2013 Club Handbook

Camp RYLA

a student leadership camp

Sponsored by District 5770 Rotary International



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

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Forms Checklist

Tool for Club's RYLA chairperson to verify that all required forms have been completed and submitted to district.

Camp RYLA Club Participation Form

Indicates the number of campers the Club will send to camp and the Club's understanding of deadlines and responsibilities. Form can also be used to submit names of Rotarians who are interested in serving as counselors. This form should be returned by January 31, 2013 to the Camp RYLA District Chairperson along with the Club's check for number of campers being sponsored.

Application

Student application to Camp RYLA.

Camper Agreement

Camper's agreement of intention to attend Camp RYLA and to abide by camp rules.

Waiver and Medical Authorization

Parent's authorization for child's medical treatment in case of emergency.

Health Certificate – Parent's Evaluation

Parent's disclosure of child's medical history and special health needs.

Camp RYLA College Scholarship Application

Application for a \$500 College Scholarship to be awarded to two Camp RYLA campers.

Information for Campers and Parents / Bring to Camp, Emergency Contact

Suggested items for campers to bring to camp and emergency phone number for use during camp.



KEY PLAYERS

Club President should...

- Encourage the Club's participation in Camp RYLA.
- Oversee the Club's overall involvement in the program.

New Generations Committee should ...

- Select a RYLA Chairperson for the club.
- Budget for Camp RYLA participation each year.
- Know and ensure that all RYLA deadlines are met.

RYLA Chairperson should ...

- Learn about the values and merits of CAMP RYLA.
- Monitor all RYLA deadlines and make sure they are met.
- Inform high school counselors about CAMP RYLA.
- Organize Club camper selection process.
- Ensure that selected campers receive proper notification of their selection and are informed on all camp details.
- Arrange transportation to and from camp for the selected campers.

GOALS Camp RYLA's goals are three-fold:

- To allow each camper to sharpen their particular strengths through attending talks on leadership, joining group / cabin discussions, and participating in camp committees.
- To broaden each camper's understanding and appreciation of others' unique qualities and abilities through participating in a cabin group and experiencing the cabin "bonding" process.
- To assist each camper in developing a comprehensive view of leadership through emphasis on team work, motivation and communication.

CAMP RYLA DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON:



BOB USRY P.O. Box 1272 Norman, OK 73070 (405) 623-3700 cell (405) 364-1001 work busry@okcoop.org

WHAT IS RYLA?

All RYLA programs encourage youth leaders and provide them with improved techniques of leadership. Their enthusiasm and technique are brought back to the community from which the campers were sponsored, thus impacting the young people being influenced by these youthful leaders.

RYLA introduces a large number of young people and their families to the Rotary ideals of service each year. It helps bridge the communication gap between the generations and helps improve relationships among youth groups, families and the community.

RYLA OBJECTIVES

The objectives of a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program are:

- To further demonstrate Rotary's respect and concerns for youth.
- To encourage and assist selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with training experience.
- To encourage continued and stronger leadership <u>of</u> youth <u>by</u> youth.
- To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are providing service to their communities as youth leaders.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO IN ROTARY:

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

DATES TO REMEMBER

January...

• Clubs should commit to participate by **January 31, 2013.** Send completed Club Participation Form, along with your **club's check** (payable to **Rotary Camp RYLA**) to:

Bob Usry, Camp RYLA District Chairperson P.O. Box 1272 Norman, OK 73070

- Camp funds (\$450 per camper) are due January 31.
- Contact the high school counselor at your local high school concerning participation in Camp RYLA by **January 25.** Supply them with copies of the Camper Application for distribution to interested students or direct them to the District 5770 website for the RYLA Club Handbook which contains the Camper Applications.
- Recruit Club members to serve as counselors.

February...

• Pick-up camper applications from high school counselors by **February 22**. Check to ensure that all returned applications are complete (including an attached student photo and parent signature).

March...

• Review all applications and conduct interviews by **March 15.** Make your first selection(s) and choose an alternate(s) in case your first selection(s) cannot attend camp. Contact your selection(s) and send them copies of the Camper Agreement, medical forms and scholarship form provided in this handbook.

April...

• Send completed application, camper agreement, medical forms, scholarship form and student photo, with first choice(s) and alternate(s) properly identified, to Camp RYLA District Chairperson by **April 12**.

May...

