



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards- District 6940

April 14-17, 2016

## **MEMO TO PARENTS AND LEGAL GUARDIANS**

**From:** Andrea Krieger- District 6940 Chair for RYLA 2016

**Re:** ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - APRIL 14-17, 2016

**INTRODUCTION** - Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the program worldwide. The impact spreads further as the program influences other young people, and RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Rotaract and Interact clubs.

**Leadership, Citizenship & Personal Development** - RYLA is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Each spring, 10<sup>th</sup> - graders chosen for their past service to the community and leadership potential are awarded an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

### **RYLA AIMS:**

1. Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
2. Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
3. Encourage leadership of youth by youth
4. Publicly recognize young people who are providing service to their communities

### **RYLA Seminars:**

Awardees attending the RYLA seminars can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills in the following key areas:

1. *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
2. *Personal Qualities:* Participants will have the opportunities 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
3. *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
4. *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

Online Application:

[https://ctk.apricot.info/auth/autologin/org\\_id/1140/hash/065dc1ecee9a1998bea1e25c7ca43fb574d96eaf](https://ctk.apricot.info/auth/autologin/org_id/1140/hash/065dc1ecee9a1998bea1e25c7ca43fb574d96eaf)

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## Important:

**For a tenth grade student wishing to participate in RYLA, an application must be submitted online by filling out an application at the link provided below.**

*(Submitting the application does not indicate acceptance or selection to attend the camp. Clubs will select candidates from the pool of applicants and the selected campers will be notified by email that they have been chosen.)*

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## Important Numbers:

**ADVENTURES UNLIMITED – IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

24-hour, 7 days a week telephone number(s)

**850-623-6197 or 800-239-6864**

**ROTARY DISTRICT 6940 CHAIR**

Andrea Krieger

850-232-2244 (depends on cell reception in the woods)

[andrea@unitedwayescambia.org](mailto:andrea@unitedwayescambia.org) –email will sometimes reach when cell service is limited

Messages checked nightly after 10p and mornings before 6:30a

## Important Dates:

-March 15, 2016 (all paperwork due)

-April 14, 2016 (start of camp)

-April 17, 2016 (end of camp)

## Checklist of Items that RYLA Chair must have by March 15, 2016

- Adventures Unlimited Release
- Zip Adventures Release (separate attachment)
- Medical Release Form (**notarized**)
- Code of Conduct Form
- RYLA Application (separate attachment)

**EMAIL OR FAX FORMS TO RYLA CHAIR USING INFORMATION BELOW**

**IMPORTANT: RYLA CANDIDATE MUST BRING ORIGINALS TO THE CAMP WITH THEM!**

**Other:** Make sure your child has a signed Memo to Teachers for every class they will miss April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – this form is available online.

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**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL GEAR:**

- Sleeping bag (if we are unlucky, temperatures might be in the low 50's at night) AND pillow. Camp beds have mattresses only.
- Toiletries and other personal hygiene items: - toothbrush, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Bath and hand towels
- Dress is casual - jeans, shorts, tee shirts, sweat shirts, walking shoes/hiking boots. Shorts are acceptable but **MUST** reach at least to mid-thigh and may not be desirable if the weather turns cold. Long pants are suggested. Girls should bring pony tail holders.
- Closed TOE shoes **required** for rope course. Tennis shoes are BEST.
- Rain Gear (poncho is best) – we've been lucky so far, but don't forget this item.
- Flashlight - don't forget fresh batteries
- Camera – you can use your cell phone as a camera **ONLY**- reception is limited at best.
- Daypacks and/or “fanny” packs are helpful for carrying around personal items during the day
- Travel alarm clock (or cell phone as alarm clock)
- Ear plugs for light sleepers (optional)
- Pocket money & snacks (optional) - though everything is taken care of at RYLA, those traveling to the camp may make pit stops at gas stations during the trip to RYLA.
- **Cell phones, CD players, radios and such are NOT permitted.**

**RYLA is not responsible for lost or missing personal items.**

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS/EMAIL**

Adventures Unlimited 850-623-6197

Andrea Krieger – Cell 232-2244 [andrea@unitedwayescambia.org](mailto:andrea@unitedwayescambia.org)

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Since there will be more than thirty Rotary clubs from Pensacola to Lake City participating in RYLA, transportation is being coordinated at the local level. Please contact your sponsoring club to find out when and where your pick-up/drop-off will be. We will send information submitted by local clubs in a general email two weeks prior to RYLA.

**TIMES & DATES:**

Check-in at Adventures Unlimited will be at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 14th. We will depart Adventures Unlimited between 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents can drop and pick up RYLARIANS at Adventures Unlimited but must schedule these pick ups and drop offs with Andrea Krieger and must do so at the time given or your child will be disqualified. For driving directions or more information visit <http://www.adventuresunlimited.com>

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