



Rotary Club of Glenwood Springs, Colorado

May 24, 2017

Inbound Student Name
Inbound Student Address

Dear Inbound Student:

It is with great pleasure that our club welcomes you to Glenwood Springs for the 2017-18 academic school year as our Rotary Exchange Student. Rotary Youth Exchange is a very successful program that we believe develops positive understanding among people of many cultures and countries, helping to bring peace and friendships around the world. We are proud to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange and believe that the young people who are ambassadors to and from our country are very special.

Our club has hosted many Rotary Exchange students over the years and we enjoy it very much. Our town is a pretty mountain town in the middle of the Rocky Mountains. We are located on the "Western Slope" of Colorado which means we are west of the Continental Divide. Vail is 1 hour east and Aspen is 1 hour south of Glenwood Springs. Thus, skiing is very big here! Although Vail and Aspen are more famous, even our little town is considered a mountain resort town with year round outdoor activities for visiting families and tourists. <http://www.visitglenwood.com/> and <http://www.glenwoodchamber.com/> are links to our city and chamber of commerce websites. <http://www.postindependent.com/> is the link to our local newspaper. <http://www.vvh.org/> is the link to our local hospital of which we are very proud. <http://coloradomtn.edu/> is a link to Colorado Mountain College, which is based out of our town and which has campuses in many towns on the western slope.

Glenwood Springs has a population of about 15,000 people. There are other smaller towns nearby. Each town has its own small high school and most of them host a Rotary student. We are about a 3 hour drive from Denver, our state capital and biggest city. There is some public transportation in town and between towns (see <http://www.rfta.com/>). We are surrounded by US Forests and National Parks. Deer and other wild animals are commonly found in our back yards! Another interesting aspect of our town and area is that it was settled by many immigrants from Italy 3 generations ago. These same families are now successful members and leaders of our communities.

We are arranging for 2- 3 host families for you. Your RYE youth exchange officer is _____ and your Rotary counselor is _____. Our club has a small website (www.gsrotary.org).

We are excited to meet you! August will come soon! Please give our regards to your parents.

Sincerely!

President Glenwood Springs Rotary Club
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