

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE – THE STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAM

The team will be composed of 4 non-Rotarian team members, usually of various business and professional backgrounds, and one Rotarian team leader. The GSE experience spans May 1- 29, 2007 and will be conducted in Rotary District 4960 located in Uruguay and Argentina. During the exchange, the team will visit local businesses, government offices, and community organizations in the host district, tour historical and cultural sites, stay with Rotarian host families, and make presentations about their home countries and professions. Team members receive orientation from the District 5730 GSE Committee before their departure. This will be done at the District Conference in Amarillo, TX April 21-23, 2007.

What is provided?

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries. Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Each team member is responsible for all personal and incidental expenses incurred before, during, and after the study tour, including any personal travel arranged after the exchange.

What is required of me?

Before leaving:

- Participate in orientation sessions and group meetings, and obtain the necessary documents for traveling. This includes passport, travel visa, immunizations, and medical insurance.

During the tour:

- Accept the decisions of the Rotarian team leader.
- Fulfill any requirements to speak at Rotary host district gatherings.
- Remain with the group throughout the study tour except when individual activities are planned.
- Maintain standards of behavior that will reflect positively on Rotary and the home country.

After returning:

- Prepare and submit final reports of the tour as required by the sponsor district and The Rotary Foundation.
- Speak about your GSE experience to Rotary clubs and other groups.

How do I apply?

Complete the GSE Application and return it to Rosemartha Cates, P.O. Box 50838, Amarillo, TX 79159 prior to the deadline of March 11. Interviews with applicants will be conducted in Lubbock, TX on March 18th and team members will be notified immediately.

More information can be obtained at

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html/>