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Welcome! Thank you for being your club's RYLA Rep.

RYLA is one of four Rotary International youth programs. In District RYLA is open to provide high school Sophomores / Gr. 10 and Juniors / Gr. 11. RYLA is an opportunity to gain valuable leadership and decision-making skills in a supportive seminar setting.

As your club's RYLA rep, your main responsibility is to promote RYLA to your fellow Rotarians, recruit a pool of eligible teens, and select 1-2 local teens to represent your club and community. Specifically, you will:

- 1) Determine how many students your club will be able to sponsor in 2010;
- 2) Handle payment for your club for all sponsored students and chaperones (this includes requesting the check from your club President/ Secretary /Treasurer);
- 3) Lead a small committee of Rotarians from your club to recruit, screen, and select participants to attend RYLA 2010;
- 4) Be the liaison between the students and RYLA program
- 5) Handle the logistics of travel.

IMPORTANT: We are looking for Grade 10 and 11 (Sophomore / Junior) students who are not overextended and would MOST benefit from the RYLA opportunity. These students need not be current leaders such as a student body president or other elected leadership position. They just need to be great teens who are of strong character with positive attitudes, have an interest in attending and will benefit from and contribute to the event. In particular, we want to identify students who have not had the opportunities to participate in a leadership event like this in the past.

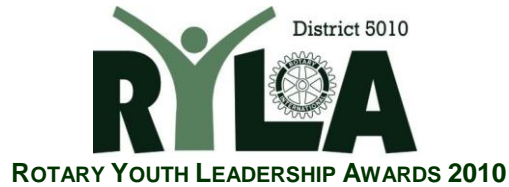
NOTE: Foreign exchange students are not eligible, as the purpose of this program is to foster local capacity.

We hope this attached "toolkit" will help you accomplish these tasks – even if it is a working draft! Much thanks to the RYLA Planning Committee for editing this tool kit for RYLA 2010. If you have questions or need help at any point in the process, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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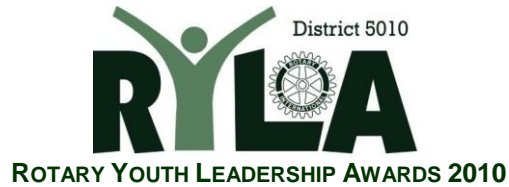
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Important Dates For Club RYLA Reps

Start Right Now!

- Get familiar with this RYLA Rep Toolkit. We are working on the RYLA website: <http://www.RYLA5010.org>. If you need forms or have a question e-mail info@RYLA5010.org
- Get together with your club president and board and determine how many students your club will be able to sponsor. (Clubs generally send 2 students). Complete the Club Commitment Form by March 5, 2010 and fax it per instruction on the form.
- Notify your Club Treasurer or Secretary that your club will need to write a check to RYLA for the students and leaders you sponsor this year, due by March 10, 2010. Checks should be made payable to RYLA and have your club name on the memo line. Mail your check to KODIAK not Juneau. The address is: **RYLA District Treasurer • 3378 Spruce Cape Road • Kodiak Alaska 99615**
- Ask your club's former RYLA Rep(s) for feedback and ideas on who you should contact in your schools to reach high school sophomores (10th grade) and juniors (11th grade). Do not just ask one counselor consider asking teachers you know and or security guards in the school.
- Plan to make a few announcements to your club about RYLA during the recruitment and selection period and ask for volunteers to help with recruitment, as well as serve as a chaperone to travel and/or attend the RYLA event with the participants from your club.
- Ask your club Program Chair to have RYLA be a featured speaking event at a meeting in May or June 2010 and ensure the participants attend to present their experience of RYLA.

March 8, 2010

- Deadline to make initial contact with high school counselor/principal.
 - See "Steps for Successful RYLA Recruitment," on page 6.
- Deadline for your club to notify RYLA of how many students your club will sponsor, by filling out the Club Commitment Letter and faxing it to (866) 654-6272
- Deadline for clubs to send payment checks to RYLA.

March 8 - March 25, 2010

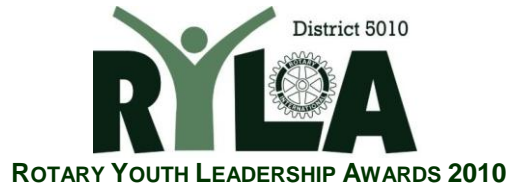
- Recruitment of students to apply for RYLA:
 - See "Steps for Successful RYLA Recruitment" in Section 1 on page 5 of this toolkit.
- Recruit club members to be on a student selection committee.
 - Ask for on-site volunteers - pass out and collect Rotarian Volunteer Forms.

