



RYLA FACT SHEET

WHAT IS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL?

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary is the world's first service club, founded in Chicago, Illinois, in 1905. It now has over 1.2 million service-minded men and women belonging to nearly 27,000 Rotary clubs in virtually every nation in the world. Rotarians plan and carry out a remarkable variety of humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs that touch people's lives in their local communities and our world community.

WHAT IS RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a three-day Leadership Conference. It is a reward for outstanding youth to further develop their leadership skills. Sponsored by the 58 Rotary Clubs in District 5330 (San Bernardino & Riverside Counties), RYLA combines learning in a casual, relaxed atmosphere with social and fun time to provide a fast paced and memorable leadership experience.

WHEN AND WHERE IS RYLA?

RYLA 2013 will be held April 12-24, 2013 at the Thousand Pines camp, Crestline, California. The students will report to a designated bus pickup location on Friday, April 12, 2013 for the first session. They will return Sunday afternoon, April 14th. Exact details will be sent in a letter to all award winners.

**ALL RYLA STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART ON THE OFFICIAL BUSES.
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**

HOW MANY WILL ATTEND RYLA?

Approximately 380 High School Juniors selected from all public and private high schools within District 5330 will attend, along with 60 Rotarians and additional camp staff.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

High School Juniors are selected on the basis of leadership potential, personal values, intelligence, and potential for future success.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

The selection process may vary, but each school is asked to nominate outstanding juniors. The sponsoring Rotary club appoints a screening committee to make the final selections.

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED AT THE CONFERENCE?

The program features several outstanding leadership speakers, Friday through Sunday. These presentations are followed by small group discussions with trained adult discussion leaders. Recreation activities are scheduled throughout the weekend, including sports, games and a Saturday night dance. Excellent food and snacks are also provided.

HOW IS THE CONFERENCE SUPERVISED?

The conference is supervised by an all-volunteer Rotarian staff, headed by a Rotarian Chairman. The staff consists of 15 staff members, 40 Discussion Group Leaders, 20 Alumni students and a camp nurse. Each Discussion Group Leader is assigned to a group of 8 students for the entire weekend. Participants are housed in separate dormitories for the men and women.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS TO THE PARTICIPANTS?

There is no direct cost to the participants. The sponsoring Rotary Clubs pay the fee for each camper that they send.