- Recruit Club members to provide transportation for campers.
- Reconfirm with your selected camper(s) that they still plan to attend camp! Again, reiterate their sponsoring Club is responsible for the transportation to and from camp. There is no cost to the camper.
- Publicize camper selection in local media.
- Due to the increased size of camp, <u>no camper applications will be accepted by District after May 17</u>. Immediately following the May 17 cut-off date, the District Committee will print a camp directory and order camp supplies, t-shirts, and camper plaques.
- <u>All of the following must be received by the Camp RYLA District Chairperson no later than May 17</u>: Club Participation Form Camp funds (\$450 per camper) Camper Application(s) with photograph Camper Application (s) with photograph

June...

• Camp RYLA will be held **June 17-June 21, 2013** at Goddard Youth Camp, Sulphur, OK. Campers should arrive by **11:00 A.M., Monday, June 17**, and should be picked up at **12:00 P.M., Friday, June 21**.

July...

• Invite your camper(s) to attend your Club so they can share about their Camp RYLA experiences.

CAMP RYLA

Strong leaders are made, not born. Leadership principles are learned not inherited. Through Camp RYLA, "Leaders of Tomorrow" have a forum through which leadership skills and principles are learned, developed and enhanced.

Rotary International District 5770 Camp RYLA (which stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a five day leadership training camp which imparts to approximately 60 high school junior leaders (seniors next year) the many facets of leadership through cabin activities, speakers, athletic events, and team building exercises.

This year's camp will be held at the Goddard Youth Camp, Rt. 1, Box 276, Sulphur, OK 73066.

CABIN GROUPS

Each camper is assigned to a cabin group consisting of campers, an assistant counselor and a Rotarian counselor. Campers in each cabin are leaders who represent high schools throughout District 5770. Teamwork, communication and consensus building are developed as the cabin group faces the week's challenges together. Each camper has something to contribute. The basis of most memories and experiences comes from participating in the group.

RECRUITMENT

Camp RYLA is a leadership camp that seeks student leaders. They must be high school juniors during the 2012-2013 academic year. These leaders should excel in one or more areas of high school involvement. Other students should respect this candidate for their accomplishments.

Contact the high school counselor at your local high school by **January 25, 2013.** Explain to them the type of student that you are seeking, then supply them with copies of the RYLA camper application and the RYLA brochure. Ask that they distribute applications to qualified students. Students should complete the application and return it to the high school counselor who should review the application to ensure it is complete and includes a student photo and parent signature. Clubs should pick up applications from the school by **February 22, 2013** and begin reviewing applicants.

Clubs may also wish to distribute applications directly to students who have been recommended by last year's RYLA campers at the high school, by Rotary Club members, or by church youth ministers.

SELECTION

It is strongly recommended that the Club RYLA committee personally interview each applicant.

Qualifications that should be considered are:

- good academic record
- work experiences
- community involvement
- significant achievements
- leadership experience or potential
- positive attitude
- high moral character

Interviews should be completed by March 15, 2013.

A set number of boy and girl campers are accepted. Consequently, the clubs sponsoring more than one camper are asked to select an even number of boy and girl campers.

To avoid "no shows", select at least one or two students who will serve as "alternate(s)" in the event that your selected camper(s) cannot attend camp. Once you complete these selections, notify both sets of students of their status.

After selection of your campers and alternates, send the original applications (including "alternates"), to the Camp RYLA District Chairperson by **April 12**, **2013.** You should keep a copy for your club's file.

COST

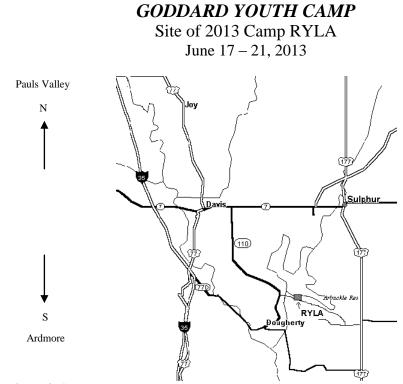
The cost is \$450 per student. Clubs should send their check (payable to Rotary Camp RYLA), along with a completed Camp RYLA Club Participation Form to the Camp RYLA Director by **January 31, 2013.**

TRANSPORTATION

Your club is responsible for transporting your selected camper(s) to and from camp. This detail, though in appearance minor, can cause some uneasiness for campers, camp staff and parents if not properly addressed and confirmed. Transporting your camper(s) to and from camp is a great way for Rotarians in your club to get involved in RYLA!

CAMPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEMSELVES TO CAMP.

PLAN ON HAVING YOUR CAMPER(S) AT CAMP BY 11:00 A.M., MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 AND PICKING THEM UP AT 12:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013.



