

RYLA

2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Program Guide

Rotary

District 6200



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Section 1

General Information

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Purpose and Objectives of RYLA

- 1) The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) provides outstanding student leaders an opportunity to expand and hone their leadership skills, the four-day program is called RYLA, which is staffed and operated by volunteer Rotarians from District 6200.
- 2) The objectives of RYLA are:
 - a) To provide an atmosphere in which future leaders will experience democratic living that will aid them in developing sound values.
 - b) To promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis for insight and understanding for intelligent leadership.
 - c) To expose the youth leaders to some opportunities and challenges of life in a free democratic society.
 - d) To introduce youth leaders to Rotary principles and Rotary youth programs.
 - e) To promote involvement that encourages the participants to think through and arbitrate conflicts of values.

Background

- 1) District 6200 RYLA, June 6- June 9, 2019 at Bayou Segnette State Park
- 2) Incoming and outgoing 11th graders, graduating seniors, male or female, are eligible to apply.
- 3) RYLA consists of:
 - a) Leadership training via:
 - i) Outstanding speakers from all over District.
 - ii) Discussion groups.
 - iii) Discussion sessions with fellow RYLArians and Rotarian staff members.
 - b) Activities to include:
 - i) Daily competitions among groups.
 - ii) Team-building projects.
 - iii) Outdoor activities.
 - c) Fellowship with student leader peers. RYLArians make friends that will last a lifetime.

Note: Any student who has attended previous RYLA is not eligible to return as an attendee.

Important Facts

- 1) Coordination and communication.
 - a) Club President and President-Elect must coordinate all RYLA related activities at club level for this program to succeed.
 - b) Early financial commitment via club budget is vital.
 - c) Early appointment of Club RYLA Chairman is essential as this program transcends two Rotary years.

SECTION 2

Club President and President-Elect Responsibilities

A. Job Description

- 1) Become knowledgeable about the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.
 - i) Background and history.
 - ii) RYLA.
 - iii) Sequence of deadlines.
- 2) Appoint a Club RYLA Chairman.
- 3) Make sure all RYLA deadlines are met.
- 4) Follow through on your club's commitment to the RYLA program.

B. Budgeting

- 1) Your Club should budget for RYLA before or at the beginning of each Rotary year on July 1st.
- 2) Participants are selected by each Club as early as possible for the upcoming RYLA program in June.

At regular Board of Directors meeting, remind directors of commitment to next year's RYLA Program, both financial and time.

SECTION 3

Club RYLA Chairman Responsibilities

Job Description and Responsibilities

- 1) Organize Club RYLA Committee to select participant(s) to represent your club.
- 2) Recruit outstanding young men and women in your community for RYLA.
 - (a) Publicize the RYLA Program to the high schools and youth of your community.
 - (b) Children of Rotarians are eligible to attend.
- 3) Plan a Rotary Youth Leadership Award presentation to the selected participant(s).
- 4) Arrange transportation by May 1st for your club's sponsored participant to and from RYLA. (Encourage parents to attend the Sunday closing ceremony)

NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR OWN VEHICLES.

- 5) Plan and coordinate your club's meeting for presentation of the

RYLA Program soon after the completion of RYLA.

- (a) Participants are expected to report to your Club on their experience at RYLA.
 - (b) It can be one of the best speaker programs of the year if scheduled right after the event.
- 6) Help recruit Rotarian "counselors" and speakers from your club to help the RYLA staff during the program.

Schedule of events for Club RYLA Chairman.

November - Organize your committee for RYLA recruitment.

- 1) Plan recruitment campaign.
- 2) Remind Club President of funding commitment for this Rotary year.

January -

- 1) Remind Club President that camper fees (\$200 per person) for this year's attendee(s) must be sent to District RYLA Committee Chairman by March 1st.
- 2) Begin recruitment campaign.
 - a) Contact former RYLArians, active Rotarians and school officials for potential recruits.
 - b) Make announcements at Club meetings.
 - c) Recruit counselor Rotarians and drivers for RYLA.

February - Recruitment campaign in full swing.

- 1) Use RYLA Committee members to help recruit.
- 2) Schedule informational and educational meetings about RYLA as needed.

March 1st - Complete selection process by this date.

- 1) Schedule candidate interviews before committee. See sample forms.
- 2) Select attendee(s) and at least one alternate. (Almost every year some alternates are chosen, sometimes at the last minute).
- 3) Set a time when the attendees selected can be presented the award and introduced to your Club.
- 4) Send completed RYLA participant form along with payment to District RYLA Committee Chairman.

