

Midwest PETS 2023

**PRESIDENTS-ELECT
TRAINING SEMINAR –
DISTRICT BREAKOUT #1**



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

Announcements

- Personalized PETS schedule
- All District breakout sessions are in this room
- Wear your name badge at all times
- Hospitality room passport program

Agenda

- Materials in 3-ring binder
- District initiatives for 2023-2024
 - District-wide service project
 - Youth Protection

Review of Materials in 3-Ring Binder

- Leaders
- Strategic Plan
- Youth Protection
- Rotary Foundation
- Membership
- DG Visit
- Risk Management
- District Training Assembly
- Leadership Skills
- Hope Project

District-Wide Service Project (3-ring binder)

Hope Project



Hope Project



Goal: To increase the amount of food being donated to local food pantries throughout our District.

Strategy: Ask each member of your club to donate at least 20 lbs. of food or decide as a club to purchase 20 lbs. of food for every member and then donate to local pantries in your community.

Outcome: At least 28,000 lbs. of food to food pantries district wide.

Hope Project



- CONTACT churches, libraries, or schools with pantries
- ASK pantry manager about their needs
- PARTNER with local grocery stores
- INVITE local food pantry rep to speak
- SHARE successes
- Try to complete your Hope Project by June 1, 2024

Youth Protection Policy (3-ring binder)

- Background
- Statement of Conduct for Working With Youth
 - District 6420 strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary service projects or any other Rotary activity. To the best of their ability, Rotarians and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and psychological abuse.



Youth Protection Policy

Applicability

This policy applies to Rotarians and other volunteers involved with Rotary youth activities who are in direct contact with youth under the age of 18, whether supervised or unsupervised, in the following situations:

- Where one-on-one interaction is occurring between the youth and adult;
- When transporting youth in a one-on-one circumstance;
- In a group setting where individual interaction is possible;
- During youth meetings in which the adult is in a leadership or liaison capacity;
- When the host organization or facility requires youth protection measures; and
- During other situations as determined by the Club.



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Volunteer Selection and Screening

1. Interview applicants. Explore their background and experience working with youth. Ascertain that they have not admitted to, been convicted of, or are otherwise known to have engaged in sexual abuse or harassment of youth.
2. Confirm their identity via review of a driver's license or other official form of photo identification such as a military ID card or a passport.
3. Complete an annual criminal background check (paid for by District 6420).

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Background check process

1. Submit the applicant's full name, date of birth, and email address to the District 6420 Background Check Coordinator.
2. The background check company (InCheck) will send the youth program volunteer applicant an automated email that provides easy to understand instructions for them to follow.
3. Once the background check is completed, the District 6420 Background Check Coordinator will notify the Club President of the outcome.

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Training – all Club Presidents and other Rotarians

- Review Rotary International's *Youth Protection Guide*.
- Complete Rotary International's *Protecting Youth Program Participants* online course
 - Presidents - email completion certificate to Dave and Ginger
 - All others – give completion certificate to Club President
- Complete by June 30.



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Responding to Allegations

1. Ensure that the young person is in a safe environment.
2. Contact local law enforcement.
3. Report your concern to Rotary International within 72 hours.
4. Notify the District 6420 Youth Protection Officer within 72 hours.



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Travel by Youth – outside of local community

- Give parents, legal guardians, or host parents details about the travel, including locations, accommodations, itineraries, and the organizer's contact information.
- Obtain written permission from the parents, legal guardians, or host parents for all youth program participants.

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Acknowledgement of Receipt and Agreement – by June 30

District 6420 Youth Protection Policy

On behalf of the _____ Rotary Club, I acknowledge receipt of the District 6420 Youth Protection Policy and agree to abide by all aspects of it.

2023-2024 Club President's Name

2023-2024 Club President's Signature

Date



Youth Protection Policy

2023-2024 Resources

- Youth Protection Officer – Ginger Thompson (Loves Park)
- Background Check Coordinator – Gary Francque (Moline)
- District Governor – Dave Emerick (East Moline/Silvis)



QUESTIONS