March 25, 2010

- Deadline for students to submit their applications to your club for consideration.

March 26 – March 31, 2010

- Review applications and interview students with your student selection committee.



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April 1, 2010

- Deadline for you and your committee to select students.
 - Follow the protocols outlined in See “Steps for Successful RYLA Recruitment” in Section 1 on page 6 of this toolkit.
 - Send out regret/congratulations letters/e-mails. Make phone calls, to confirm receipt.

April 5, 2010

- Deadline for you to register your selected teens
- Meeting fare discount has been set up for RYLA Travel dates are May 1-14, and discount is 7% off normal published fares. CMB1367 Booking online can be done at AlaskaAir.com within a few days from now using ECCMB1367. Most of you will have your participants travel on May 5th or 6th and return May 9th. The extension on the travel dates are thanks to David Berg from Viking Travel.
- If you would like help with your travel – David Berg from Viking Travel, Inc. helps us get the travel code discount every year. His contact is: E-mail: david@vikingtrvl.net or Toll-Free: 800.327.2571 or Phone: 907.772.3818
- Deadline for Rotarian Volunteers fill out and fax the the Volunteer form – Please make sure your club members are aware of this deadline.

April 9, 2010

- Deadline for you to fax (866) 654-6272) your selected students’ 1) Medical Information/Emergency Contact Forms and 2) Power of Attorney Forms. If you do not have the forms, you can get these forms by e-mailing info@RYLA5010.org

RYLA Event May 6 - 9, 2010

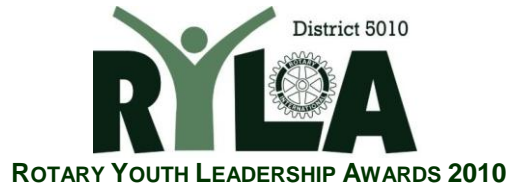
- RYLA participants are to arrive in Juneau by noon, Thursday May 6, 2010.
- RYLA held in Juneau AK; it may be necessary to travel on May 5th to arrive on time.

May 9, 2010

- Departure of RYLA participants early morning from Juneau.

**NOTE: We are working on the website!
Our hope is to have all forms on-line by March 1, 2010!**

**You can also contact Liz Jones for the forms
at registration@ryla5010.org or call her at 907-617-2404**



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SECTION 1: Recruiting Teen Participants

Steps for Successful Recruitment of Students

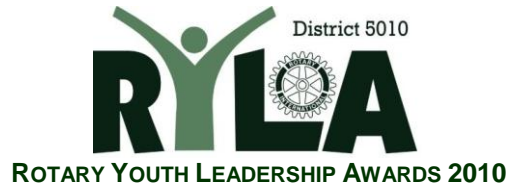
1. If you have not yet attended a RYLA Rep orientation or talked to Victoria or Liz, call one of them for a quick overview.
2. By March 5, 2010 contact the counselors, principals, &/or resource counselors, at your schools via email and/or phone. RYLA Flyers are available on www.RYLA5010.org. (we are working on web site - so if you do not see it - e-mail us at the e-mail above.)
 - a. Arrange for a presentation or info table at the schools in early March.
 - b. Leave application forms/flyers/ RYLA posters at high schools – ask who is the best point of contact at each school to reach 10th and 11th grade students.
 - c. Leave your contact information with the point(s) of contact you meet.
 - d. Find out the protocol for placing an ad in school newspapers and/or teachers bulletins. Also, ask if it is possible to have an announcement made over the loudspeaker two or three times during the recruitment period.
 - e. Invite your school contact(s) counselors/teachers/principals to Rotary meetings.

Very important: Emphasize that we are looking for 10th and 11th graders who are not overextended and would benefit from the RYLA opportunity.

3. You will actively recruit potential applicants March 8 – March 25, 2010.
 - a. Touch base weekly with the point of contact to see if applications are trickling in. If they are not coming in, ask them for suggestions.
 - b. Make sure the announcements are going in the school newspapers and teacher's bulletins.
 - c. Make sure several announcements are made over the PA system. Tip: Ask your point of contact to recruit a RYLA Alumni from the school to make this announcement (NOTE: Contact us if you need assistance in finding your clubs RYLA Alumni).
4. By late March, set up a RYLA Student Selection Committee, consisting of you plus at least two other Rotarians from your club. Meet briefly to determine how you plan to select students. (See page 7 for selection criteria)

Tip: Odd numbered committees are handy for breaking ties.