Directions to Goddard Youth Camp:

From the north: take I-35 south to Exit 55, marked "Davis, Duncan, Sulphur". Go east on Hwy 7 approximately 5 miles to Junction 110 (sign says "Lifestyles of America" and "Dougherty 10"). Turn right onto Hwy 110 and travel south approximately 7.4 miles to Goddard Youth Camp road (sign says "Lifestyles of America - 1"). Turn left onto Goddard Youth Camp road and travel east approximately 2.6 miles to the Goddard Youth Camp entrance on the left (north) side of the road.

From the south: take I-35 north to Exit 51 and follow Hwys 77 & 7 northeast to Davis. At Davis the highways split. Stay on Hwy 7 traveling east to Junction 110. (From this point, follow directions above)

ABOUT GODDARD YOUTH CAMP

Goddard Youth Camp is the site for the 2013 Camp RYLA and is beautifully situated in the rugged Arbuckle Mountains. The area is known the world over for its unique geology and strange rock formations. The general area is in the overlap of the Deciduous Forests of the East and the Short Grass Prairies of the West and is bountifully supplied with a variety of living plants and animals from both of these natural communities.

The camp, with over a mile of camp shoreline, is located on the 7,000 acre Lake of the Arbuckles Recreation Area. Swimming and canoe races have become a Camp RYLA favorite in this beautiful lake setting.

There are three separate cabin areas at Goddard Youth Camp, two of which have been reserved solely for Camp RYLA. Each area has seven cabins, plus a large functional activity building for indoor use. Each cabin accommodates eight persons and has single size beds with innersprings.

- AREA 1 cabins will house the girls. There are two groups of cabins in Area 1, with three cabins in one group and four in the other. Each cabin has its own private bath and each group of cabins has a central picnic area.
- AREA 3 cabins will house the boys. This area also provides a beautiful, natural setting with seven cabins but has a central bathhouse facility.

A dining hall and outdoor chapel, available for use by all campers at Goddard, is centrally located adjacent to AREA 1.



CAMP RYLA

FORMS CHECKLIST



Club Participation form sent to District on _____ (Due by January 31, 2013)

Check in the amount of \$_____ for ____ campers (\$450 per camper) sent to District on _____ (Due by January 31, 2013)

Date each item as completed (Camper forms are due at District on April 12, 2013) (NO APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 17)

	Camper		Camper		Camper	
Forms and Materials	Received by Club	Sent to District	Received by Club	Sent to District	Received by Club	Sent to District
Application						
Student Photo						
Camper Agreement						
Waiver and Medical Authorization						
Health Certificate/Parent's Evaluation						
College Scholarship Application						

comments:

	Alternate		Alternate	
Forms and Materials	Received by Club	Sent to District	Received by Club	Sent to District
Application				
Student Photo				
Camper Agreement				
Waiver and Medical Authorization				
Health Certificate/Parent's Evaluation				
College Scholarship Application				

comments:



a total cost (No. of campers X \$45)) of \$
Club RYLA Chairperson	Information:
Name	E-Mail
Address	
City	Zip
Cell Phone ()	Work Phone ()
Handbook. Once selected, I will c commitment to transporting them camper applications are subject t	tho embody the leadership qualities as described in the Camp RYLA Club ommunicate to them all pertinent camp information (including our Club's to and from camp) in a timely manner. I understand that all submitted o review by the RYLA Camp Director. Furthermore, I agree to meet al ecial arrangements are made with the Camp RYLA Director or Camp erson.
Signature	Date

Send this form with your Club's check (payable to Rotary Camp RYLA) to:

Bob Usry Camp RYLA District Chairperson P.O. Box 1272 Norman, OK 73070

Space is limited Club Participation Form with club's check attached is due by January 31, 2013.

If any Rotarian in your club would be interested in serving as Camp Counselor, please submit their name so they can be sent an application. For Camp Counselors and staff, Camp RYLA runs from Sunday evening, June 16, through Friday afternoon, June 21, 2013.

