

## PARENTS: SO YOU WANT TO VISIT YOUR STUDENT?

From our Rules and Conditions document:

Visits by immediate family members MIGHT be permitted BUT only with prior consent by the host club and host district during the March/April or after the end of the exchange year. Visits by home country friends are prohibited. Students are not permitted to return home during the exchange year, except in cases of emergency. VISIT APPROVAL IS NOT GUARANTEED

We think Parent visits for our students can be very rewarding, but there are a few things to consider before you book a trip.

- 1. Do not book any travel to visit your student BEFORE you have approval from the D5050 Chair and Rotary Club. We will not be responsible for any costs if the visit is denied.
- 2. Travel can only be scheduled in the months of March and April OR after the exchange period is completed.
- 3. For after exchange travel, a letter must be signed that transfers the responsibilities for the student from Rotary to the Parents.
- 4. We do not allow a "meet up" scenario.
  - a. Example: the Parents and Student meet in San Fransisco, California for a week together.
- 5. In some situations, the student may **not** be allowed to miss school days, or we may limit the number of missed days.
- 6. If the parents want to see the area with the student, this is allowed but needs to be approved.
- 7. The student will need to fill out a travel request form if they are traveling out of their home city.
- 8. Immediate family only; no friends are allowed.
- 9. Try to avoid holiday dates. Often the host families have special celebrations they want to share with your son or daughter.
- 10. Do not ask or expect to stay with your child's host family.
- 11. It is not always in the best interest of your son or daughter to have a parent visit. It is more often the desire of the parents- than of the student. After a parent visit, students often have a recurrence of home sickness. This can be challenging for them to resolve. Please make sure you have your child's best interest in mind.
- 12. It creates a fair amount of work for our volunteers if you want to visit. Please be mindful of this as you make your request.
- 13. While you are visiting, the student is still under the guardianship and care of Rotary. We will always put the best interest of the student in front of anything- even a parent.

We appreciate your review and understanding of our Parent Visit requirements. If you have any questions, please email us at <a href="mailto:rotary5050ye@gmail.com">rotary5050ye@gmail.com</a>.

Parent Signature	Date
Student Signature	Date