

When students have been interviewed by a Club, accepted as suitable for place on a Camp & Tour, paid their administration fee and their application form is complete, they are put on the Regular Mailing list for invitations which come out for Camps from about mid December onwards, generally fading out towards the end of March.

Early Bird System

In RIBI we have considerably more applicants for Camps than there are invitations, even supposing that we were able to send someone on every Camp. In order to spread opportunities about and provide incentives to districts we have brought in the Early Bird system which aims to offer a limited quota to those who can find applicants early in the season but without penalising districts which attract a lot of applicants. We want to make sure that the places are filled but also want to be fair to all.

DYEOs may nominate up to two students as Early Birds (see below for criteria) from those students in the district whose application form are complete and ready to send away by the deadline of 31st DECEMBER. The Camps Coordinator produces a separate Early Bird mailing list of these students in order of the date of their ROI.

Securing a Provisional Place on a Camp

For the great majority of cases a provisional place is granted to one student only per camp according to a selection system described as follows:

Invitations begin to be sent out to everyone on both Mailing lists from approximately mid December between 7pm and 8pm on the same evening every week**** (as indicated earlier by the Camps Coordinator) and then interested students are invited to email their request for a place. Early Birds may email in from 9pm and Regular students from 9.30pm.

The provisional place will go to the Early Bird with the earliest ROI. The Stand-by place will go to the first Regular student to respond after 9.30pm. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BEFORE 9.30PM FROM REGULAR STUDENTS WILL BE IGNORED.

****If there is a need to vary the timings, the day of the week or even add an extra day when invitations arrive in quantity the Camps Coordinator will email those on the mailing list to warn them.

PLEASE NOTE

1) If no Early Bird applies for it both the provisional place and the stand-by place will go to the first Regular student.

2) An Early Bird may hold the stand-by place only if no one else applies for it.

3) If there is more than one place available for a Camp:

- no more than one Early Bird student will be given a provisional place unless no one else requests it.

- two students from the same school or the same family will not normally be put forward by the Camps Coordinator as applicants for the same camp.

- it is not normally acceptable for two students from the same district to go on the same camp but this may happen only if there is no other student from a different district applying.

4) Any student may request up to two places on different Camps in any one week.

5) A request for any particular camp or tour is no guarantee of an actual place on it.

6) A student's name is removed from the mailing list once s/he has been allocated a provisional place on a Camp. However, it will be reinstated if the place is not confirmed by the Camp Organiser.

7) Before applying for a place students need to check and be sure that:-

- a. They are, or will be, the correct age at the time of the camp/tour
- b. They will not be in school or taking examinations at the time of the camp/tour
- c.. Their family do not have other arrangements for them, such as a family holiday, at the same time as the camp/tour.
- d There are no conflicting summer courses/activities for which their school/college expects their attendance.
- e They have checked out the fees for the camp and they or their parents are willing to pay the cost.
- f They or their parents are fully aware of any additional costs of the camp/tour for which they are applying.

Students who apply for a place and subsequently withdraw because they have not taken into account any of the above will not be considered for another camp/tour place for two weeks.

WHO CAN BE AN EARLY BIRD?

Early Birds are chosen from the students whose application form is complete and ready to go by 31st December.

They could be the first two students from that district to apply – or DYEOs could use their discretion and choose someone who was particularly deserving of being given priority. The Camps Coordinator would give guidance as to who might be eligible in this category.

Often, however, districts will have only one or two students whose applications are ready and they become de facto Early Birds.

BUT:

The Early Bird system applies only to school age students and only to those students who have not been on a Rotary Camp or Exchange before.

Older applicants (18+ to 25) receive invitations on the Regular mailing list and apply from 9.30pm. They do not usually meet too much competition for their chosen place. Even so, their application form should be complete and ready to go as early as possible.

Students who wish to apply for Music camps, where selection is by audition, are also exempt from Early Bird registration.

The Status of Invitations on the Website.

The status of the camps is indicated on the website as follows:

- OPEN – We do not have a British /Irish students applying for it yet. It may be that the camp is already filled by students from other countries - but it is always worth asking.
- RESERVED – Our Camps Coordinator has allocated a provisional place but the Camp Organiser has yet to confirm it.
- CLOSED – The number of places available to British and/or Irish candidates have been taken, or it is past the closing date of the Camp/Tour.