

RYLA

Bayou Segnette State Park

June 6 - June 9, 2019

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PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

WHAT TO BRING:

Please mark everything with your name. Clothes will get dirty and laundry facilities are not available.

Clothing:

Pajamas

Shirts and Shorts to last the stay

Long sleeve shirt and jeans

2 pairs of sturdy shoes

Socks

Bathing suit/Cover-up, Beach Towel

Goggles, earplugs for Pool activities

Underclothes

Rain Gear

Linens and Other:

3 sets of towels and washcloths

Bring sleeping bag and Pillow

Laundry bag for dirty clothes

Soap, shampoo, toiletry and personal hygiene articles

Sunscreen

Camera

Medications (Prescription and Over the Counter)

Please Note:

Use of electronic devices will not be allowed in camp.

(i.e. Cell phones, computers, ipads, etc.)

No one will be allowed to arrive late or depart early.

Thank You.

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WHAT WILL I GET FROM RYLA ?

RYLA provides you with an opportunity to exchange ideas, opinions and beliefs with other students with leadership qualities. Peace Building, problem solving, relationships and ethics are some of the topics. You will learn how to be a more effective role model, team player and leader.

FACT: As you approach graduation, you will be making important decisions that will affect the rest of your life.

WHAT IS A TYPICAL DAY AT RYLA ?

Mornings are filled with team competitions designed to build teamwork and spirit. Throughout the afternoon, you'll attend speaker sessions, educational workshops, and discussion groups. Evenings are split between team building activities and speaker events, which allow you to interact with other. Your day isn't complete until you regroup with your team for group discussions. This time allows you to reflect on the day and "process" what you have learned.

FACT: Our world needs qualified leaders - leaders who can motivate others, make sound decisions and execute their plans.

FACT: You can have all the knowledge in the world, but if it is not properly applied, it will be wasted. Remember, knowledge + action = results.

The Last Thing to Remember is the Most Important!!

Bring This Information Packet to RYLA !!

YOU WILL NEED IT!!

Your Team Color is_____.

You will be participating with a team in a leadership and teamwork environment; and you and your team will compete with the other teams on the following activities:

- Best Skit
- Best Poster
- Best Team Yell!
- Speak-off
- Others

Bring articles that will enhance your team's spirit. (Like clothing in your teams color but mostly bring your creative ideas).

RYLA will have the materials needed for team projects. Bring your sponsoring Rotary Club flag. (Ask your sponsor for their club's flag)

Come with an open mind, a positive attitude, and be ready to have fun!!!

LAST REMINDER!!! BRING THIS PACKET!!!

SEE YOU THERE!!!

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GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

1. You must attend functions and activities, be on time. You are leaders, we expect you to act like leaders and role models. We will treat you as such.
2. We are Guests
 - a. Respect all property
 - b. NO Littering. Pick up trash when you see it.
3. Act with respect at meal times and Speaker Sessions. Sit with your team at meals.
4. Do not leave camp area at any time. Never wander away from the group alone.
ALWAYS TRAVEL IN THREES
5. NO smoking or any other Tobacco use.
6. A health care professional will be available - See RYLA Director if any medical need should arise.
7. The content of Skits, Speeches and Posters is to be free of any language or themes that are not appropriate for RYLA. You are leaders and we expect you to act accordingly.
8. NO profanity or demeaning language or gestures will be tolerated.
9. Show the highest level of respect for your fellow RYLArians, your counselors, speakers, park staff, visiting Rotarians and above all ... yourself.

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Arrival time: 10:00AM

Opening Ceremonies: 1:00PM

Departure time: 11:00AM

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Upon arrival, park in the designated area and then see the greeting counselor for directions. Next you will need to speak to the health care professional and discuss any concerns or medical needs. Be sure to let us know of any allergies or medical conditions we need to be aware of. If your RYLarian shows any signs of significant fever or illness, he/she will not be allowed to stay at RYLA.

You may help get them settled in. As soon as your RYLarian has met the greeting counselor, you are free to go.

CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

Parents and families are welcome on Sunday. Please plan on arriving anytime between 9-10AM. The 10-11AM time frame is scheduled for group presentations.

After closing ceremonies, please check to make sure that your RYLarian has all his/her belongings with them before they depart.

Thank you for your support. Have a safe trip home.

CONTACT INFORMATION PRIOR TO START OF RYLA

**Tim McNabb
Mike Hayes**

**Mobil
Mobil**

**(985) 856-4042
(337) 842-7839**

RYLA EMERGENCY CONTACT

Park Phone: 504-736-7140

Team Organization and Team Competition Activities

The following are requirements for each team:

RYLA Name - Each participant will select a RYLA name. The name is an adjective that has the same first letter as their name. Counselors and RYLArian will be addressed by their RYLA name throughout the weekend.

Team Name - Each team selects a name which will be used to identify the group or the week.

Team Bandana - Each team decides on how their bandanas will be worn during the week. The bandana may be worn differently each day, but must be worn identically by all members of the team. This must be decided before the bandanas are worn each day.