NOTE: FINALIZE TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO AND FROM RYLA, OTHER CLUBS MAY WISH TO COORDINATE TRANSPORTATION PLANS WITH YOU.

May 1st – Participant Application to be submitted to the:

**District 6200 Office - Frank Bradshaw – RYLA
2266 S College Rd # C, Lafayette, LA 70508**

May – Re-contact RYLA participants to schedule with them the transportation to and from RYLA.

- 1) Re-contact RYLA participants to schedule with them the transportation to and from RYLA.
- 2) Attendees may not take their own vehicles to RYLA.

- 3) You may team up with other clubs on transportation.
- 4) RYLA counselors and staff will not be able to take attendees to RYLA, as they **must** be there a day early for orientation.
- 5) District RYLA Committee is not responsible for transportation.

July-August - Schedule and coordinate RYLA program in the Club to include your participant(s) and counselors as speaker(s).

NOTE: IF YOUR CLUB DID NOT SEND SOMEONE, THE DISTRICT RYLA COMMITTEE WILL HELP ARRANGE A RYLA PROGRAM FOR YOUR CLUB.

Selection Process and Criteria

- 1) Send your best completed sophomores, juniors and seniors to RYLA. We want the outstanding young leaders and potential leaders in your community for our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Use the following as a guide:
 - a) Good academic record.
 - b) Involvement in school and service activities.
 - (i) Honor societies
 - (ii) Academic clubs
 - (iii) And any other clubs
 - (iv) Other activities (i.e. band, debate, drama, choir, etc.)
 - (v) Church activities
 - (vi) Involvement in athletics
 - a. Varsity sports
 - b. intramural sports
 - c) Non-school related sports
 - (i) Work experience
 - d) After school jobs
 - e) Summer jobs
 - f) Other significant achievements and honors

As a rule, try to send well rounded individuals who are recognized leaders with proven leadership qualities.

Recruitment

- 1) Sources
 - a) Interact Clubs
 - b) School principals, counselors, teachers and coaches.
 - c) Rotarians (sons and daughters of Rotarians may apply to attend RYLA).
- 2) Orientation
 - a) Meet with high school principals, counselors, teachers and coaches
 - b) Meet with potential applicants and explain purpose of RYLA

NOTE: Any student who has attended previous RYLA is not eligible to return as an attendee.

Interviews and Selection

- 1) Time - first week of March
- 2) Procedure
 - a) Have applicants include school transcript and picture with application. The four-page application form at the back of this Guide may be copied for applicants. Optional but very helpful: Ask applicants to write a short essay on why they think the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp would be a good experience for them.
 - b) Schedule interviews with full committee of Rotarians (After work interviews work well).
 - c) Organize question format to standardize questions for all applicants.
 - d) Photograph each applicant (Polaroid) to assist in review

Selection of Alternates

- 1) Selected students sometimes drop out before start of RYLA, and alternates must be prepared to take their place.
- 2) Keep alternates informed of all details regarding camp right up until the start of RYLA.
- 3) We may be able to accommodate additional campers once the deadline is met. Contact District RYLA chairperson if your club would like to send additional students.

**NO REFUNDS ARE POSSIBLE. CLUB
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT IS CRITICAL SINCE
DISTRICT FUNDS ARE NOT ALLOCATED FOR
RYLA.**



RYLA Club Participation Form

June 6 - June 9, 2019 – Bayou Segnette State Park

_____ Rotary Club will sponsor a minimum of ___ participants at
A cost of \$200.00 per attendee for a cost (# of persons x \$200.00) of \$ _____
Club RYLA Chairperson Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

I hereby agree to select students who embody the leadership qualities as described in the RYLA Guide. Once selected, I will communicate to them all pertinent information (including our club commitment to transporting them to and from camp) in a timely manner. I understand that all submitted participant applications are subject to review by the RYLA Director. Furthermore, I agree to meet all RYLA deadlines unless special arrangements are made with the RYLA District Committee Chairman,

Signature: _____

Send this form along with payment for each participant by March 1, 2019, to:

**Frank Bradshaw - RYLA
2266 S College Rd # C,
Lafayette, LA 70508**

Space is limited...Deadline for is March 1, 2019. NO REFUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

If any Rotarian in your club would be interested in serving as a Counselor, please submit the name, so he or she can be sent an application. For counselors and staff, RYLA runs from June 6- June 9, 2019. With counselor orientation on the eve of June 5, 2019.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Home phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____



