

# Questions about RYLA

**Who should consider attending?** If you have a desire to increase your confidence and skill as an individual and leader, you should attend. RYLA provides experiential learning that will challenge you to take ownership of your strengths.

**What will I take away from this experience?** The answer goes well beyond a resume-building experience. Many RYLA alumni report back years later that RYLA was one of the most influential experiences of their lives, in which they gained lifelong friendships, increased confidence, and discovered the self-motivation to continually be challenged to achieve positive goals.

**What is camping like?** Camp Hinds is a Scouting facility that Rotary rents for the week. Tents are on a platform and have two cots per tent. The program runs from early morning to evening, meaning we spend little time in the campsite, besides your nightly campfire!

**Why is RYLA technology/cell-phone free?** We have learned that we need to put the distractions of the world behind us to create an environment of focus and to enhance learning. Campers will have access to calling home from our camp nurse or Camp Directors in an emergency.

**Where can I find more information and how do I connect with Rotary?** More information, including an overview of the RYLA team, needed forms, and contact information can be found at [ryla7780.org](http://ryla7780.org).



# Application Process

**STEP ONE:** Obtain an application from your local Rotary club, your Counseling/Guidance department, or online at [ryla7780.org](http://ryla7780.org).

**STEP TWO:** Submit the application with a parent/guardian consent that you know you are applying for a scholarship, and that you are willing and able to attend the full camp - Sunday morning at 8:00 AM until Wednesday's closing ceremony at 3:00 PM.

**STEP THREE:** Interview or connect with the Rotary Club that is sponsoring you. Many will receive information from their Counseling/Guidance department, but remember that RYLA is a Rotary District 7780 program. Your counselor is a resource, but not part of the RYLA program.



**STEP FOUR:** When accepted to RYLA, mark your calendars and be ready to receive your welcome package. That will require medical forms and other required forms to be returned by June 1st.

**STEP FIVE:** Have your parents/guardians bring you to Camp Hinds on Sunday morning of camp week. Come with an open-mind, even if you are nervous. Let the 4-day journey begin!



# Parent Information

- The RYLA curriculum builds daily, meaning attending the entire camp is a requirement.
- Welcome Packages are mailed directly to students. A copy can be found at [ryla7780.org](http://ryla7780.org). Please complete all medical forms and required parent/guardian signatures.
- On the final day of camp, we hold a BBQ for campers and guests. The BBQ is covered for campers, but we ask for parents to pre-purchase tickets. There is more information regarding this in the Welcome Package.
- RYLA rents the Scout facility; however, we use the Scouting Medical Form and Venture program form for insurance reasons. The collaboration between Scouting and Rotary allows for RYLA to function.

## ● What is RYLA? ●

Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine is the setting for your RYLA experience. It becomes the practice field to explore and establish leadership skills, enhance personal strengths, and apply ethical standards.

Leadership facilitators are former RYLA participants. They train to provide a nonjudgmental environment for individuals to develop their leader within. RYLA is a leadership camp with a curriculum that is multifaceted and includes programs, as well as the use of both high and low COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) courses. Camp life is active and fun, with time to play in Panther Pond, enjoy campfires, and more.

Rotary District 7780 has been running RYLA for 34 years. The curriculum has grown to help individuals discover and practice their unique leadership styles, while, at the same time, making a connection to their authentic self.

**OUR CAMP DIRECTORS,  
WHO ARE RYLA ALUMNI,  
ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU  
JOIN US!**



JACEY CHAVEZ & TIM MOYER

## RYLA - Camp Deadlines

January 2, 2025: Application Process Opens  
March 8, 2025: Application Deadline  
April 12, 2025: Welcome Package mailed  
June 1, 2025: Medical and other forms due back to RYLA office.  
June 22, 2025: First day of camp-8:00 AM  
June 25, 2025: Closing ceremony and Family BBQ

### Location:

Camp Hinds - Scout Camp  
146 Plains Road  
Raymond, ME 04071

### Leadership Camp Scholarship

Rotary Clubs in District 7780 (ME & NH) provide full scholarships for individuals to attend RYLA. This is both a great honor and a great college resume-builder. There is a limited number of slots available to each Rotary Club, as well as a limited number of total participants. Positive Youth Development is a core component of Rotary. We are dedicated to providing opportunities for individuals to increase their self-confidence, communication skills, and personal leadership strengths. The result is positive impact on and within our communities!

### MORE INFORMATION



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## RYLA 2025

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards  
Leadership Camp  
RYLA District 7780



Sunday, June 22nd  
to  
Wednesday, June 25th