



## Guidelines for Selecting Students:

Contact your local Middle school staff (administrators, counselors, teachers, student government advisor, and/or coaches) and ask them to recommend 7<sup>th</sup> graders who have leadership potential and would benefit from a weekend of leadership training and experiences.

Set up a meeting with the recommended students, preferably at the school. Distribute the PRYDE Fact Sheet and introduce Rotary and the PRYDE weekend opportunity. Emphasize the dates and length of time commitment that the students must make if they wish to apply to attend PRYDE. The weekend is planned with inter-related activities. The applicants must plan to be a part of the whole weekend or they should not apply. They are not allowed to arrive late or leave early. They must ride the Rotary chartered buses to and from camp. Cell Phone usage for calls, texts, or email will not be permitted – Pictures, only OK. No exceptions!

At the conclusion of the meeting, give the students the Student Application to Interview Form and directions for completing and returning it to your Rotary Club. You may arrange for school staff to collect and return them, or have the applicants return them to the Rotary Club Youth Chair.

Schedule interviews with the student applicants. Remember, it is not necessary to select the student with the highest-grade point average, but the student who will contribute or benefit the most from the PRYDE experience. Emphasize with the student that they are making a commitment for the entire weekend. The interview session should last about ten minutes. You may use the Sample Questions and Sample Scoring sheets in this packet. The questions may be about anything that is appropriate, such as local, national, and international events, values, and experiences. Complete an interview-scoring sheet for each person to aid in making your selections.

Select an equal number of male and female students depending on the number of reserved spots your club submitted and paid for previously. NOTE: each club will be allowed to register half as many alternates as paid campers i.e. if a club has paid for 10 campers, they are only allowed 5 alternates.

Once you have selected your campers and alternates, please direct them to the Student Tab at [www.PRYDE5330.org](http://www.PRYDE5330.org). Here they will register at CampDoc for camp.

Sample selection letters for you to give to the students are included in this packet.

Include in the letter/notification of those selected:

- PRYDE Fact Sheet
- What to Bring to Camp including Medication Guidelines
- PRYDE Online Registration instructions (student registration)



It is very important that alternate candidates be selected in the event that one of the original students is unable to attend. This occurs frequently. The alternate's registration is due at the same time as the primary attendees. If there is space available due to early cancellations, alternates are picked by the registrar to accommodate bus loads, cabin assignments, etc.

Arrange for your PRYDE participants to attend at least one Rotary Club meeting before their camp experience so that they will have some basic idea of what Rotary is all about.

PRYDE staff will notify each of the registered participants via email approximately two weeks before camp telling them the exact time and location of their bus pickup. If participants miss the bus, they will be unable to attend PRYDE. Entry to camp will be denied to students not arriving on an assigned bus due to insurance issues.

Keep in touch with the participants and alternates & the Registration Chair. Notify the Registration Chair immediately if you learn that a participant or alternate cannot attend. Confirm the name of the alternate with the Chair when there is a replacement. Contact the alternate and inform him/her that s/he is invited to attend, make sure they know where their bus stop is & times for pick up and drop off.

*Your Rotary club is responsible to have one Rotarian at your participants' bus stop at the time of departure on Saturday morning and upon their return on Sunday. The bus cannot drop off the participants at the bus stop on Sunday if there is no adult present. Please have a Rotarian there.*

After PRYDE, invite the participants to a meeting soon after their weekend so that they can share their experience with your club.

### **When speaking to Parents, be sure to advise them:**

- If a student has special requirements, ie: severe food allergy, medication to be taken at particular times, physical or mental disability, etc. **It is imperative that advance notice be given to PRYDE staff to verify eligibility for camp.**
- Complete all the questions on Campdoc regarding conditions, medications and food allergies.
- Distribute the What to Bring to Camp and the Medication Guidelines.
- Students must arrive and return on the same bus. No Exceptions!
- No parents allowed at camp unless they are a Rotarian Volunteer.
- **Cell Phone Use:** No calls, texting or emailing will be permitted during camp activities. Pictures only ok.

**Thank you for your continued commitment to Rotary District 5330 and PRYDE!**