

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT

Registration Information for Rotarians September 20-23, 2018 Southern Alberta Bible Camp



RYPEN promotes personal growth, connections and leadership in a safe environment by providing challenging opportunities and tools to empower youth who have demonstrated courage and perseverance in their daily lives.

RYPEN focuses on youth between the ages of 13 and 17 years old.

The leadership development philosophy of the RYPEN program is based upon the “holistic – meaning whole person” approach (developed by Lyle Benson), with self-esteem enhancement through the small group process as the foundation. Youth will be involved in a variety of active experiential sessions addressing areas such as cooperation, goal setting, group decision making, interpersonal skill development, problem solving attitudes, values clarification, conflict resolution, and active listening and communication. This is all accomplished through a “learn by doing” approach, and a “fun with a purpose” attitude. Throughout the weekend, participants work together in small groups paired with youth leaders from previous RYPEN Experiences. Each group also has an adult mentor.



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INFORMATION FOR ROTARY CLUBS

- **Cost is \$550.00** per student, plus bussing or transportation costs if applicable. NOTE: The camp total number of students accepted has been significantly reduced in order to provide an enhanced camp experience hence the increase in the registration costs.
- Included in this fee is meals, accommodation, program and specialty equipment.
- Confirmation of number (not necessarily names) of students to be sent to Karen Johnson at kfjrotary@gmail.com by **August 1 – Payment is required with confirmation. This camp does fill up quickly – do not delay.**
- Cheques are to be sent as soon as you have reserved spots for your students, made payable to “Rotary District 5360” with a memo of “Fall RYPEN 2018” and mailed to:

Charlene Bearden
Rotary District 5360 Inc.
201 - 4 Parkdale Crescent N.W.
Calgary, AB, Canada T2N 3T8

- **THE LOCATION: ABOUT SOUTHERN ALBERTA BIBLE CAMP (SABC)** Southern Alberta Bible Camp is located near Little Bow Provincial Park, a short 1 hour drive from Vulcan, 100 km from Lethbridge. This modern facility sits on the edge of Travers Reservoir and includes the Lodge building, lodge cabins and gymnasium. The camp also offers a soccer field, climbing wall, giant swing, and campfire. Campers will stay in the cabins located just outside the Lodge building.
- **Transportation to SABC is the responsibility of the sponsoring Rotary Club.** Further information on buses from Calgary to follow (\$85). Please ensure arrangements for pick up at any other locations are pre-arranged with Karen Johnson. RYPEN participants must arrive at camp by 3:30 PM, on Thursday, September 20, 2018. Participants will be ready to leave the camp by 11:00 am on Sunday, September 23, 2018. It is recommended for Rotarians picking up students to attend the student’s summary of the weekend Sunday at 10 am.
- Space is limited to approximately 36 participants. Confirmation of spaces will be forwarded to Rotary Clubs via e-mail upon receipt of their commitment in terms of how many students they will sponsor. **The number of participants is contingent on the number of Volunteers.**
- We **HIGHLY** recommend that Clubs begin their search for students NOW! Please seek out your school contacts in person!!
- Registration Forms **MUST** be completed and sent to arrive to Karen by **Friday, September 14.** Email to kfjrotary@gmail.com.
- If you are interested in a presentation about RYPEN for your club, please contact Karen to request a copy.

Who are the Adults involved in this program?

The RYPEN 2018 Experience will be led by Trevor Brown, a member of the Rotary Club of Lethbridge Mosaic, supported by volunteers who have chosen RYPEN 2018 Experience as a volunteer activity this year.

All adult team members carry current Police record checks, and have completed the Rotary Volunteer Application Process.

The team includes:

Camp Facilitator	Trevor Brown, Lethbridge Mosaic
Camp Nurse (Health and Safety)	Kim Derksen, Lethbridge Sunrise/Rhea Graham, Calgary Chinook
Camp Program Facilitator	Cyndi Starzyk- Frey, MEd, RSW
Evaluations	Marlys Reynar, Lethbridge Sunrise

Our leaders will be trained prior to the camp in the areas of the role of the volunteer, rapport building and disclosures, community web of support, suicide awareness, self-care, review of the camp program, and getting to know each other! Our trainer and camp facilitator is a former camp leader!! Trevor Brown brings a wealth of experience and skills from his work locally, provincially and volunteering internationally, and has been working with youth in a variety of roles across Alberta.