

Rotary Club of Buckhead Youth Protection Policy

The Rotary Club of Buckhead (The Club) accepts and adopts as policy the Youth Protection Policy adopted by the Rotary International Board of Directors (Nov. 2006) and Rotary District 6900 (see Rotary6900.org).

The additional information contained herein is meant as additional requirements for Buckhead Rotarians working with youth. Both Policies (RI/District 6900 Youth Protection Policy and The Buckhead Rotary Club Youth Protection Policy) must be followed in conjunction with each other.

Please direct any questions or inquiries to the Buckhead Rotary Youth Protection Officer. Or for Rotary District 6900 inquiries, please contact youthprotection@Rotary6900.org or 678-653-5166

Minimum Training Requirements for Buckhead Rotarians Participating in Rotary Sponsored Youth Programs:

Level 1 – Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) – 2 Online Modules PLUS Department of State Online Module, Background Check, References

Level 2 – Review of District/Club Youth Protection Policy, Child abuse Prevention Training such as Darkness to Light Online Training (\$10-\$25), Background Check

Level 3 – Review of District/Club Youth Protection Policy, Child Abuse Prevention Training

Rotarians and Non-Rotarians may participate in a variety of Rotary-sponsored youth programs. Club members who are supervising youths or may spend time alone with a youth, under the age of 18, are required to have Level 1 or 2 level training. Also, The Club requires Committee Chairs for all Youth Programs (except RYE) to undergo at least Level 3 Training.

Buckhead Rotary youth programs and the associated level of training required for Club members participating in them will include but not limited to, the following:

- RYLA – Level 3 Training for Committee Chair. No training required for committee members as The Club requires the school to select the candidates from Interact Clubs and the school provides associated transportation. No member is supervising or spending time alone with RYLA participants. SHOULD THIS CHANGE, The Club will re-evaluate the need for Youth Protection Training.
- Interact – Level 3 Training for Committee Chair. School provides all supervision and transportation for Interact members. No member is supervising or spending time alone with Interact members. SHOULD THIS CHANGE, The Club will re-evaluate the need for Youth Protection Training.
- Rotary Youth Exchange – Level 1 Training

- Sports Activities – The Club sponsors several youth sports activities such as basketball and tennis tournaments. Club Members do not supervise, spend time alone or transport youths who participate in these activities therefore no youth protection training is required for Club members. The Committee Chairs should complete Level 3 Training.
- Mentoring/Tutoring Programs – The Club sponsors several mentoring and tutoring programs for youths (Hillside and Horizons Camp). Club members participating in these programs must complete Level 2 Training. Some programs such as Hillside may provide their own background check and training. Proof/documentation of this training must be submitted to The Club for tracking purposes.
- Directors/Committee Chairs – Minimum Level 3

Should the level of interaction with youths for any project/program change, The Club will re-evaluate the need for Youth Protection Training. Club Directors and Committee Chairs are responsible for ensuring that Buckhead Rotarians who participate in their respective projects/programs have the appropriate level of youth protection training. This includes periodic review of the project/program to determine if interaction with youth has changed.

Documentation – Agendas, training materials and participant sign-in sheets will be maintained for all training provided by The Club. Also, documentation for all external training, including online training will be maintained for each Club member.

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

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