5. Between March 26 – March 31, 2010, convene your RYLA Participant Selection Committee (this Committee should be made up of your fellow club members. **THE EARLIER THE BETTER!!** With this committee you will conduct short interviews with candidates. See sample interview questions on page 9 of this document. Remember that this may be the very



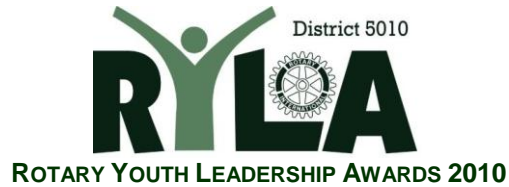
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first interview experience for some of the teens. Please make sure this is a POSITIVE event for them by treating them with respect and encouraging them throughout the process.

6. Score students according to the evaluation criteria on page 8. Teens who are not selected can be prioritized on an “alternate” list in case a successful applicant is unable to attend.
7. As soon as your group has reached a consensus, contact teens by both phone and letter to let them know whether or not they were selected to attend RYLA, and confirm that they do, in fact, plan to attend. It is your responsibility to make sure your students know:
 - a. what paperwork to submit
 - b. logistics of where to go, when
 - c. what will be expected of them during the event (development of this particular document is currently in progress)

An example of what Juneau put together in prior year is included (see pages 11, labeled “SAMPLE”). Please share with us what your local club(s) does and we can build on your club(s) good ideas and share in the success of a better process year after year.

8. Let students know that they will need to get their **Medical Information and Power Of Attorney forms** to you ASAP. Note: these forms require a signature and notary, so let your students and their parents know this as soon as you tell them they have been selected. Help parents find a notary, especially if there is a notary in your club. **These must be faxed to RYLA Registrar by April 9, 2010. The fax number is (866) 654-6272.**
9. For students that were not selected, it is highly **recommended that you send them a “Regrets” letter** (sample letter on page 10) or, at minimum, call them to let them know they were not selected and encourage them to stay involved.



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RYLA Student Selection Scoring Sheets

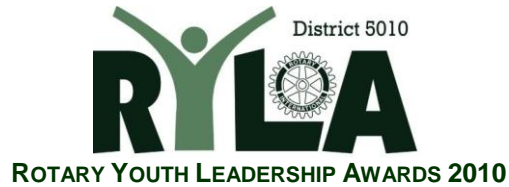
A scoring sheet can help Rotarians fairly evaluate students in an equitable, **systematic way**. **This is not the ONLY way to evaluate students, but any method should allow** Rotarians to explain why each student was selected over the others.

How to use the scoring sheet:

Each member of the student selection committee should independently score each student. For each criteria, start with a neutral score, or half the points possible. For example, for criteria #1 “Student shows interest and enthusiasm in attending,” start with the middle score of “5” indicating “adequate interest” in attending. Mark up the score (or mark down the score) according to how far beyond (or below) “adequate” the student’s interest in attending is, from your perspective. After each member of the selection team is finished with their scoring sheets, figure out the cumulative grand total for each student. Rank in order the students from highest to lowest.

At this point, the committee should discuss the students that appear to be the top scoring candidates. Give committee members an opportunity to adjust their scores if they wish to do so after discussion.

Recalculate scores and select the top scoring students as your RYLA scholars.



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RYLA Student Selection Scoring Sheets

- 1. Student shows interest and enthusiasm in attending.**
(Max. 10 points)
Comments:

Total Points: _____
 - 2. RYLA has the potential to make a positive impact in this student's life.**
(Max. 20 points)
Comments:

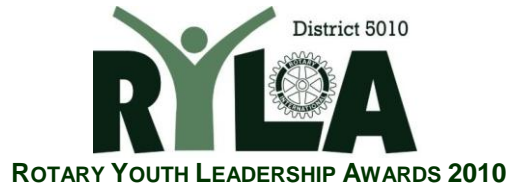
Total Points: _____
 - 3. This student will likely enhance RYLA experience for other students.**
(Max. 10 points)
Comments:

Total Points: _____
 - 4. Student shows leadership potential.**
(Max. 10 points)
Comments:

Total Points: _____
 - 5. This student has the maturity required to function well at a 4-day conference.**
(Max. 10 points)
Comments:

Total Points: _____
 - 6. Student's written application.**
(Max. 10 points)
Comments:

Total Points: _____
- Grand Total: _____

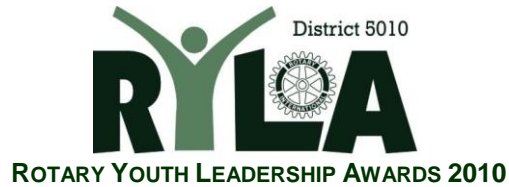


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Sample Interview Questions

Tip: Keep the interview POSITIVE. SMILE. For some students, this is their first “formal interview” with an adult. Remember, every step of the RYLA selection process should be a VALUABLE LEARNING opportunity for the students – regardless of whether or not they are selected as RYLA participants.

1. Tell us about yourself. What are your hobbies and interests?
2. What are some goals you have for your future?
3. What motivated you to apply to attend RYLA?
4. What do you hope to get out of the RYLA experience?
5. How are you a leader?
6. What do you have to contribute to a teen leadership workshop?



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Sample “Regrets” Letter

Dear _____:

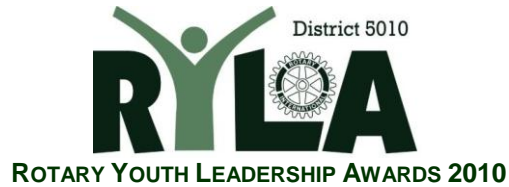
Thank you for your interest in Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA). Unfortunately, due to the limited number of spaces available, we are not able to guarantee your attendance at this time. We have, however, placed your name on the list of “alternates.”

We had many excellent applications this year, including yours. We hope that you will consider applying to RYLA next year and to other Rotary programs such as Interact, Youth Exchange, and Rotary Scholarships in the future. For more information on those programs, visit www.rotary.org.

Again, thank you for your interest and excellent participation.

Sincerely,

Brad News
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Brad.News@email.com



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Sample “Acceptance” Letter

Dear _____

Congratulations! We are pleased to announce that you have been selected as a _____ Rotary’s 2010 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) recipient.

You will represent _____ Rotary Club at the 4-day RYLA conference May 6 – May 9 2010 in Juneau Alaska. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth as participants learn about their own leadership skills and also the qualities of effective leaders and effective teams. We are confident this event will contribute to your growth as a youth leader among your peers and in your community.

A few weeks after the conference, you and other RYLA scholars will be invited to a _____ Rotary meeting to share your RYLA experience with Rotarians. We will be in touch at a later date to schedule this presentation.

You will receive a RYLA 2010 Information and Participant Expectations Letter by email within the next couple of weeks. If you do not receive this letter by March 31, 2010, please email to info@ryla5010.org immediately

Again, congratulations on your acceptance. We are confident you will represent _____ Rotary Club well.

Warm regards,

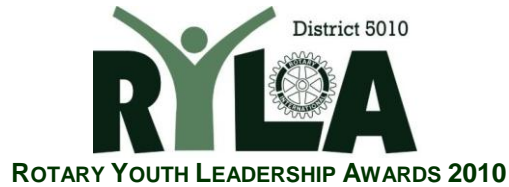
Acceptance News
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Anews@email.com

It is important that you contact me and submit the following forms immediately:

- 1) **Medical Information and History Form**
- 2) **Notarized Emergency Medical Power of Attorney**

Go to <http://www.ryla5010.org> to access these forms or call me for copies.

The final processing of your attendance can not be completed until these items are submitted.



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RYLA 2010 FAQ's

WHAT is RYLA? "RYLA" is short for **R**otary **Y**outh **L**eadership **A**wards. It is a youth leadership development & training event sponsored around the world by Rotary International and is put on by local Rotary clubs in Alaska & Yukon. RYLA promotes development and understanding of leadership principles. Participants learn about the qualities of leadership, what makes an effective team and apply what they learn in challenging activities. Some of the RYLA activities include: combination of experiential activities (don't worry – they are safe!), group discussion, guest speakers/ panel discussions, group team building, group problem solving activities and some personal reflection time.

WHO is RYLA for? RYLA is for local high school sophomores and juniors (grades 10 & 11). Interested participants must apply to their local Rotary Club to participate in RYLA. Participants are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary Club.

