



## District 5190 Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (REGL) - Program for 2024

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

**Reservations are open for District 5190's Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership Program (REGL)!**

### What is REGL?

REGL is a professionally delivered three (3) day intensive leadership training session conducted by Rotary District 5190. Eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade students who have demonstrated leadership skills are provided high quality leadership training with a strong emphasis on ethics. Our aim is to provide these selected students with tools for the difficult choices they face moving into high school and beyond.

The three main objectives of the REGL program are:

- (1) provide the selected eighth grade students with the skills they will need in leadership positions starting now, in high school and beyond;
- (2) inspire the nucleus of a leadership group within their present school to be a focus point for the remainder of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade school year; and
- (3) help them succeed in high school and in life.

The REGL program is delivered by **Dean and Rochelle Whellams**, who are also the program directors for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening) program. REGL is conducted under the supervision of Rotary District 5190.

### The 2024 REGL Program

In 2024 we are offering two sessions at Grizzly Creek Ranch in Portola, CA, just north of Reno, NV.

- 1. September 13 - 15, 2024 (REGL I)**
- 2. September 20 – 22, 2024 (REGL II)**

Both residential camps are open to **all** District 5190 Rotary Clubs and their sponsored schools.

### How to Participate in 2024 REGL Camps

If your club is interested, can meet the **minimum requirement\*** of providing an Adult Mentor for one of the 3-day camps, and are willing to sponsor a middle school for this residential leadership camp program at Grizzly Creek Ranch, we are currently taking reservations and payment.

(\* - Rotary Clubs that have provided an adult mentor volunteer in the past are eligible; if your Rotary Club has not provided a volunteer, it can meet the requirement by ensuring a volunteer for one of the REGL camps on the application.)

**Please fill out the Reservation Form provided below. Space will be allocated on a first come/first paid and eligible basis.** We have capacity for 19 middle schools during REGL I, and for 19 middle schools during REGL II. **We will accept Reservation Forms until we are full.**

- **REGL I and II – Each three-day weekend residential camp at Grizzly Creek Ranch will begin at noon on Friday and conclude with graduation on Sunday starting at 3 pm and ending around 4:30 pm.**
- **Parents and school representatives are encouraged to attend graduation to see how their children/students have grown.**
- **Cost is \$1800 for five students per school.**

- **Two clubs can jointly sponsor one school.**
- **We continue to need Adult Mentor volunteers (Rotarians & non-Rotarians) from each Rotary Club sponsoring a school. If your Club has not done so in the past, this will be a new requirement in order to participate.**
- **Clubs in Area 4 and 5 will automatically be placed in REGL II upon receipt of their reservation and payment. These Areas organize a bus to transport students, so we will assign them to REGL II.**

### **Rotary Club Coordinators and School Principals**

Rotary Clubs play an integral part in the program by sponsoring middle schools and assign one or more of their Rotary club members as **REGL coordinators**. These coordinators work closely with the school principals and with the REGL Operations Committee throughout the year. The Clubs therefore must develop a good, highly communicative relationship with the middle school and provide support for the students in their continued growth as ethical leaders. **All REGL Coordinators will be invited to participate in a scheduled Online (Zoom or Go To) Meeting for training and information.**

We engage recent **RYLA graduates to function as Counselors**, small group facilitators and role models for the program. And we depend on the help of **adult volunteers and Rotarians as Mentors and Staff** support to the camp program.

We ask the **School Principals to choose five student participants, as well as one girl and one boy alternate, based on demonstrated leadership traits**. In this way we hope to capitalize on those natural leadership abilities to produce positive leadership.

**The BEST time to select and register students is before the end of the school year (by May 2024). This means selecting 7<sup>th</sup> graders before they enter 8<sup>th</sup> grade in August/September 2023. Selecting a girl alternate and a boy alternate is also a smart move for everyone!**

### **Communication for More Information**

We hope your Club (or a combination of Clubs) will sponsor a middle school in your community with five students participating from each school. If this program is new to you and you want more information, or you have questions about the changes in 2024, please contact:

- Karen Shimamoto at (530) 640-0649; [karen@shima.us](mailto:karen@shima.us) – REGL Camp Director
- Paula Dolliver at (775) 741-6523; [pdolliver58@gmail.com](mailto:pdolliver58@gmail.com) – REGL Camp Director

We look forward to hearing from you! You can also send email to: [rotaryegl@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryegl@gmail.com). You can also check out the website: [www.RotaryEGL.com](http://www.RotaryEGL.com)

*Yours in Rotary,*

*Karen and Paula*

Karen Shimamoto and Paula Dolliver  
REGL Camp Directors – Rotary District 5190

## 2024 RESERVATION FORM

### District 5190 Rotary Eighth Grade Leadership (REGL)

**Space will be allocated on a first come/first paid and eligible\* basis.** Payment receipt date determines the Club’s place in line for participation. We have capacity for 19 middle schools during REGL I, and for 19 middle schools during REGL II. **We would appreciate Reservation Forms before March 30, 2024.**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

- Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_
- REGL Coordinator Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Email \_\_\_\_\_
- Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Home or Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Rotary Club Adult Mentor  
     Volunteer Name \* \_\_\_\_\_
  - Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_
  - Rotarian ?      \_\_\_ YES    \_\_\_ NO
- School Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal’s Name \_\_\_\_\_
- Principal’s Email \_\_\_\_\_
- School phone \_\_\_\_\_

If provided by the school, an alternate school contact, with name, email, & phone number

Preferred Session

- REGL I September 13-15, 2024
- REGL II September 20-22, 2024
- If your preferred session is not available, will you participate in the alternate session?

Area 4 and 5 Rotary Clubs – remember your school will be assigned to REGL II to coordinate with the bus transportation arranged by a Rotary Club in one of the Areas.

You may send the above information via email to **Karen Shimamoto, karen@shima.us**, or enclose the reservation form with your check. Please include a check for \$1800 made payable to District 5190 REGL and mail to: **REGL Registrar, PO Box 20672, Reno, NV 89515-0672**

**Thank you!** Questions? Contact -  
 Karen Shimamoto; [karen@shima.us](mailto:karen@shima.us) 530-640-0649

*\*The following Rotary Clubs will need to send an Adult Mentor Volunteer in order to be eligible to attend – Rotary Clubs of Grass Valley South, Carson City, Fallon, and Mammoth Lakes Noon. If the volunteer is unable to attend, it will be the Rotary Club’s responsibility to replace them in time for camp. Rotary Clubs that have sent Mentors in the past are “eligible.” Check with Karen if you need information.*