



Dear Rotary Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, and REGL Coordinators:

With deep regret, our REGL Board made a very difficult decision to cancel our 2020 camps in September.

The 2020 REGL Program - **cancelled**

1. September 11 - 13, 2020 (REGL I);
2. September 18 – 20, 2020 (REGL II).

On a positive note our 2021 REGL Program will be on:

1. September 10-12, 2021 (REGL I)
2. September 17-19, 2021 (REGL II)

So, for all our dedicated Rotary Clubs in District 5190, we hope to welcome your support and your schools in 2021. In the meantime, **please share this letter/information with your schools.**

This year would have marked our 10th year offering REGL in District 5190! (And our ninth year of the residential REGL program at Grizzly Creek Ranch.) With your help and support, over 1800 students have come to REGL for leadership, fun, and self-growth. You have made so much possible for so many worthy students. And we will continue in 2021... but unfortunately for everyone's safety, we will have to forgo the 2020 camps.

You may have heard that RYLA is also cancelled for this summer. RYLA and REGL go hand-in-hand because the RYLA grads are REGL's counselors; and this year we will not have RYLA grads. We have also had limited sign-ups from the Rotary Clubs, most likely waiting to hear more about the progression of Covid-19.

Although September may seem favorable for having REGL, a few other factors influenced our decision to cancel this year. Schools are now focused on teaching and helping their students remotely, and will be concentrating on how to welcome back their students with "safe distance" protocol in August and September. Principals we have talked to expressed that selecting REGL students and getting parental support will be an added challenge to their new workload... and these are principals who love and support REGL. Scientists and medical experts are also indicating the possibility of second and tertiary waves of infection without a vaccine. Gathering 200 students, 24+ high school students, and 20+ adults – all whom physically interact very closely just did not seem a wise choice at this time. Both our heads and our hearts sighed deeply; we LOVE this program so much.

If your Rotary Club would like your payment in full returned, we are prepared to send you a refund. The alternative is to keep your payment on deposit with REGL, and your Club/School will be in priority positions for attending REGL I or II Camps in 2021. Please send your decision to Karen Shimamoto, karen@shima.us.

*Yours in Rotary,
Karen and Paula*

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