

Important Updates for RYLA 2019

Dear Rotarians,

Our Club Relations Committee is already hard at work planning registrations for this year's conference, and we would like to inform you of some important information regarding RYLA 2019.

Registration for RYLA 2019 will open on October 1. Please inform us of how many spots your club would like to reserve as soon as possible! You can reserve spots by emailing us at rylaclubrelations5360@qmail.com.

RYLA 2019 will be held from May 9-12 at Camp Chestermere in Chestermere, Alberta. Transportation will not be provided to or from the camp. Clubs are encouraged to drive their sponsored delegates to Camp Chestermere or to ensure that delegates have their own transportation arrangements.

This year, we are bringing back Early Bird Pricing! Clubs who reserve spots by March 1 will receive a discount of \$50 per delegate, totaling a cost of \$450 per delegate rather than our usual \$500. However, if payment is made after March 1, normal pricing will be in effect and each delegate will cost \$500. Payments must be made prior to March 1 in order to take advantage of the Early Bird Discount. All payments will be due in late April, with an exact deadline to be announced.

In past years, we have allowed delegates to leave RYLA for short periods of time for ventures such as sports events, and other personal endeavors. Our schedule is designed for delegates to be present for the entire program, and delegates who leave for other commitments will not experience the full impact of RYLA. For this reason, we will no longer accommodate other commitments to take place during RYLA that require the delegate to leave. Please make sure delegates are able to attend the entire conference before nominating them.

As well as nominating your indicated amount of students, we suggest that clubs also create a list of 'backup' students who could attend the conference. This waitlist would help prevent us to have to find new delegates in case of a last-minute cancellation. The students who would be placed on a waitlist should be aware of the running dates of the RYLA 2019 program, as well as be prepared to attend the whole weekend on a few days' notice. If none of your nominated students cancel, this waitlist will provide you with a starting point to look for next year's' nominations.

To wrap up this letter we would like to again remind you to email us with the number of students you intend to sponsor this year, as well as any questions or concerns you may have about any of the changes we have made above. We would like to thank you for your continued participation in the RYLA experience and we look forward to communicating with you in the future!

Sincerely, Claire Martin and Cassie Hall RYLA Club Relations Committee