**Application
Rotary Youth Leadership Award
Must be submitted by May 1st**

**June 6 - June 9, 2019 - Bayou Segnette State Park
7777 Westbank Expy, Westwego, LA 70094**

Club RYLA Chairperson Information:

Sponsoring Rotary Club _____
RYLA Club Chairperson _____
Email _____

(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY, UNREADABLE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED)

Applicant's Full Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Age _____ Grade _____ GPA _____
School Attended _____
Email _____ T-Shirt Size _____
Home Phone _____ Mobile _____
Emergency Daytime Phone _____

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Honor Roll, Awards, Accelerated/Special Classes)

OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITIONS: (Positions held and responsibilities undertaken)

SPORTS PARTICIPATION: (Number of years. levels of competition and honors)

OUTSIDE SCHOOL INTEREST, SERVICE ACTIVITIES, HOBBIES AND RECREATION

WORK EXPERIENCE: (Summers and After School)

OPTIONAL: (Write a short essay on why you think the Rotary Youth Leadership Award will be a good experience for you.)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED AND HAVE A CURRENT PHOTO ATTACHED.

PARENTS
SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

STATEMENT OF HEALTH
(Developed and Approval by the American Camping Association)

Health History (Yes or No – If Yes give approximate dates):

Frequent Colds _____	Kidney Trouble _____	Chicken Pox _____
Frequent Sore Throats _____	Bed Wetting _____	Measles _____
Sinusitis _____	Heart Trouble _____	German Measles _____
Abscessed Ears _____	Athlete's Foot _____	Mumps _____
Bronchitis _____	Sleep Walking _____	Whooping Cough _____
Fainting _____	Rheumatic Fever _____	Tuberculosis _____
Serious Ivy, Oak or Sumac Poisoning _____		
Operations or Serious Injuries _____		

Allergic Reactions to:

Bee Sting _____	Penicillin _____	Other Drugs _____
Any medicine currently being taken? _____		
Any specific activities for which participation in would affect health? _____		

General Statement of Health _____

Important Notice – If there are any health changes after submission of the health statement, or if there is any exposure to any communicable disease during the three weeks prior to attendance at RYLA, the RYLA Administration must be noticed prior to attendance.

Liability Release

(To be signed by both parents or guardian and applicant. Applicant cannot participate without this release.)

General Release:

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the RYLA and all associated activities.

I/we have read the RYLA Handbook regarding associated activities distributed to each student with this application. I understand that they carry some risk and the student will be expected to participate in these activities. I understand that these activities are part of what made the RYLA program so successful in the growth of young people and that my student has my approval to participate in all of the activities during the program.

Student, for himself or herself, his or her spouse, parents, legal representatives, heirs, and assigns, hereby releases, waives and discharges RYLA, Rotary, its officers and members, all promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owner and lessees on the premises which upon RYLA is conducted, and each of them and their officers and employees (referred to hereinafter as "Releasees") from all liability to student, spouse, parents, legal representatives, heirs, and assigns for any and all loss or damage, and any claim or damages resulting therefrom, on account of injury to student's person or property, even injury resulting in death of student, whether caused by negligence of Releasees or otherwise while student is participating in the RYLA activities.

Student agrees to indemnify Releasees and each of them for any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to the presence of student in or upon the RYLA premises or activities, whether caused by negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

Student hereby assumes full responsibility for risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage due to the negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, while in or upon the RYLA premises or activities, and while competing, officiating in, working or for any purpose participating in the RYLA activities.

Student expressly agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana; and that if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in legal force and effect.

Medical Release:

In the event emergency, medical attention is required for a student at RYLA, the providing of the attention will not be construed as an admission of liability on the part of RYLA and cost for all emergency treatment and care must be borne by the parents or guardians of the involved student. Should RYLA have a voluntary insurance coverage to cover such expenses, such coverage will be limited to the excess over any valid and collectible insurance carried by the injured student's parents or guardians.

In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of students. In the event that I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the RYLA director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child/ward as named herein.

I support my child's/ward's application to RYLA and I agree that if he/she is selected to attend RYLA, he/she will complete the entire program. I understand that my child/ward will be asked not to attend RYLA if illness or emergency will preclude him/her from participating fully in all RYLA activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Student and Student's parents or guardians have executed this release at:

_____ In the State of _____

This _____ day of _____ Year _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parents or Guardian's Signatures: _____
