# Greater Spokane Valley Rotary sponsored Interact Club at Ridgeline High School

## Take action, build international understanding, and make new friends around the world.

### Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service Above Self. Find out how serious leadership can be seriously fun.

### **What are the benefits?**

Connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

* Take action to make a difference in your school and community
* Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
* Become a leader in your school and community
* Have fun and make new friends from around the world

**What’s involved?**

Interact clubs organize at least two projects every year, one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. Rotary club sponsors mentor and guide Interactors as they carry out projects and develop leadership skills.

Celebrate the global impact of Interact by getting involved in:

* World Interact Week
* Interact Video Awards
* Rotary Youth Day at the United Nations
* Global Youth Service Day

**How do I join?**

Check with your school or [**contact a local Rotary club**](https://my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder) to find out if there’s an Interact club in your area. Contact the Interact club to find out how you can join its next meeting, service project, or community event.

Follow Interact on [**Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/interactofficial) to see how Interact clubs are having fun through service.

* **WELCOME TO DISTRICT 5080 YOUTH SERVICES!**
* Rotary’s programs are developing the next generation of leaders, providing funding to make the world a better place, and making peace a priority. And our programs are not just for club members. Learn how you can make a difference in your community through Rotary.
* Rotary invests more than $7 million a year in our future leaders and philanthropists by funding scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study.
* Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens.
* RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.

**District Interact Conference  
  
February 15, 16, 17, 2019**  
  
**Chewelah Peak Learning Center**  
3215 Flowery Trail Road  
Chewelah, WA 99109

* This event is for all Interact Clubs in District 5080.  Rotary clubs are responsible for transportation to and from the event. All Interact Clubs are required to be accompanied by an adult advisor who will be staying for the entire conference.
* Rotary Clubs who are considering an Interact Club Charter are encouraged to sponsor students.

# For the Greater Spokane Valley Rotary club, we can energize and inspire young leaders ages 12-18 through service and encourage them to become responsible global citizens by supporting an Interact club.

## How to get started

Download the [**Interact Guide for Rotary Club Sponsors and Advisers**](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-guide-rotary-club-sponsors-and-advisers) to learn how to:

* Start an Interact club, recruit members, and elect officers
* Support club members and projects
* Connect with Interact’s global community

### Get your club chartered

Once you’ve organized your members and elected officers, you can apply for a charter from Rotary International. No fee is required. Here’s what to do:

* Complete the [**Interact Club Certification Form**](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-club-certification-form) (PDF).
* Email the completed form to [**interact@rotary.org**](mailto:interact@rotary.org) or your region's [**international office**](https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/our-leaders/international-offices).

## How to create vibrant clubs

### Sponsor a club!

Strong Interact clubs start with committed sponsor Rotary clubs. Rotary members support Interactors as guides and mentors, working alongside them on service projects. [**Learn how**](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/interact-guide-rotary-club-sponsors-and-advisers) to sponsor an Interact club.

### Update club information

Sponsor clubs must [**update the contact information**](https://my.rotary.org/en/report-your-interact-club-advisor) of an Interact club adviser annually in My Rotary to maintain the club’s active status and to continue receiving resources from Rotary International.

Because Interactors are minors, Rotary International does not publicly publish lists of Interact clubs or their contact information. As a sponsor, you have access to the list of Interact clubs in your district. The report is available to all Rotarians in [**Rotary Club Central**](https://my.rotary.org/en/user/login?destination=secure/application/516). Once on the Rotary Club Central homepage, select **Reports** from the menu on the left. Then select **Service** tab.

District Rotaract Representatives can access the list through My Rotary. Under District Administration, click on **Reports**.

## Youth protection and risk management

The safety of young people is a top priority for any Rotary-related activity, especially when travel is involved. Find our Statement of Conduct for Working with Youth and more information on student safety and risk management in the [**Rotary Youth Protection Guide**](https://my.rotary.org/en/document/rotary-youth-protection-guide). Take the online course [**Protecting Youth Program Participants**](https://my.rotary.org/learn?deep-link=https%3A//learn.rotary.org/members%3Fr%3Dsite/sso%26sso_type%3Dsaml%26id_course%3D422) in the Learning Center.