Name		Name	
Address		Address	
City	Zip	City	Zip
Cell Phone ()		Cell Phone ()	
Work Phone ()		Work Phone ()	
Could Stay:		Could Stay:	
□ All Week	□ Portion of Week	□ All Week	□ Portion of Week

CAMPER A Rotary Youth I District 5770 Summer Car June	CAMP RYLA 2013 CAMPER APPLICATION Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Summer Camp-Conference June 17-21, 2013 Goddard Youth Camp	
Rotary Club RYLA Chairperson RYLA Chairperson Phone () Rotary Club Please Complete		(For Directory) DO NOT <u>TAPE.</u> <u>STAPLE, OR</u> <u>GLUE</u> PHOTO. (HEAD SHOT PLEASE)
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY		
Full Name:	_ Current Age: Current Gra	ade: Male 🗆 Female 🗆
Name (you wish on award):	Name (for name badge):	
Address: City:	State:Zij	p: T-Shirt Size
Cell Phone: (Work Phone: ()	E-Mail Address:	
Parents: Father:	Mother:	
Address:	Address:	
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:	
Cell Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()	
Work Phone: ()	Work Phone: ()	
Are you a certified lifeguard? Yes \Box No \Box If Yes,	what agency?	
EDUCATION: Cumulative Grade Point Average:	High School:	
USE A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER TO ANSWER	THE FOLLOWING:	
ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Positions held	l and responsibilities undertaken)	
HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION: (Numb	per of years, levels of competition a	and any honors)
• EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS, HOBBIES AN	D RECREATION:	
• WORK EXPERIENCE: (Summers/After School)		
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE	
I agree to allow the camp staff to dispense any non-pr my child, if needed. IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERG In the event, however, that I cannot be contacted, I he	ENCY, I understand every effor	t will be made to contact me

In the event, however, that I cannot be contacted, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Camp RYLA Director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child, as named above.

 PARENT'S SIGNATURE
 DATE

CAMPER AGREEMENT



Camp RYLA June 17-21, 2013



I understand that the Rotary Club of ______has paid \$450.00 on my behalf to attend Camp RYLA. It is my intention to attend the Camp from June 17 to June 21, 2013. I pledge not to enter into any other commitments this summer that will conflict with these dates. If an emergency arises that will affect my ability to attend Camp RYLA, I agree to contact the Rotary Club immediately.

Further, while at camp, I agree to abide by the Camp Rules as listed below.

Camper's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date

CAMP RULES

- 1. Phone calls will be limited to home, emergency only. Cell phones must remain in cabin and only be used for communication with parents during free time.
- 2. All campers will remain in cabins from 9:45 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.
- 3. No vehicles allowed. Camper transportation must be provided by local Rotary Club.
- 4. All campers will be punctual to all scheduled events. Participation is a must.
- 5. No tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol allowed on camp premises.
- 6. All campers are to respect counselors, speakers and fellow campers in the spirit of leadership and cooperation.
- 7. Swimming allowed at scheduled time only while lifeguard is on duty.
- 8. Appropriate dress required at all times. Flip flop sandals may only be worn inside cabin.
- 9. Campers will remain at camping area for duration of the camp.
- 10. Cabins must be kept neat and clean.
- 11. No boys in girl's cabins or girls in boy's cabins at any time.
- 12. Camp T-shirt to be worn only on Thursday evening and for the group picture.
- 13. Visitors and guests will only be allowed Thursday evening during the presentations session.
- 14. The Camp Director has the discretion to terminate a camper's stay at camp should the need arise.



ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS CAMP RYLA



WAIVER AND MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

I/We,		and		, being the
·	(parent/guardian)	(p	arent/guardian)	C
parent(s) or guardian(s) of _	(, date of birth	
	(name of child)			(child's date of birth)
of				
	(complete home address, inclu	uding city, state & zip code)		
do jointly and severally agr	ee that		may	participate in the Rotary

(name o	f child)
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Youth Leadership Awards Camp (referred to as Camp RYLA) sponsored by the Rotary International District 5770, and in consideration of participation in this event and on behalf of the above named Child, his/her heirs and representatives, I/we agree to fully and forever release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Camp RYLA, Rotary District 5770, Goddard Youth Camp, their agents, representatives, servants, employees or invitees from any and all claims, demands, damages, causes or rights of action, present or future, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of participation in such Camp RYLA.

I/We further authorize the Camp Director, or any other adult staff member to give all necessary consent for any necessary medical treatment, including doctor's care or hospitalization or both, to the same extent as I/we could if personally present, that may be required by the above named child while in attendance at this camp, and agree that said medical expenses will be incurred in my/our behalf and I/we agree to pay the same.

I/We also acknowledge that I/we have notified the Camp Personnel of any special medical needs or information (see "Health Certificate/Parent's Evaluation" attached) required by the above named child. I/We further state that we know of no medical or physical conditions which would prevent the above named child from fully participating in the camp activities.

I/We also understand that all rules and regulations for the camp will be enforced and any violation by my child will result in a call to me with a possible request to come pick up my child with no refunds being given.