WHERE is RYLA 2010? RYLA 2010 is in beautiful Juneau Alaska. Activities will take place at Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp. Participants will stay overnight at the Camp, and most activities will take place at the Camp. Transportation from the Camp for RYLA events will be provided. ALL participants (including Juneau area youth) must remain at the Camp during the entire RYLA event. Leaving the Camp for side visits during the RYLA event is not permitted.

WHEN is RYLA? RYLA 2010 will be May 6 to 9, 2010. All participants need to arrive by Thursday noon May 6, 2010 and depart Sunday morning, May 9, 2010. Please note, some may have to leave on May 5th and early on May 9th to connect with the appropriate flight and or catch the AMH (aka the ferry).

WHAT should I bring? You need to bring your passport, if you have one; otherwise your government issued photo id, birth certificate and your letter of authorization to travel to RYLA signed by your parent(s). You should bring a sleeping bag, a pillow, warm clothes, your eagerness to have fun and meet cool people like yourself. We will send a more complete packing list to the participants that are selected to attend RYLA 2010.

APPLICATIONS? These are available from your local high school counselors or Local Rotary Club. Parent / Guardian permission is required for all participants who apply to attend RYLA 2010. All applications must be received by the Rotary club no later than March 25, 2010.

SELECTION AND ORIENTATION? Applications are screened by Rotary Clubs and may involve a brief interview and orientations for those selected to attend RYLA 2010.

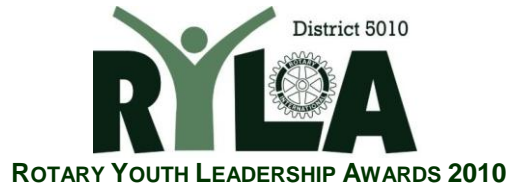
COST? Transportation and Registration Fees are paid by the local sponsoring Rotary Club. There is no cost to applicants for participation. However, some spending money for incidentals is advised.

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION? Participants from Alaska need to have a government issued I.D. or a high school photo id. Participants from Canada must have a valid passport, birth certificate, valid government issued photo id (i.e. State driver's license or high school photo id) and a letter of authorization to travel across the border signed by your parent(s)/guardians.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR RYLA REPRESENTATIVE:

RYLA Rep Name	Rotary Club	Phone	E-mail



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Glossary of Terms

(PLEASE SEND US SUGGESTIONS OF WHAT TERMS TO ADD TO THIS!!!)

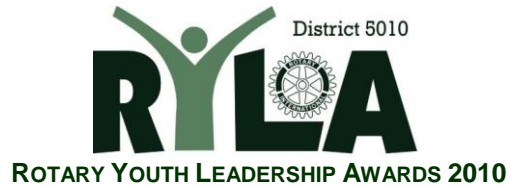
RYLA: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

RYLA Rep: Each Rotary club in District 5010 participating in RYLA is required to select a Rotarian – the RYLA rep – to recruit and screen students to attend RYLA and promote RYLA to fellow Rotarians.

RYLA Planning Committee: A core group of Rotarian volunteers that plan the RYLA event.

RYLA Alumni: A student that attended RYLA in a past year. RYLA Alumni help plan the next years event and a select few serve as leaders by participating in all phases of the RYLA planning, implementation and follow-up process.

RYLA Adult Volunteer: An adult from a Rotary club that attends RYLA and assists in varying ways such as team facilitator, dorm leader, security, meal service, first aid attendant, confidante for participants and/or monitors to ensure participants are included in all activities.



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Dear Participant –

Congratulations on being chosen to attend **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards**. This is the 16th year we have hosted RYLA. But this is the very first year it has been hosted in Juneau! We are excited that you are going to be a part of RYLA 2010.

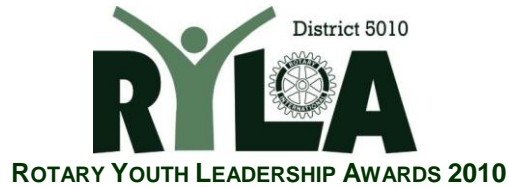
Attached you will find the information you need to know including what to bring and what to expect at RYLA. Here is what you will find in the packet:

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There is a lot of information in this packet. Two key items include:

1. Please review the forms section carefully! Make sure we have all of your forms. Canadian participants should also make sure that you have a letter signed by BOTH of your parents allowing you to travel across the border.
2. Your parents must arrange for you to be excused from school on Thursday and Friday. Please let your teachers know of your planned absence so that you can turn in assignments or tests before you leave for RYLA.

