



Rotary Youth

Leadership Awards

In District 6940

SELECTION PACKET

Point students, teachers
and anyone interested in
RYLA to this site to see
pictures and quotes.

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INTRODUCTION

Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the program worldwide. The impact spreads further as the program influences other young people, and RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Rotaract and Interact clubs.

Leadership, Citizenship & Personal Development - RYLA is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Each spring, 10th - graders chosen for their past service to the community and leadership potential are awarded an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

RYLA AIMS:

1. Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
2. Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
3. Encourage leadership of youth by youth
4. Publicly recognize young people who are providing service to their communities

RYLA Seminars:

Awardees attending the RYLA seminars can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills in the following key areas:

1. *Communication Skills:* Participants will have the opportunity to: develop interpersonal skills; communicate, listen and write more effectively; engage in some form of public speaking in a warm, supportive environment
2. *Personal Qualities:* Participants will have the opportunities to: identify the various types of personality; help people to get along with each other; manage their own time more effectively; avoid stressful situations; plan for healthier living
3. *Leadership:* Participants will have the opportunity to: identify the characteristics of effective leaders; become aware of the various styles of leadership; observe effective leaders operating in a meeting situation
4. *Problem Solving Strategies:* Participants will have the opportunity to: brainstorm and think creatively; engage in practical problem solving and decision making activities; use a problem solving model in a practical situation

FACT SHEET

Dates: Thursday, April 15th to Sunday April, 18th, 2010

Place:

Wallwood Boy Scout Camp
850-627-3269

<http://www.suwanneeriver.net/wallwood.asp>

Timeline:

- November - December 2009 - Nominations from teachers are solicited via the MEMO TO TEACHERS (see attachment). Rotary clubs commit to a planned number of students and send appropriate tuition total to Rotary District 6940 Foundation in C/O RYLA Treasurer.
- December 2009 - RYLA applications are distributed to nominees.
- January 2010 - Applications are received and reviewed by Rotary clubs. Interviews are scheduled. Students are selected.
- February 2010 - Applications of selected students are sent to RYLA Committee. Permission slips are then sent to students.
- March 2010 - Final transportation arrangements are made.
- April 2010 - RYLA

Cost to Clubs: Tuition is \$250.00 per each student. Clubs should make check payable to Rotary District 6940 RYLA. Transportation cost varies with travel distance and is not part of tuition.

Please make club checks payable to Rotary Dist. 6940 RYLA Account and send to RYLA Chair Tyler Huston at 2039 Centre Pointe Blvd. Suite 101 Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Transportation: Each Rotary club is responsible for getting their students to RYLA. Most clubs coordinate transportation with other area clubs to car (van) pool. Some clubs utilize church vans and personal vehicles. Other clubs rent vans from vendors such as Enterprise. In the past, the average fuel/van cost for rentals has been \$60 to \$70 per student.

SELECTION PROCESS

Since there is wide-spread agreement among Rotarians involved with RYLA in District 6940 that the success of RYLA is, in a large degree, affected by the type of student selected to attend, the RYLA Organizing Committee adopted the following recommended selection process on July 24, 2004.

1. First, RYLA is SPECIAL and should be presented as an AWARD for past service or demonstrated leadership potential. Instead of indiscriminately blanketing a campus with RYLA applications, nominations from all teachers of 10th grade students should be solicited. Through the use of the one page MEMO TO TEACHERS, the optimal RYLA candidate (i.e. an emerging achiever in need of a little boost) can be communicated to teachers so a quality field of candidates can be assembled.
2. Once a group of students have been nominated by the teachers, a Rotarian and a RYLA graduate should do a short talk about RYLA to the field of candidates. RYLA talks are most effective when pictures of past years are available.
3. After the meeting, the RYLA two page applications should be distributed to students who continue to be interested.
4. Once applications are returned, short 10-15 minute interviews should be scheduled with the students. In this way, your club will be able to make quality selections based on first hand knowledge. If there are too many applicants to interview, perhaps Rotarians could meet with the school principal/councilor to cull the group to a manageable number. The interview is also a good time to verify the student's schedule is clear for RYLA and that the student definitely has an interest. In addition to selecting the number of students your club has budgeted for RYLA, a number of alternates should be selected. Drop-outs are possible and a good group of alternates minimizes this risk. We recommend each club select one or two alternates.
5. After selections have been made, prompt phone calls to the selected students and their parents should follow. Alternates should be called at the same time to make sure your club has a solid backup in the event of a last minute withdraw.
6. Mail or Fax the front page of the application for each selected student to RYLA Chair so official "award" letters can be sent. It is not necessary to send the application of alternates unless one of your students drops out.

