

Dear 2017-2018 Inbound Rotary Students,

The Comox Rotary clubs are asking for your help in promoting Rotary Youth Exchange and growing the program in the Comox Valley. On Thursday next week you will all be guest speakers at the three high schools in the Valley. Your audience will be 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. You will each give an 8 – 10 minute presentation about your country and your experience being an exchange student. Many of you have already given a similar talk in your Rotary Club or perhaps in your own school. You all will be wonderful ambassadors for your country, your culture and Rotary. This is a chance for you to give back and show your appreciation for the wonderful four days of warm hospitality activities that the Comox Rotarians have organized for you. We expect every one of you to have a short presentation prepared. This is not an option, it is an expectation. Below you will find some guidance for putting together your very short presentation.

### **Guidance for PowerPoint Presentations in the Comox Valley High Schools**

1. We want everyone to use PowerPoint and have their presentations on a flash drive. If they are all the same format – it will go more smoothly. Do not expect to pull your presentation from the internet.
2. No more than 12 slides!
3. Only **one photo** on each slide. This is important. You really want people to see your photos!
4. No text (words) on any of the photo pages. You are the best story teller!
5. The first slide should have your name, your home country and city. It should also show your host city and country. Use at least 28 point font. Use white letters on a dark background.
6. Show a slide of your home country highlighted on a map of the continent where it is located.
7. Show a slide of your country with a star or other symbol showing where your hometown is.
8. For the remaining nine slides we suggest you have slides that show:
  - a. Your home
  - b. Your family
  - c. Your school

- d. Something special or famous in your town
- e. Favorite or typical foods from your country
- f. Something from your home or culture that you have learned to appreciate since you have been away from it
- g. Something that really surprised you when you first arrived here
- h. The hardest thing for you to get used to since you have arrived
- i. Something that you will really miss from here when you return home

Questions you might expect students to ask or thoughts you might want to share:

1. What have you learned about yourself during your exchange?
2. What is the best thing about being an exchange student?
3. What would you say to a student who was worried about leaving their friends, family and their usual activities for a year?
4. What could you tell them about all the things that you learn when you host a Rotary Student?
5. What would you say to a student who was worried that they might not graduate at the same time as their classmates?
6. What is something from your host culture that you really like or admire and want to bring back home with you to integrate into to your life back home?
7. People are very interested when you compare and contrast: what are the differences between school here and school back home? What are the differences between how homes are designed? What freedoms do teenagers have compared to those back home?

Many of you have already given similar presentations to your club or your host school. You have most of these slides already. It should not be such a big job to

The Rotary Clubs and the people of the Comox Valley are opening their hearts and homes to you. Our expectation is that you will show them respect and appreciation for all the many hours they have been preparing for your visit by sharing about your country and your experience as an exchange student. Be the group of students they will remember forever!

Your story could be the reason that a young teenager decides that they want to be an exchange student! You could be the person who gets a family interested in hosting! We know you will make us proud!