We look forward to meeting you!



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OPTIONAL ORIENTATION: We would like to encourage you and your parents and/or guardians to attend the parent and teen orientation via phone or in person.

The first 10 minutes will be “Question and Answers” so you and your parents can get your questions answered, as we know you are all busy!

Please note that orientation is not required. The orientation should not last more than 30 minutes. Call or e-mail Victoria at 907-884-9131 or victorialNalaska@hotmail.com to sign up for one of the following phone orientations:

- Monday April 19, 5 pm, 7 pm
- Tuesday April 20, 8 pm, 9 pm
- Wednesday April 21, 6 pm, 7 pm

When you RSVP for the orientation you will be given the “conference room number” for the phone meeting. Please RSVP at least 5 hours before the orientation you would like to attend. RSVP as early as possible to assure your preferred time because the availability is based on the number of participants.



WHAT is Rotary? Rotary International is the world’s first service organization. It is more than 1.2 million members who volunteer their time and talent to further Rotary values of “Service Above Self.”



WHAT is RYLA? RYLA is one of four youth programs sponsored by Rotary International. The others are Youth Exchange, Interact (ages 14-18) and Rotaract (ages 18-30).

WHERE is RYLA 2010? RYLA 2010 is in Juneau, Alaska, and you will be staying at the Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp. Participants will stay overnight at the Camp, and most activities will take place there. **ALL** participants (including Juneau area youth) must remain with the group during the entire RYLA event. Leaving the Camp or any RYLA venues for side visits during the RYLA event is not permitted for safety and security reasons.

ARE ALL OF YOUR RYLA FORMS TURNED IN? Here is a checklist of forms that you should have already turned in. If you have not, please turn them into Liz Jones ASAP:

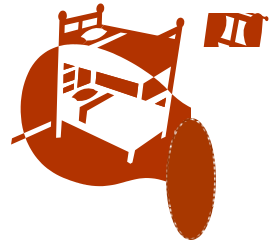
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- Application
- Medical History
- Medical Power of Attorney (must be notarized)
- Canadian participants also need a letter signed by both parents/guardians that says it is okay for you to attend RYLA and cross the border to go to RYLA in Juneau, Alaska.



MEDICATION AND HEALTH: If you have health concerns or medications of any kind – please let your chaperone know. Your chaperone will be working with the medical volunteers at the camp to ensure your health, safety, and confidentiality. Victoria Shaver, District RYLA Chair will be calling your parents or guardians to discuss any medical needs you may have.

WHERE WILL I SLEEP? The two most often asked questions is “Do I sleep in a bed?” and “Are there showers?” Of course! There are bunk beds, so be sure to bring your pillow and sleeping bag. Also, please let the Registrar (Liz Jones at ekloxin@hotmail.com or 907-617-2404. Note this is a Ketchikan phone number) know if you need a lower bunk for medical reasons.

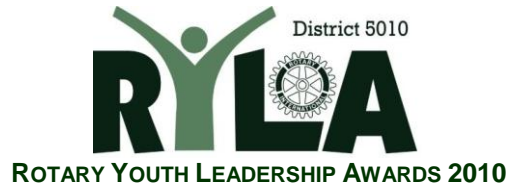


The Camp is located just outside of Juneau. Participants will sleep and eat at the camp, and most of the program will be held at the camp. Rotarians will serve as chaperones for all activities.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- ❖ Identification (MANDATORY)
 - Alaskan participants need a government issued photo ID or school photo ID
 - Canadian participants need a passport, letter signed by both parent(s) allowing you to travel to Juneau to attend RYLA
- ❖ Sleeping bag & Pillow;
- ❖ Warm clothes;
- ❖ Rain Gear (just in case!);
- ❖ Snacks for the travel;
- ❖ Personal toiletries (towel, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, flip-flops/shower shoes, etc.)
- ❖ Comfortable clothing to wear during the program and recreational time;
 - Note: dance is casual - not a formal dance;
- ❖ Spring coat for outdoor events;
- ❖ Cap or hat (you will need this when we are outside – it may be cold);





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- ❖ Minimal spending money – most everything is provided by ROTARY;
- ❖ Camera (not required);
- ❖ Your contact information to share with others;
- ❖ Reasonable-sized suitcase...don't pack your room;
- ❖ Bring your sports gear for a sports night/swim night;
- ❖ And bring your open mind and eagerness to have fun and meet cool people like yourself!

