



**District 5170
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Mission Springs Camp and Conference Center
1050 Lockhart Gulch Rd.
Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Sunday June 21st, to Friday June 26th, 2026

Each year, thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program worldwide. Returning high school students from around the Bay Area are selected to attend RYLA for leadership demonstrated at school or in the community. These students receive a scholarship to attend a week-long leadership camp where they learn skills about how to become better leaders, build better friendships, and how to actively apply what they have learned at camp to their lives, schools, and communities.

As a part of our commitment to serving youth, the Rotary Club of Alameda will be sponsoring FIVE local high school students (\$1000 per attendee) for the 2026 District 5170 RYLA camp (<https://www.ryla5170.com/>). Selected applicants will attend an all-expense-paid leadership conference with other outstanding high school students throughout the Bay Area. The conference will be held from Sunday June 21st to Friday June 26th, 2026 at the Mission Springs Camp and Conference Center in Scotts Valley.

Applicants who wish to apply need to comply with the Camper Eligibility Requirements, Camp Guidelines, and follow the Selection Process listed below.

Camper Eligibility Requirements

- Be a current Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior, attending a High School in Alameda, who will return to high school the fall following camp.
- Have demonstrated leadership experience and/or potential as shown by active participation in school or community groups.
- Be of high moral character.
- Be cooperative and willing to participate at RYLA as a member of a group.
- Have an open mind and desire to grow.

Camp Guidelines:

- Timely completion of camper registration.
- Abide by all camp rules as outlined in the camp registration.
- Accepted applicants must be at RYLA the entire duration of camp. They cannot show up late or leave early.
- All campers must take the buses to camp as it is an integral piece of the RYLA experience; no exceptions. Parents cannot drive them to Mission Springs due to the problems it creates for staff.
- Parents/guardians/caretakers accept responsibility for drop off and pick up of campers from the bus locations provided by Camp RYLA.
- Meeting your club's requirements for participation.
- Meeting for accepted applicants and their families. This typically occurs in late May.
- RYLA participants may also be asked to attend your Rotary Club meeting to share their experiences following Camp RYLA.

Selection Process (APPLICATION WILL BE POSTED SOON)

- Fill out and submit the selection application by deadline
- Attend a 15 minute selection interview via Zoom
- While we encourage everyone eligible to apply, Alameda Rotary is limited to sponsoring FIVE campers this year.

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