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## Information about Rotary District 5100

- Land Area:** Approximately 100,000 sq km
- Population:** 2,500,000
- Weather:** Varies from cool coastal to hot desert
- Largest city:** Portland, Oregon
- Religions:** Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, Hindu and others
- Rotary clubs:** 76
- Rotarians:** 4,200 +
- Topography:** Seacoast, coastal mountains, agricultural valleys, interior mountains, arid plateau, desert
- Economy:** Aerospace, real estate, retail trade, tourism, food production and processing, Electronic equipment, lumber and wood products, paper products, industrial machinery and business services.
- High schools:** High schools in the USA are different. Many courses available to students are on an “Elective” basis. This means you may choose some courses that interest you. These courses often include photography, ceramics, painting, orchestra, band, and theater. Also, team sports are an important part of school life. (For students exchanging with the US - If you are interested in participating in a Fall team sport such as American football or Soccer (European football), you should contact your club or first Host family as soon as possible to get information about the programs available at the school you will attend.)
- History:** Oregon joined the United States of America as a state in 1859. Washington became a state in 1889. The capital of Oregon is Salem. Washington’s capital is Olympia. The area was first settled by Europeans in the early 19th century. In 1803, US President Thomas Jefferson sent a group of explorers to the region. This was known as the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Following their return to the East 3 years later, many settlers and pioneers walked the 3,000 to 4,000 km from the Eastern United States of America in search of land and adventure over the Oregon Trail. The Oregon Trail is an important part of American history and is studied by all students in this area in elementary school.

### Information about our area is available on the World Wide Web at the following sites:

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| <a href="http://www.nationalgeographic.com">www.nationalgeographic.com</a> | to find atlases, flags, population              |
| <a href="http://www.district5100.org">www.district5100.org</a>             | to find Rotary District 5100 information        |
| <a href="http://www.pova.com">www.pova.com</a>                             | to find Portland visitor information            |
| <a href="http://www.state.or.us">www.state.or.us</a>                       | to find Oregon state government information     |
| <a href="http://www.access.wa.gov">www.access.wa.gov</a>                   | to find Washington state government information |
| <a href="http://www.traveloregon.com">www.traveloregon.com</a>             | to find Oregon tourism information              |
| <a href="http://www.stateofwatourism.com">www.stateofwatourism.com</a>     | to find Washington tourism information          |