

2020-21 Calendar

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| **February**   * At PETS – Learn about RYLA | **March**   * Establish your RYLA budget   + $400 Delegates & Jr Counselors\*   + $200 Adult Advisors\*   \*Contingent on Chapel Rock & Bus contract fees | **April**   * Choose a RYLA Chair |
| **May** | **June** | **July**   * **1st** -Send check to Registrar to reserve spaces for RYLA |
| **August**   * Begin recruiting candidates from schools & Interact Clubs * Any 2020 Delegates interested in applying to be a JC? | **September**   * Recruit candidates & collect application forms | **October**   * Interview candidates & select Delegates. Send applications to Registrar * Send JC & Adult Advisor applications to Registrar |
| **November**   * **1st** – ***All applications due to Registrar*** * **10th** – Registrar may cancel reservations if applications have not been received * JC & Adult Advisor Candidate interviews (RYLA Admin Team) | **December**   * **1st** – JCs & Adult Advisors notified of selection * Welcome email to Delegates * **10th** – ***No refunds for cancellations after this date*** | **January**   * **1-10** – Talk to your Delegates to be sure they are ready to attend * Mandatory JC & Adult Advisor Training |

**RYLA Information & Applications:** [**https://www.rylad5500.org**](https://www.rylad5500.org)



**KEYS TO CLUB SUCCESS WITH RYLA**

* Select Delegates who will benefit from RYLA
  + RYLA helps kids develop leadership skills & self-confidence but cannot address problem behavior. Advisors and staff are all volunteers and not trained to handle troubled kids.
* Establish a connection with your RYLA candidates and their parents so they understand the opportunity you are giving their child. Let them know they are receiving a $400 scholarship to attend. Most have no idea.
  + Schools and Interact clubs can do initial recruiting, but involve members of your club in interviewing and selecting the Delegates and Jr Counselors your club will sponsor
  + Meet the parents of your selected delegates before they attend
  + Talk to your Delegates before RYLA – including the day before - to make sure they are still planning to attend, have everything they need (e.g. sleeping bag, warm clothes), and know what time to be at the bus stop.
  + *Delegates need to be reminded to talk with their boss or coach well in advance of RYLA about needing the weekend off. Failing to do this resulted in delegates having to cancel at the last minute. Very few cancel due to last minute illness*
* Send in money to reserve spaces for Delegates beginning in early July
  + Guaranteed spaces have typically filled by September
  + A waiting list is started as soon as the 96 spaces are paid for; we ARE able to move most, if not all kids off that list to guaranteed spaces
  + We will fill vacancies that pop up until the day before RYLA starts
* Notify the RYLA Registrar immediately if your selected Delegate(s) are unable to attend so that someone else can have the opportunity to go
  + We were able to fill spaces from the waiting list as late as the day before RYLA, when we were notified. This year we contacted EVERY delegate on the waiting list – and could have placed a few more.