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TO: ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

SUBJECT: ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

A Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Camp for Districts 544 and 545 will be held at the YMCA of the Rockies, Estes park, Colorado, July 10 through 15, 1988. Please refer to the enclosed sheets entitled, "WHAT IS CAMP RYLA", "INFORMATION", and "SELECTION OF RYLA AWARDEES".

Every Rotary Club in Districts 544 and 545 is encouraged to send a minimum of two participants. This is a co-ed camp so your club can send one boy and one girl, or more. Sons and daughters of Rotarians are eligible to attend.

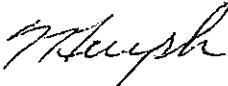
Cost of the camp remains at \$250 per participant. This fee includes all meals, lodging, staff, program support, insurance, and supplies. Each club is responsible for transporting the participants to and from the camp.

District Governors Charlie Peterson and Les Bevans and the District Executive Committees have enthusiastically endorsed this program. This summers camp which was attended by 63 boys and 42 girls was deemed a success by all involved.

All speakers are youth oriented and willing to talk with young people. Their purpose is to provide information and education emphasizing the principles underlying the unique freedoms enjoyed by citizens of the free nations of the world.

Please review this exciting program with your board of directors and return the RYLA CAMP RESPONSE FORM as indicated. Thank you very much. RYLA needs your support if youth are to benefit.

Yours in Rotary,



Murph Widdowfield

WHAT IS CAMP RYLA?

It's a youth program of Rotary International and is sponsored by individual districts of Rotary International. This year Districts 544 and 545 will hold their second "Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program" camp at the YMCA of the Rockies at Estes Park, Colorado from July 10 through 15, 1988.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program is a RYLA youth camp under the direction of District Rotarians. Scholarship awardees are selected by Rotary Clubs in the District. Eligible to attend are outstanding young men and women who will be juniors or seniors in their local highschools the fall of 1988. The YMCA of the Rockies provides a scenic campus in the Rocky Mountains for Camp RYLA. The altitude is 8,000 feet providing an unusually fine climate for active campers in the bright sunshine and cool shade - and a perfect place for a five day youth seminar.

The Student will learn of the blessings and responsibilities of being a citizen of a free society; they will understand the greatness of the American free enterprise system; and they will realize how important the objects of Rotary and the Rotary Four-Way test are to establish moral values and the ideal of service.

By working with today's youth leaders we are trying to help guarantee a bright future for today's and tomorrow's generation. Camp RYLA, with its informal one-on-one relationships between today's youth and adult leaders, its beautiful mountain setting, its rap sessions, and its recreational activities was established to remove the "generation gap" between adult and youth leaders and to foster understanding and goodwill for those who participate in this youth project.

The sessions at the RYLA Camp provide informal talks by selected speakers, and discussion groups with these leaders. They are designed for your participation. Camp RYLA has as its goals:

1. To help young men and women gain an understanding of how a better way of life may be achieved.
2. To increase their knowledge of their American heritage.
3. To inform them concerning the essentials and benefits of the free enterprise system.
4. To give emphasis to sportsmanship and competition, physical fitness, spirituality, and character as vital ingredients in youth and adult leadership and success.

A full program will be developed and as the information is finalized, you will be informed. In the meantime, start selecting the students your club wishes to sponsor for our second annual RYLA Camp.

I N F O R M A T I O N

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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a program for young people with the following objectives:

1. To further demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.
2. To encourage and assist selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a training experience.
3. To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth.
4. To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

Goals of Camp RYLA sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Districts 544 and 545 are:

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2. To increase their knowledge of their American heritage.
3. To inform them concerning the essentials and benefits of the free enterprise system.
4. To give emphasis to sportsmanship and competition, physical fitness, spirituality, and character as vital ingredients in youth and adult leadership and success.

WHO Sophomore or Junior students in the academic year that will end in May prior to the camp in July

DATES July 10 through July 15, 1988.

PLACE YMCA OF THE ROCKIES
2515 Tunnel Road
Association Camp, Colorado 80511 (Estes Park)

COST \$250 per camper. (Includes dormitory housing, all meals, staff, program support, insurance, and supplies.. Transportation to the camp is not included.)

CONTACT Dave Bevans
8033 S. Adams Way
Littleton, Colorado 80122
(303) 694-3373

DEADLINE January 1, 1988 for camp registration.

SELECTION OF RYLA AWARDEES

RYLA SUMMER CAMP
July 10, through July 15, 1988
Estes Park, Colorado 80511

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The awardees to be selected are to be sophomore or junior students in the academic year that will end in May prior to the camp in July.
2. The awardees should be considered leaders of their peers or be of leadership quality. These awardees could be from any race or from any economic group as long as they have leadership potential and qualities.
 - A. The awardees should be in good academic standing.
 - B. Leaders in their respective classes.
 - C. Athletically inclined (this might be desired but is not a prerequisite.)

Recommended Process of Selection

1. Visit with your local high school principal, assistant principal, counselor and/or teachers; ask them to supply you with names of six youth leaders, along with their school records or academic standing, address, parents name, etc.
2. Contact all six youth leaders, even though all will not be selected. Explain the RYLA program to those nominated as a group, ask if they would allow their name to be considered as an awardee. Set up a meeting with each of the prospective awardees and his parents to explain the Camp. What, where, when, why, and how needs to be explained to both the parents and prospective applicant. Make sure the parents are truly interested because they will be your best supporters.
3. Set up a time for the committee to interview each applicant. This will allow the committee to become better acquainted with each applicant. So you can narrow the field, it is suggested that you use a point system to rate each applicant. If necessary, you could have short essays on the Free Enterprise System, Economics, etc. Sometimes the awardees are presented at the high school annual awards assembly. This gives the awardees the additional recognition at school.
4. Once your awardees have been selected, notify Dave Bevans and a Campers Booklet will be sent.

5. When the registration forms in the Campers Booklet have been completed, mail them with your Clubs check (if not previously sent) in the amount of \$250 (payable to Rotary RYLA) for each camper to:

Dave Bevens
8033 S. Adams Way
Littleton, Colo. 80122
(303) 694-3373

This must be done by May 1, 1988

6. Transportation to the Camp is the responsibility of each sponsoring Rotary Club: or the awardee.
7. Each club should make time on its program schedule to have the awardees come and give a report to the club.

RYLA CAMP SELECTION FORM

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES
Estes Park, Colorado
July 10 - 15, 1988

We have selected the following participants for the RYLA Camp.

1. Name _____ Sex _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

2. Name _____ Sex _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

3. Name _____ Sex _____

Address _____

Phone () _____

Please send the Campers booklets for them to our RYLA contact person as follows:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Work _____ Home _____

Our check for \$250 per participant is enclosed (\$200 if \$50 deposit has been prepaid.) Make checks payable to Rotary RYLA.

Mail this form to:
Dave Bevans
8033 S. Adams Way
Littleton, Colo. 80122
(303) 694-3373

Signed _____

Rotary Club of _____

Date _____