

District 5730 Rotarians wanted!

June 5 – June 9

Energize the RYLA Experience by serving as a Counselor!

RYLA combines exceptional hands-on activities, thought-provoking educational talks, challenging team-building activities, and close small-group discussions so that RYLA campers gain a collection of valuable leadership skills that are applicable to their success in school and beyond.

Each year, the program is updated with fresh material by adding new activities to give participants a more-well rounded experience. Last year, we added the RYLA Boat Race where each group constructed their own boat and then floated it in the swimming pool.

This coming year we are adding three new activities during the week. One is a team paint-ball competition; the second is a service day at the camp; and the third is a Rotary Day when Rotarians from all the clubs in District 5730 are invited to join us for a cookout and evening of fun entertainment.

Our planned guest lectures include Jerry Traylor, District 5730 President Susan Brints, long-time RYLA supporter Jim Cole, a presentation of RYLA student exchange, and Miss Teen Texas 2017, Kirby Lindley.

Of course, we will keep our most popular activities like the Speech Contest, the Bean War, the Dance, and free time with the Zip Line, the Ropes Course, the Blob and more!

But no RYLA happens without a staff! And your participation helps make each RYLA different from year to year. While the campers are the most important part of the RYLA experience, your participation is next in importance. It is the staff that brings new energy to the table and keeps the RYLA experience thriving. As a RYLA staff volunteer, your main job is to serve as a group facilitator, which is crucial to the success of RYLA.

Small group facilitators are the key to the campers' growth. In addition to working together with other counselors, you will lead a small group that meets at least twice a day. Counselors fulfill a dual role at RYLA; not only do they work with their own small groups to help young people discover the complexities of leadership, but they are the ones who establish and maintain the intentional learning environment created throughout the week.

Counselors are Rotarians who make RYLA truly a personal experience. You may just find that you will continue your relationships with your group members for many years after RYLA.

Please give volunteering as a Counselor serious consideration. If yes, contact Ken McIntosh to tell him you want to be part of the RYLA team for 2017. You can reach him at 432-466-5034 or by email: kenmcintosh1952@yahoo.com