

WHAT IS Camp RYLA?

Strong leaders are made, not born. Leadership principles are learned not inherited. Through Camp RYLA (*Rotary Youth Leadership Awards*), "Leaders of Tomorrow" have a forum for teamwork, communication, and consensus building in an environment that challenges personal and team responsibilities. This multi-day leadership skills summer camp annually provides over one hundred outstanding high school student leaders, opportunities to expand and hone their leadership skills through cabin activities, athletic events, educational workshops, and team building exercises.

WHO PARTICIPATES IN RYLA?

RYLA campers are high school juniors who have excelled in one or more areas of high school involvement and who have proven leadership potential. Last year, all 64 clubs in Rotary District 5810, recruited from approximately 90 area high schools for camper scholarships. Interviews were conducted from over 1500 student applications. With so many quality candidates it is a difficult decision in filling the 180 spots in final attendance.

RYLA OBJECTIVES:

- ♦ To provide an atmosphere where future leaders will experience learning situations that will aid them in developing sound values.
- ♦ To promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis of insight and understanding for intelligent leadership.
- ♦ To promote involvement that encourages participants to think through appropriate actions based on values and ethics.
- ♦ To encourage students through cooperative activities and group dynamics to develop leadership skills that can be carried back to their high schools and be modeled by other students.

YOUR CLUB'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT:

Each Rotarian and Rotary club is very important to the continued success of this program. Your club's ongoing financial support and time commitment is vital and appreciated.

Additionally, a strong chairperson and club committee is very important as we develop our program each year.