Dated: _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature)		(Parent or Guardian Signatur
Our Insurance Company		
Policy #	Group #	
Address		

ATTACH COPY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARD



HEALTH CERTIFICATE PARENT'S EVALUATION



Camper's Name:

The activities in which your son or daughter will participate while at Camp RYLA are generally comparable to those experienced in high school, including physical education activities. Some activities may be very strenuous and the heat is always a factor. The camp supervisors MUST know of any physical limitations, medications or recent medical treatments or surgeries that may affect your son's or daughter's welfare. While this will not limit their participation, special precautions can be taken to ensure their safety.

Please check all items listed below with Yes or No. If Yes, please give a brief description of the problem:

YES NO FREQUENT OR SEVERE HEADACHES ____ **DIZZINESS OR FAINTING SPELLS** ____ UNCONSCIOUSNESS FOR ANY REASON ____ __ EYE TROUBLE (not correctable with glasses) _____ HEART TROUBLE ____ HIGH OR LOW BLOOD PRESSURE _____ CHRONIC OR RECENT EAR TROUBLE _____ SIGNIFICANT ABDOMINAL TROUBLE (including hernia) UNLESS CORRECTED _____ **EPILEPSY** ____ HEAD INJURY ____ NERVOUS TROUBLE OF ANY SORT _ __ ASTHMA OR ANY BREATHING DISORDER _ _ INJURIES (requiring hospitalization) OR SURGERY WITHIN THE LAST 5 YEARS _ _ ANY ALLERGIES (including allergies to medications) _ __ DIABETES OR HYPOGLYCEMIA ____ CURRENT MEDICATIONS (please list below) _ _ OTHER (please specify any medical conditions not listed above) _ _

IF YES ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PLEASE DESCRIBE HERE:

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the health of the camper is as shown above.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



Camp RYLA College Scholarship Application P.O. Box 1272, Norman, OK 73070 (405) 364-1001



\$500.00 Achievement Scholarship

*Based on Academic Accomplishment as well as Economic Need

Please Return Application to Bob Usry at above address by December 31, 2013

Name: ______

Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address:

GPA_____ACT____SAT__ (Please attach a copy of your High School Transcript)

High School Activities:

Honors and Awards:

Community Service:

Personal Interests:

Special Talents:

Employment History:

Plans for the Future:

FINANCIAL NEED: In the space provided, please indicate your family's adjusted gross income as referenced on the most recent IRS Tax Return. Please be assured this information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Under \$15,00030,000 to 34,99915,000 to 19,99935,000 to 49,99920,000 to 24,99950,000 to 64,99925,000 to 29,999Over 65,000
Total number of family members living at home?
Is this a single parent household?YesNo
Number of dependents in your family including yourself?
Ages,,,
Number presently attending college
Do you have siblings that are not presently attending college but plan to attend within
the next two to four years?YesNo
If more than one, please indicate how many.

Would you please share any other factors that address financial need and that may be helpful in evaluating your application for this scholarship.

Please list other scholarships that you have received and the amount of each scholarship.

 Name of Scholarship
 Amount \$_____

 Name of Scholarship
 Amount \$______

Have you made application for any other scholarships, but, as of this date have not received notice? _____Yes ____No

Please list the names of any pending scholarships.

Have you completed the FAFSA? ____Yes ____No Did you qualify for a PELL GRANT? ____Yes ____No

Please describe below why you want to be a recipient of, and what prompted you to make application for, the ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS' Achievement Scholarship.

We appreciate your making application for our scholarship. We commend you on your efforts in preparation for a college career.



Information for Campers and Parents



BRING TO CAMP

Twin-size bedding and pillow Toiletries Soap and towels No fan! The cabins are now air conditioned! Rain gear Flashlight Insect repellent Suntan lotion or sunscreen Book Bag or Backpack (optional) Swim shoes (optional) Swim suit and cover-up or T-shirt Beach towel Treaded tennis shoes (mandatory) Shorts and cool comfortable clothing for entire week Any other necessary items suitable for camp

LIFEGUARDS - Bring lifeguard credentials with you to camp!

EMERGENCY CONTACT During Camp RYLA, June 17-21, 2013:

Goddard Youth Camp (580) 993-3333

The above phone should only be used in case of emergency as a means to reach a camper during Camp RYLA. Goddard will be unable to assist with any other type questions or information.

Questions regarding Camp RYLA should be directed to the local Rotary Club RYLA Chairperson or to Bob Usry, Rotary District RYLA Chairperson, (405) 364-1001

