

To All RYLA Committee

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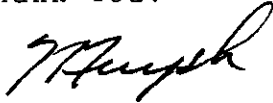
The attached, proposed information for the new RYLA - Club Information Brochure needs your attention. Please read it over and let me know what your thoughts are for changes, format, insertions and whatever else crosses your mind.

We would like to produce a brochure that would be about an 8-1/2" x 14" paper size and folded into four sections. We wish to be concise, but present all pertinent information necessary to the club committee.

We wish to be able to print enough of these brochures to last a few years, therefore they need not be directed to one certain year.

Please return your copy, with thoughts, as quickly as possible so that we can make up a proof of the actual brochure, which I will send each of you for final approval.

Thank You.



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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RYLA

A Project of Districts 544 and 545

### What Is RYLA?

RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Award. In Districts 544 and 545 it is a one week long leadership conference held at the YMCA of the Rockies Center in Estes Park, Colorado. This conference is designed to help establish good leadership qualities in young men and women just before they go out into the adult world and become the future leaders that we will all depend upon.

### Who Is Eligible?

Any young man or woman who is going to be a junior or senior in high school.

### What Does It Cost And Who Pays For It?

The cost is \$250.00 per student and is to be payed by the local Rotary Club as an award for excellence. If a son or daughter of a Rotarian is to be a candidate, then it is the clubs choice whether the Rotarian or the club will pay the fee.

### Due Dates

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| Reservation Fee's | January 31 |
| Final Fee Payment | May 31     |
| Application Forms | June 15    |

These dates should not be allowed to slip. Your district committee will try to be accomodating, however, late fee's means we have a difficult time making the fee payments to the YMCA Camp or purchasing necessary materials and late applications make it difficult to complete group and room assignments.

### How To Find Awardees?

You may contact the counselors at your local high school and ask them to contact young men and women in their school who show good leadership potential and yet may not necessarily be the president of the student body. Perhaps one of your own Rotarians has a friend or neighbor who he wishes to propose. If your club sponsors or wishes to contact a Scout Troup or other such organization they will find some fine young representatives. Church or community youth organizations, or sports organizations are also good places to look for sharp young people who would love to represent your club at the RYLA Conference.

We would suggest that you select an alternate, so that should one of your awardee's not be able to attend at the last minute, you are able to fill your reservation.

### Selection Process?

Interview your prospective representatives and determine if they are of leadership quality. Can they think for them selves and show good character. Are they positive and dependable. Tell them that the RYLA Conference is not all fun and games, but that they will be expected to attend all meetings and events, and their day is almost entirely filled, with very little relaxation. Are they willing to work that hard for a week? Then watch their faces to see if they have a good, positive reaction.

### How Complete Does The Application Need To Be?

Give an entire "Club and Camper Information" brochure to your prospective student so that there is complete understanding of the program.

The "Doctors Certificate" does not require a physical; only information regarding health history, allergies and any restrictions. This is to be noted and signed by the family doctor, normally at no charge. This is needed so that we have a complete understanding of any physical problems. Last Tetanus booster is very important information.

The "Campers Statement" should be completely filled out so that we know about each campers interests and of course the pertinent information requested. The camper must sign the form, to acknowledge they understand the rules of the conference.

The "Parental Consent" portion is very important that it be read and signed. If we would have an injury, we must be able to immediately take proper care of your student.

### Keep Them Informed

Meet kids prior to camp so that they, and their parents, know what the camp is about. If they have a chance to get to know each other before the camp begins, it will be easier for them. About two weeks before the conference begins, have another meeting with your awardees. When you have taken the time to arraigne this leadership experience for your young friends, then be sure that they will attend full time.

### When Is The Conference?

The conference usually takes place the last week in July. It begins on a Sunday afternoon and ends at 12:00 Noon on the following Friday.

### Who Are The Counselors And How May I Become Involved?

Counselors are selected from volunteers. Rotarians or Rotary wives, College Students (usually Seniors) and other volunteers with some background in teaching or working with young people about 17 years old.

You may become involved by calling or writing to the RYLA District Chairman. He is listed in the District Directory and may come from either District 544 or 545.

Who Are The Conference Speakers?

Speakers come from all walks. US and state officials, college staff, doctors, lawyers, business and media people, coaches and many others with the background to invest leadership knowledge. We also use sporting events, confidence building events and group sessions to impart better leadership decisions.

What Is Accomplished By The RYLA Conference?

We try to provide an atmosphere where future leaders will experience democratic living that will aid them in developing sound values.

We promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis of insight and understanding for intelligent leadership.

We try to expose the youth leaders to some opportunities and challenges of life in a free democratic society.

We help promote involvement that encourages the participants to think through and arbitrate conflicts of values.

Are Scholarships Available?

Yes, there are some scholarships available. We use the scholarship to assist new clubs and smaller clubs, with some financial restrictions, to become involved in the RYLA program. All clubs should have the opportunity to have youth leaders in their community involved in the Rotary Youth Leadership Program.

We have half scholarships available for those clubs who just need a little assistance. We have full scholarships available on a request or offered basis.

Send Equally As Many Girls As Boys

We would appreciate your efforts to balance the ratio of girls to boys for the betterment of the conference.

Additional Information Available

Club and Camper Information Booklet - This pamphlet includes the application form and general information about the conference.

RYLA Conference Program - from previous years camps to better understand the curriculum.

We are always here to assist, so just write or call any member of the District RYLA Committee or come to any district meeting.

VERY IMPORTANT

Send the NAME - ADDRESS - PHONE NUMBERS of your CLUB CONTACT as soon as possible to the RYLA District Chairman. He is listed in both District Directories.

We hope this brochure will create better understanding and coordination between the District Committee and the source of our support - YOUR CLUB. Thank you for all your help.