



Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program

The RYLA Experience: *This notable Rotary program is an award* for students identified for their leadership potential. It enables 10th grade sophomore students identified for their leadership ability to participate in a 3 day Leadership Camp held at the Alpine, NJ Boy Scout Camp on April 13, 14, 15, 2012. Thanks to participating Rotary clubs, our RYLARIANS actively participate in life changing experiences and positive memories that will be carried for a lifetime.

The RYLA program is held over a weekend and the schedule is packed with activities, speakers and events designed to build leadership ability, self-awareness and character. These activities include team-building exercises, group sessions and other fun, interactive events led by adult Rotarians and past RYLARIANS. This year's RYLA participants can be considered as student leaders for future RYLA camps.

Students participating in the RYLA camp are fully sponsored by the local Rotary Clubs. Students will be provided lodging and meals. A list of items to bring will be included with the acceptance letter. The only expense to the participating students is transportation to and from the camp.

How does it work? Rotary Clubs, working with schools, school counselors and possibly the schools' Rotary Interact Clubs invite students to complete an application and submit it to the representative of the local Rotary Club. The Rotary club then selects the top applications for the number of students the local Rotary Club will sponsor. The schools and families will then be notified of their selection for participation in this incredible experience.

Application Deadlines: The applications should be distributed by the schools to students so that they can be completed and returned by Friday December 9, 2011. The schools should then immediately forward the applications to the Rotary club representative so that the applications can be reviewed and approved by the local Rotary club by December 16. Fully approved applications are then forwarded by the local Rotary Club to the district RYLA committee.

How many students can our school send? The local Rotary Club representative will tell the school representative how many students will be sponsored by the club. The school should then select highly qualified candidates with leadership potential to be considered. It is generally recommended to submit a few more applications than spots available so that alternates can be considered in the event a selected candidate cannot attend.

Why only 10th Grade Students? For some students, this will be a 3 year leadership program. Select students of the 2012 class will be invited to be student leaders and planners for the 2013 and 2014 Classes. Further, we know that RYLA participation will spark an interest in an INTERACT CLUB if your school does not already have one and this will give the local Interact club a member with 2 years of eligibility.

Who can the schools, students and/or parents contact for questions? District RYLA Chairman Kevin Hunt, (914) 500-3102 or info@RYLA7230.org or www.Rotary7230.org.

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