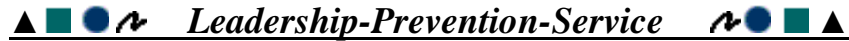


ROTARY-GATEWAY TEEN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



The **Rotary-Gateway Teen Leadership Institute (RGTLI)**, challenges teens to develop leadership skills that make a difference in their schools and communities! RGTLI is a 4 day - 3 night conference that trains teens to become peer leaders. Through group activities, motivational presentations, and interactive workshops, teens discover their talents and what they stand for.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2008 CONFERENCE ARE BEING ACCEPTED NOW!

Praise for the 2007 Conferences:

“RGTLI provided leadership skills methods that kids could relate to.”

**“He said it was the best (conference) he’s ever been to,
and he didn’t even know anyone prior to going”**

“RGTLI helped us to learn our own individual strength along with helping to support others ”

Each year we count on you to nominate 5-10 students with leadership potential from your school, church, or community for this life-changing opportunity.

Students say that this conference expands their positive-peer networks and helps them bring new perspectives to their SADD, Interact, and other Leadership Clubs. Participants work with a community mentor throughout the school year to implement a prevention project in their community.

2008 High School & Middle School Conferences

at

LaRoche College

Sunday, July 27, 2008 to Wednesday, July 30, 2008

Contact RGTLI Director, Paul Granger, with questions and requests for further information.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What happens when the number of qualified applicants exceeds 50 students per conference?

The RGTLI Planning Committee will do their best to:

- achieve a balance between males and females;
- secure representation from all participating Rotary Clubs and geographic areas (rural/urban/suburban);
- maintain an active wait list

What are the goals of RGTLI?

1. To develop teen leadership skills and personal potential
2. To train teens to implement effective service/ prevention projects
3. To educate teens and adults about healthy lifestyles, and alcohol, tobacco, other drugs
4. To train adults to guide and support teen prevention endeavors
5. To train teens and adults to effectively advocate for prevention

How does RGTLI work?

- RGTLI adheres to the Model Framework of the National Association of Teen Institutes, (NATI). This model has developed peer-to-peer leadership skills for over twenty-five years throughout the United States and the world. Paul Granger currently serves on the NATI Board's Executive Committee.
- All RGTLI participants attend daily workshops, interactive exercises, motivational presentations, games, and take part in small staff facilitated "family groups". "Family groups" provide members opportunities to share ideas, discuss presentations and process their individual RGTLI experiences. Participants say their "family group" experience is one of the best parts of the conference.
- Participants will have the opportunity to develop communication and team-building skills at Camp Guyasuta's C.O.P.E. Course (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience). Trained ropes course professionals facilitate this half day experience.
- Participants attend daily "Leadership Seminars" to develop skills necessary to effectively develop and implement prevention projects in their schools and communities.
- RGTLI is staffed by professional and community volunteers. Act22/23 clearances are mandatory for all staff. Paul Granger, RGTLI Director, Karen Vadino, MSW, OCPC, LPCC, and Cathy Loomis, CCDCIIE, LPC, OCPS II, train and supervise all adult and youth staff volunteers. Youth Staff volunteers are graduates of RGTLI who participate in a variety of facilitation and support roles.

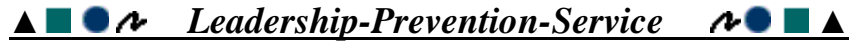
Will High School and Middle School students be rooming with each other?

- No. High School students will room with other High School students and Middle School students will have Middle School roommates. Males and females are housed on separate floors.
- Students who are currently in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade will participate together in the Middle School Conference. Students who are currently in 9th, 10th, and 11th grade will participate together in the High School Conference. Students spend their days with students of the same age group, so in fact there are two separate conferences taking place at the same time The program content is adapted for each conference to be age-appropriate.

Will this be any fun?

- We believe teens learn most effectively when they are enjoying themselves. The RGTLI conference will include games, a talent show, dance, and swimming at the Camp Guyasuta pool. There will be many opportunities for teens to engage in social activities and have a great time!

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2008 NOMINATION FORM

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| 1. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: :(_____) _____
Email: _____
<u>Current Grade Level (circle): 6 7 8 9 10 11</u> | 6. Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: :(_____) _____
Email: _____
<u>Current Grade Level (circle): 6 7 8 9 10 11</u> |
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ENDORSER AFFIRMATION

I affirm that the students I have nominated will be entering 7th-12th grade in the Fall of 2008. I affirm that they demonstrate leadership abilities or potential, are committed to an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-free lifestyle, and are willing to implement a prevention project in his/her school or community during the 2008-2009 school year. There is no evidence to indicate that she/he has a behavioral, emotional, or current alcohol or other drug problem; I further understand that RGTLI is a Leadership, Prevention, and Service training program and not an intervention or treatment program.

Endorser signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Organization: _____ **Phone:** (_____) _____

50 students will be accepted to each conference. Once a nomination form is received, applications will be mailed directly to the student's family. Accepted applicants pay \$150.00 to participate. RGTLI is sponsored by Rotary District #7300 and Gateway Rehabilitation Center. These organizations and others cover the remaining costs of \$450.00 per participant.

Please mail this completed form to RGTLI Director, Paul Granger, at the address listed below. Thank You!