



## Ohio-Erie Rotary Youth Exchange Program, Inc.



### GENERAL INFORMATION 2009 OHIO-ERIE YOUTH EXCHANGE CONVENTION OTTERBEIN COLLEGE, WESTERVILLE, OHIO

You are invited to spend a stimulating and gratifying weekend at our seventeenth annual Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Convention. Our Country Contacts will hold special sessions for the benefit of our 2009 Outbounds and their parents. This orientation weekend is mandatory for all Outbound students. Failure to attend will result in the cancellation of your exchange.

Cost for all registrants will be \$125 per person. Registration fee for non-students staying off campus will be \$75. Parents and Rotarians coming for Saturday only the registration fee is \$45. For parents with limited time, the Saturday sessions are recommended. All participants must register. **PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.** **Late registration after June 7 and at the Conference will include a \$10 "you caused us extra work" fee.**

Pillows, linens and towels will be provided by the college.

Check-in and registration will run from 4:00 to 6:45 PM on Friday July 10, 2009 in the main lounge on the first floor of the Campus Center. The dining room is also in the Campus Center. Dinner will be available Friday from 6:00 PM until 7:15 PM. You will need your name badge to eat in the cafeteria or attend the orientation sessions. Registration will reopen for Saturday only registrants from 8:00 to 9:00 AM.

Keys and Electronic Key Cards will be issued to all registrants. Lost Keys will cost \$55 and lost Key Cards will cost \$10.

Attire will be casual and comfortable. Even though meeting facilities are air-conditioned it will be hot and humid during this part of July so light, cool and comfortable clothing is in order. Shoes are required at all meetings and at all meals.

The dorms are not air-conditioned—bring a fan!!!! Adults housed in the Suites will not need fans.

Each Outbound student registrant will receive a Rotary Youth Exchange T-shirt.

Reservations will be made for your residence hall room only when the completed registration form, signed rules sheet (Outbound, Inbound and Rebound students) and money are received. Make certain that you have clearly printed your name and the name you want on your nametag if different, checked your gender, and written your country on the registration form. Please print in BLOCK letters or use the Acrobat form available at [www.ohioerie.org](http://www.ohioerie.org) and type it on your computer. These forms must be returned to the proper person in your district and not to Ohio-Erie.

Registrants who cancel their registration before June 7, 2009 will receive a refund of all nondirect costs. No refunds or cancellations will be given after this date.

Roommates for Outbound students will be determined by the registrar based on gender and country. Rooming requests will not be honored.

Otterbein College is located in Westerville, Ohio at the Cleveland Avenue/Westerville Exit (1<sup>st</sup> exit east of I-71) off of I-270 North on the north side of Columbus, Ohio. Go north a little over 1 mile on Cleveland Avenue and turn right on Main Street and it will run right into the Otterbein campus. Campus Center is on Grove St.

Departure will be after 08:00 AM checkout on Sunday, July 12, 2009. All attendees will turn in their room keys and check out of their residence halls no later than 12:00 noon. The convention officially opens at 7:30 PM on Friday July 10 and ends at 08:00 AM on July 12, unless your district meets beyond 08:00 a.m. Attendance for the entire conference is required for Outbound students unless prior permission has been granted from **BOTH your District Chair AND the Ohio-Erie Chair to be absent.** Such permission will only be granted for extreme circumstances and **WILL NOT BE GRANTED ONCE THE CONFERENCE HAS STARTED.**

**There will be a talent show Saturday evening—bring any instruments or any props you need—this is a great time for those who have talent and those who just want to have fun.**