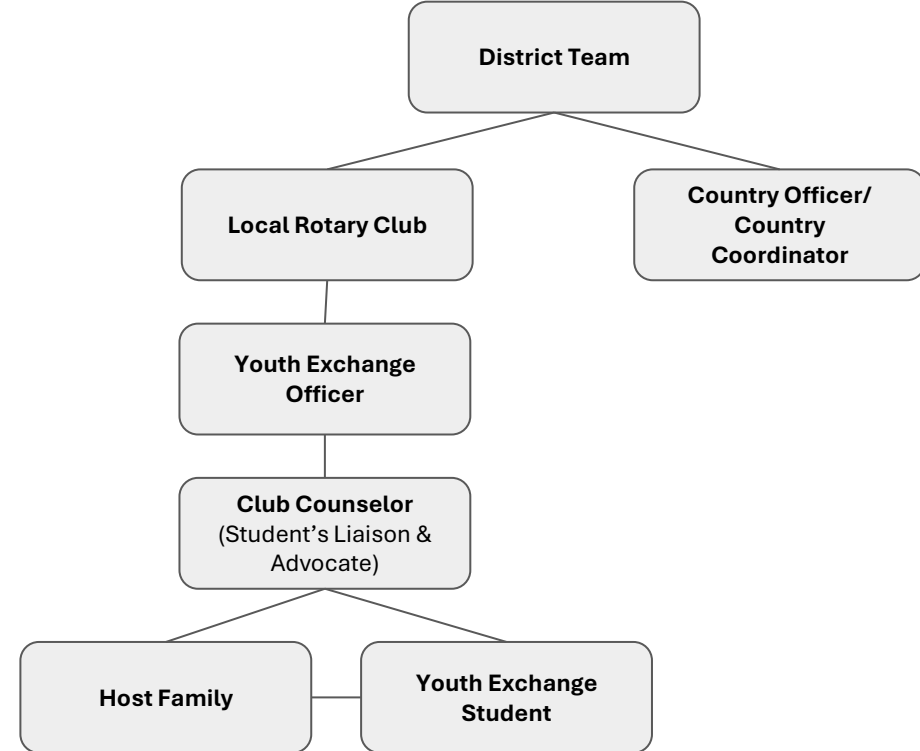




Rotary Youth Exchange Structure SPONSORING (North Star)



Rotary Youth Exchange Structure HOSTING



North Star Response to the ICE Surge

Critical Incident Team of NS Leadership

- Officers
- Volunteers
- Immigration Lawyers

- Series of Three Letters
 - January 7 – Identification Documents
 - January 21 – Restrictions on being in alone in public
 - January 25 – DHS Waivers to allow North Star and Lawyers to get information



Critical Incident Team Role

- Two NS Attorneys
 - Immigration Attorney During ICE Surge
 - Responsible Officers
 - Country Officer Director
 - Chair and Vice Chair
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- Investigate Infractions and Advise Action
 - Issue Disciplinary Responses





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Questions?