

INFORMATION CONCERNING TRAVEL INTO MEXICO

In the past few years, we have become increasingly alarmed with students traveling into the northern border area of Mexico. Rotary District 5500 touches this border and it seems only natural for student to want to include this area in their exchange.

If a student has plans to travel into Mexico, we require that proper procedures be followed to insure the safety of Rotary District 5500 Exchange Students.

The Rotary District 5500 Youth Exchange Committee has limited travel to this area by requiring the student to travel only with an approved Rotarian or their host family. They are not allowed to travel to Mexico with teenagers, unapproved adults. They must obtain the Inbound Chairman's approval prior to the trip. We have taken this action as we have become more aware of the possible safety hazards of travel into Northern Mexico.

It is our understanding, after talking with the U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization Service, that Mexico requires students to have notarized permission from BOTH PARENTS for travel into Mexico from the United States. This must be done in your country at the Mexican Consulate by the parents. If the student can not get a notarized letter from the Mexican Consulate in their country, then they may instead bring a notarized letter by both parents giving permission for their child to travel into Mexico. A copy of this letter must be given to the inbound chairman for your file. Keep the original with your passport, DS-2019 and I-94.