7) What do you think is the most critical problem facing your community? What solutions can you suggest?

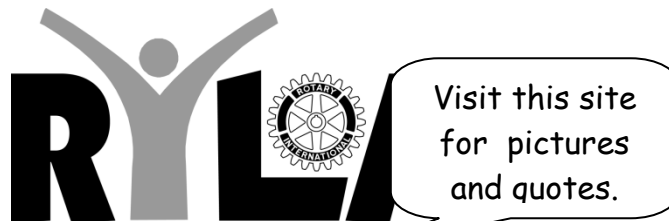
8) Describe briefly your reason for applying for this RYLA workshop:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include one letter of recommendation from someone other than your parent or guardian. This recommendation should be attached in a sealed envelope.

PLEASE RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO YOUR SCHOOL SPONSOR WHO WILL RETURN TO YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB



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MEMO TO TEACHERS

From: THE ROTARY CLUB OF _____

Re: ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - APRIL 15 -18, 2010

Every spring, Rotary clubs across northwest Florida, from Pensacola to Lake City, award an intensive leadership training weekend to approximately seventy tenth grade students. The weekend is paid for completely by sponsoring Rotary clubs and is run entirely by Rotary club members. At RYLA, your tenth graders will learn the different styles of leaders, will learn how to take charge of a group, will learn to speak publicly, will learn ethics, problem solving and will build confidence by taking reasonable risks.

In awarding our weekend, we have a certain type of student in mind. Here is what we are looking for:

1. Current 10th graders only.
2. Males and Females
3. All colors, creeds and interests.
4. A student who is on the cusp of taking charge but needs just a little boost. That is, we desire a student who has shown an interest in service but needs some encouragement and confidence building to take charge.
5. We are looking for "C" students, "B" students and "A" students but not necessarily the "straight-A captain of the football team or cheer leading squad." We like interesting mixes.

If you know of a student fitting the above criteria who has an interest in personal growth, please forward their name to _____ by _____.

Thank you for helping us train the next generation of leaders.

If you have questions, please contact _____ of the _____ Rotary Club at _____.

Personal Health and Medical History

To be filled out by parent, guardian or adult participant. Please print in ink.

IDENTIFICATION

Name _____ Date of birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Name of parent or guardian _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home telephone number _____ Alternate contact number _____

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name of personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____

Policy no. _____

Check all the items that apply, *past or present*, to your health history. Explain any "Yes" answers.

ALLERGIES: Food, medicines, insects, plants Yes No

Explain: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:

ADHD Yes No

Asthma Yes No

Cancer/leukemia Yes No

Kidney disease Yes No

Diabetes Yes No

Heart trouble Yes No

Hemophilia Yes No

High blood pressure Yes No

Convulsions/seizures Yes No

Explain: _____

Please list all medications taken in the 30 days **prior** to arrival to RYLA activity: _____

List any medications to be taken at RYLA activity: _____

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation in swimming, backpacking, high ropes/low ropes course, hiking long distances or playing strenuous physical games: _____

List equipment needed such as braces, glasses, contact lenses, etc.: _____

Please list any diet restrictions: _____

Please list any activity restrictions: _____

Height: _____ Weight: _____

I give my permission for full participation in the RYLA Program subject to limitations noted herein.

In case of an emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper medical treatment for my child (or for me, if participant is an adult).