Team Cheer - A cheer competition will be held Friday night and the best team cheer will be selected by the Judging Committee. Ensure that the team cheer has been seen by a Sr Counselor prior to presenting to the group.

Team Skit -

Team Poster Competition - A poster must be prepared based on the **Rotary 2018-2019 Theme, "Be the Inspiration"** or the Rotary Motto, "*Service above Self*". The poster must be displayed along the side walls by 10:00 am Sunday and must include team name for identification purposes. The poster will be judged Sunday morning. The best poster will be named by the Judging Committee.

Speak-Off Competition - One member of each team will participate in the Saturday Evening Speak-Off Competition. The Speak-Off is a presentation by a representative from each team. The presentations include the speaker's reactions, impressions, and their experience at camp. After all the presenters have finished, the top two are selected by vote of the Competition Committee. All presenters will be expected to make their presentations when invited by the Rotary Club that sponsored their RYLA scholarship. Each team should select its representative based on leadership and other qualities they value rather than just personality, for each presenter speaks not only for himself, but for the entire group. It is not necessary to be a polished speaker ... it is necessary for the speaker to be sincere and interested in conveying the thoughts and feelings of his team. Ensure that the speech has been reviewed by a Sr Counselor prior to presenting to the group.

Interview With a Rotarian Report - Each participant must conduct at least one interview with a Rotarian. The team will select a camper to make a presentation on the Team's behalf. The best

presentation will be selected by the Judging Committee. Ensure that the speech has been reviewed by a Sr Counselor prior to presenting to the group.

Speaker Introduction - Each Team will be responsible for introducing a speaker before their talk. The Team will be responsible for interviewing their speaker on arrival to request appropriate introduction information. The Team will select one or more individuals to introduce the speaker. The Team will host their speaker during their stay at RYLA, including meal time.

Meal Time Ceremony - Each Team will be assigned a meal time and will lead the meal time ceremony. The Time will:

- Begin with a Prayer. The Team may compose a prayer or use the RYLA prayer.
- Lead the 4 Way Test
- Lead the Pledge of Allegiance (Breakfast only)
- Lead the RYLA Song, or compose one of their own to lead

Judging Committee - Each Team will select a team member to serve on the Judging Committee. The team may choose to rotate members so that different team members serve as judges or may choose to have one person serve throughout. The Judging Committee will:

- Judge the Team Cheer Competition, the Skit Competition, the Poster Competition and the Speak Off Competition.
- Judges cannot vote on their own team and are required to participate in their Team activities.
- Judges will define and agree on the criteria by which each competition will be judged. They may choose to seek guidance on the criteria from Staff and Counselors, and should share the criteria with their teams.
- The Four Way Test requirements must be met as a criteria for judging.
- The Judging Committee will determine how the winning team will be recognized for winning. Second through Fourth placement will not be disclosed by the Judges.
- The Judging Committee, with prior notice to counselors and staff, will be allowed to meet during meals to conduct committee business.

Hi, My Name is...

I am from:

I go to school:

And,

I AM *Unique* because...

INTERVIEW WITH A ROTARIAN

Rotarian Name:

Classification:

Club:

WORK RELATED QUESTIONS:

1. What is your job or profession?
2. What challenge do you find in what you do?
3. From a work standpoint, what motivates you? (What is it that gets you up and excited each day?)

ROTARY RELATED QUESTIONS:

1. How long have you been a Rotarian?
2. What activities or efforts in Rotary give you the greatest satisfaction? (And/or)
3. What activities or efforts in Rotary excite and motivate you?
4. What is the one accomplishment or effort in Rotary experience of which you are the most proud?
5. What do you want us to know about Rotary?
6. How has being a Rotarian affected your personal and/or your professional life?

WHAT IS ROTARY

ROTARIANS meet regularly to enjoy each other's fellowship and discuss how they can serve others.

ROTARY is compassionate for the underprivileged, the ill and the disabled, many of whom are the beneficiaries of various service projects conducted by Rotary Clubs around the world each year.

ROTARY adds fulfillment each year to the lives of young people of secondary school age around the world as they study in countries other than their own.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION contributes approximately annually to its various educational and humanitarian programs to promote international understanding.

ROTARY sponsors **INTERACT**, which is a service club for young people of secondary school age.

ROTARY sponsors **ROTARACT**, for young adults between 18 and 30 around the World.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say, or do

First: Is it the **TRUTH**?

Second: Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Third: Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Fourth: Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

RYLA Song

AULD RYLA SYNE

(Sing to tune of Auld Lang Syne)

The Leaders of the World will come
From the best and brightest youth
And Rotary will lead the way
With Understanding, Peace and Truth

Working together as a Team
Building friendships on the way
Let “Service above Self” prevail
We are RYLA all the way.

RYLA MEAL TIME PRAYER

Gracious God, strengthen us in mind and body
With this food for the challenges that lay
Ahead of us in **RYLA**.

Give us courage to use our talents with
Fairness and honesty, so the leadership
We provide might benefit all people.

Amen.