

Group Study Exchange (GSE)



We're looking for Team Members & a Team Leader!

Applications due: September 30, 2018 Interviews: TBD October, 2018

Applications available on DacDb: Files: Group Study Exchange: 2018-19GSE

District 5110 is sending an outbound team – comprised of one (1) team leader and four (4) team members – departing **May 6 to District 2490 in Israel, returning to Oregon on May 27, 2018**. Each team member, excepting the team leader, will be expected to pay \$700 to help defray training and materials expenses – the team will meet approximately five (5) times prior to departure.

District 2490 is comprised of 61 Rotary Clubs in Israel, from Elat on the Red Sea to Kiryat Shmoneh at the foot of Mount Hermon. The team can expect both vocational and many cultural and historical site visits. The trip will include attendance at the District 2490 District Conference, to be held in the Ukraine on May 15 – 17.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for men and women in their initial years of professional life. GSE participants follow an extensive and rigorous program of international travel and team activities that allow participants to fully immerse in local culture. Launched in 1965, this dynamic program has built a successful track record at the personal, community, and international level.

While District 5110 continues to operate a traditional GSE model, Rotary International has moved to a Group “Cultural” Exchange, with less emphasis on vocational visits. With good planning, a goal-driven itinerary, and active participation of dedicated Rotarians, a Group Study/Cultural Exchange can be an exceptional educational experience for both the visiting GSE team and Rotarians in the host country.

The program focuses on two main elements:

Vocational

- Opportunity for team members to observe vocations as practiced in another country
- Ability to ask questions, share ideas, and develop professionally
- Exchange of potential project opportunities

Cultural

- Participants study another country, its people, language, and institutions through experiences in an organized and safe program
- Develop appreciation for diversity worldwide
- Meet and communicate with host families, and live with each other in the spirit of friendship and goodwill

Team MEMBER Requirements

- Be currently employed for at least two years in any recognized business or profession on a full time basis
- Be 23 to 40 years of age
- Must work or live in Rotary District 5110
- Must be a citizen of the US
- Language training recommended, but not required
- Can be either Rotarian or non-Rotarian

Team LEADER Requirements

- Active Rotarian in one of District's 5110's amazing clubs
- Good physical health
- International travel experience
- Well organized and ability to be flexible if changes arise
- No age requirement
- Desire to work with fabulous young adults

Costs

District 5110 does an amazing job of providing for our GSE program. This is a priceless experience for the GSE Teams. For each team member, District 5110 provides the most economical round-trip ticket between the home and host country, while generous local Rotarians in the host area provide meals, lodging, entrance fees, and group travel in their district. Team members are responsible for all personal and incidental expenses incurred before (including gas to team meetings, purchase of host family gifts), during (souvenirs), and after the study tour. A \$700 participation fee is required.

For questions regarding GSE, contact GSE Chair Rae LaMarche
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