Do NOT Bring:

- ❖ Large quantities of cash
- ❖ Expensive electronics such as radio/boom boxes/computers
- ❖ Pocket video games or DVDs
- ❖ Alcohol & Drugs – this includes tobacco products of any kind (**NOTE: prescription drugs must be checked in with the designated RYLA representative**);

The following is provided by Rotary:

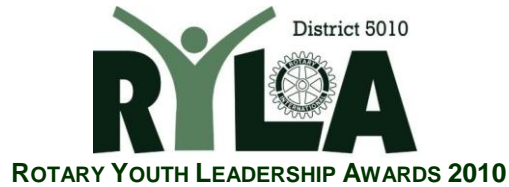
- ❖ Registration
- ❖ Ground transportation
- ❖ Meals
- ❖ Snacks (but bring your own favorites)
- ❖ Recreation
- ❖ Housing

WHAT TO EXPECT AT RYLA: Teens in grades 10-11 (aka sophomores/juniors) will arrive from all over Alaska and Yukon in Juneau for a weekend of experiential leadership. Each Rotary club in the district sponsors approximately two youth to attend RYLA. Many participants will be nervous and don't know anyone, but soon everyone becomes friends.

Thursday & Sunday will be travel days. Since we are traveling to Juneau, we will need to leave early. You can sleep on the plane or ferry. Bring your own favorite snacks for the road trip and a little bit of spending money if you would like. We will arrive at the camp in the mid afternoon, depending on flight/ ferry schedules and weather.

Please make sure you and your parents work with your school and teachers to plan your absences on Thursday and Friday.

Your parent/guardians should know that we will not have cell service at the remote camp in Juneau. If your parents need to reach you in an emergency please have them call the camp at 907-789-3734 .



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WHAT IS THE AGENDA LIKE? The opening program on Thursday is devoted to establishing expectations, forming teams and participating in icebreakers and team building activities to get to know everyone and have fun. Thursday everyone will be grouped into teams, who you will remain with for the remainder of the retreat.

RYLA participants get into the fundamentals of leadership on Thursday, identifying the characteristics of leaders they know and admire, discussing issues of leadership, and participating in activities promoting a better understanding of “How am I a Leader”. You will be introduced to a variety of leadership topics such as communication, diversity, goal setting, ethical decision-making and problem solving.

Participants will enjoy “games with a purpose” that provide a fun format for developing problem-solving and other life-skills on Friday. Saturday is led by the Rotaract members – they are young adults age 18-30 years old. There will be more opportunities to apply some of the leadership principles learned from working together as a team. On Saturday night there will be a barbeque and dance sponsored by Rotaract. The dance dress code is informal – it is casual attire. Please note, your school district rules for the dances held at your school apply at RYLA. This includes dress code and dance style. Sexually suggestive dancing (a.k.a. grinding) will not be tolerated.

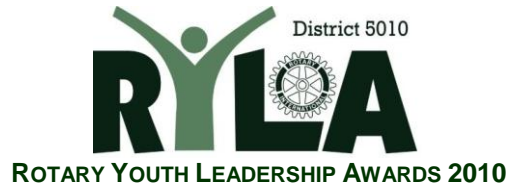
Sunday morning you will check out of your cabin before breakfast. There will be an awards ceremony and closing circle. Departure times will differ for participants depending on their travel arrangement.

RYLA'S CORE CURRICULUM:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem-solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to the community
- Building self confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship

Awardees (participants) attending the RYLA seminar can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills in the following key areas:

- **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
- **Personal Qualities:** Participants will have the opportunity 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



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- **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
- **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

RYLA TRAINERS: During this intensive 3-day leadership seminar, RYLA is led by a mix of experienced Rotarian RYLA volunteers, professional trainers, RYLA alumni (teens) selected to assist and Rotaract members. One of the criteria for being a Rotarian is to be in a leadership position within their respective organizations. As such, they can offer real-world input and examples into the training.

Victoria Shaver, past Executive Director of the Anchorage Youth Development Coalition, is RYLA's District Chair. Timi Tullis, of the Association of Alaskan School Boards (AASB), is our lead trainer for the weekend.

TRAVEL: Most Alaskan participants will be able to leave on Thursday to Juneau and arrive home on Sunday. Canadian participants will be leaving on May 5th and arriving back home and your return home will depend on the ferry schedule.