

# RYLA

## Rotary Youth Leadership Academy

3 Day Leadership Program for High School Sophomores\*

All Rotary Clubs in D7870 are invited to sponsor current high school sophomores for a three day Rotary Youth Leadership Academy to be held from **Friday, June 19, at 8:00 am through Sunday, June 21, at 1:00 pm**. This intensive and fun-filled program is held largely outdoors on the campus of Northern Vermont University in Lyndonville, VT (slightly north of St. Johnsbury on I-91). Applicants are to fully attend the entire weekend. There is no cost to the students, but sponsoring clubs will pay a \$385 fee for each student to cover the costs of District 7850 (Northern Vermont, Northern New Hampshire and a bit of Quebec).

You can get a sense of the activities by viewing the promotional video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGEF5ludjX0>. The event has been run for many years with about 70 students from D7850, including Canadians. The students learn by experience and actions. They learn about personality traits and how to bring out everyone's talents. They learn about their own traits and talents, which many are surprised that they have. Oh, and they have FUN while doing this! There will be a service project during the weekend where they can personally make a difference for someone that they do not know.

The program is open to any student now completing their sophomore year (typically 15 or 16 years old), including home-schooled students. The goal is to prepare students for leadership roles and a club interview should consider the potential for leadership. Selected candidates will complete an application form available online that includes parental permissions, contact information, health information that should include COVID vaccination, and the form should be brought to the sponsoring Rotary Club to be endorsed and submitted. The club should ensure that transportation is arranged since no students may drive themselves. Applications are in a link to be provided to selected candidates and are to be submitted during April or early May.

For additional information in D7870, contact Bob MacDonald in the Grand Monadnock Rotary Club.

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