2024 Club Handbook

Camp RYLA

a student leadership camp JUNE 17-21, 2024

Sponsored by District 5770 Rotary International



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KEY PLAYERS

Club President should...

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

Club President 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 of all camp details.

 Arrange transportation to and from camp for the selected campers.

 Use checklist and submit all forms to the Camp Director

GOALS

Camp RYLA's goals are three-fold:

- To allow each camper to sharpen their particular strengths through attending talks on leadership, joining group of 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 teamwork, motivation, and communication.

CAMP RYLA DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON:

Post Office Box 1533 Norman, OK 73070 (405) 623-3700 (Bob)

busry@okcoop.org

(405) 623-3702 (Ellen)

eusry@bobusry.com

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 of youth by youth.
- To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are providing service to their communities as youth leaders.



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, 2024. Send completed Club Participation Form, along with your club's check (payable to Rotary Camp RYLA) to:

Bob Usry, Camp RYLA District Chairperson Post Office Box 1533 Norman, OK 73070

February...

- Camp funds (\$450 per camper) should be mailed with the camper application.
- Contact the high school counselor at your local high school concerning participation in Camp RYLA during the month of February. Supply them with copies of the Camper Application for distribution to interested students. Pick-up camper applications from high school counselors, from the website, or we will be glad to email them to you by **February 28**. Check to ensure that all returned applications are complete (including an attached student photo and parent signature).

March...

• Review all applications and conduct interviews of applicants, if needed. 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 form, medical forms, photo release, and scholarship form provided in this handbook.

April...

• Send completed application, student **photo** (**headshot-passport photo**), camper agreement, medical forms, scholarship form and photo release, with first choice(s) and alternate(s) properly identified, to Camp RYLA District Chairperson by **April 15.**

May...

- Recruit club members to provide transportation for campers.
- Reconfirm with your selected camper(s) that they still plan to attend the whole week of camp! Again, reiterate their sponsoring club is responsible for the transportation to and from camp. There is no cost to the camper. This money is paid by the Rotary Club and is not refundable.
- Publicize camper selection in local media.
- Due to the increased size of the camp, no camper applications will be accepted by the District after
 May 15. Immediately following the May 15 cut-off date, the District Committee will print a camp directory and order camp supplies, t-shirts, and camper plaques.
- The Camp RYLA District Chairperson must receive all of the following no later than May 16:
- Application, Photo Release, Medical Forms, Camper Agreement,
- Camp RYLA will be held **June 17-June 21, 2024,** 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 their Camp RYLA experiences.

CAMP RYLA

Strong leaders are made, not born. Leadership principles are learned not inherited. Through Camp RYLA, "Leaders of Tomorrow" has 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, 2964 Goddard Youth Camp Road, Sulphur, OK 73086

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 2023-2024 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. Explain to them the type of student that you are seeking, then supply them with copies of the RYLA camper application. Ask that they distribute applications to qualified students. Students should complete the application and return it to the RYLA Chairperson who should review the application to ensure it is complete and includes a student photo (headshot) and parent signature. Clubs should pick up applications from the school 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:

- Commitment to complete the whole week.
- good academic record
- work experiences
- community involvement
- significant achievements
- leadership experience or potential
- positive attitude
- high moral character

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 15**, **2024.** You should keep a copy for your club's file.

COST

The cost is \$450 per student (non-refundable). 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 February **20**, **2024**.

TRANSPORTATION - VERY IMPORTANT

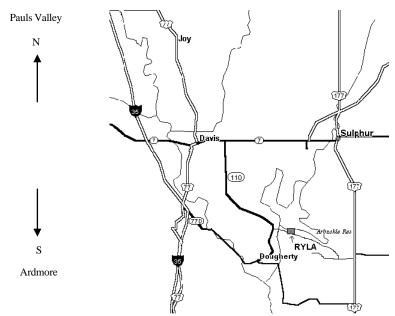
Your club is responsible for transporting your selected camper(s) to and from camp. This detail, though in appearance minor, can cause some uneasiness for campers, camp staff and parents if not properly addressed and confirmed. Transporting your camper(s) to and from camp is a great way for Rotarians 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, 2024, AND PICKING THEM UP AT 12:00 P.M., FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024.

GODDARD YOUTH CAMP

Site of 2024 Camp RYLA June 17-21, 2024



Directions to Goddard Youth Camp:

From the north: take 1-35 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 Highways 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 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 Arbuckle's 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 people and has single size beds with innerspring mattresses.

- 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.



Club Participation Form Camp RYLA

June 17-21, 2024



	Rotary Club will sponsor Camper(s) at a cost of \$450 per camper for
a total cost (No. of car	ers X \$450) of \$
Club RYLA C	rperson Information:
Name	E-Mail
Address	
City	Zip
Work Phon	Home Phone ()
FAX (Mobile ()
Handbook. Once sele commitment to trans camper applications	tudents who embody the leadership qualities as described in the Camp RYLA Club I, I will communicate to them all pertinent camp information (including our Club's ting them to and from camp) in a timely manner. I understand that all submitted subject to review by the RYLA Camp Director. Furthermore, I agree to meet all unless special arrangements are made with the Camp RYLA Director or Camp e Chairperson.
Signature	Date

Bob Usry Camp RYLA District Chairperson Post Office Box 1533 Norman, OK 73070

Space is limited.
Check should be attached to the Club Participation Form.

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



CAMP RYLA FORMS CHECKLIST



Club Participation form sent to District on						
Check in the amount of \$	for campers (\$4	450 per camper) sei	nt to District on			
Date each item as completed (Camper fo	rms are due at Distric	t on April 15, 2024)		(NO APPLICAT	TIONS ACCEPTED A	AFTER MAY 15)
	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 (HEADSHOT)						
Camper Agreement						
Waiver and Medical Authorization						
Health Certificate/Parent's Evaluation						
College Scholarship Application						

comments:

Photo Release

	Alternate		Alternate	
Forms and Materials	Received by Club	Sent to District	Received by Club	Sent to District
Application				
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College Scholarship Application				
Photo Release				

comments:



CAMP RYLA 2024 CAMPER APPLICATION



DO NOT TAPE

OR STAPLE PHOTO TO

District 5770 Bob Usry, PO Box 1533 Norman, OK< 73070

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Summer Camp June 17-21, 2024, Goddard Youth Camp

Rotary Club	APPLICATION
RYLA Chairperson	
RYLA Chairperson Phone () Rotary Club Please Complete	HEADSHOT OR PASSPORT PICTURE
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY	REQUIRED
Full Name:(Current Age: Current Grade: Male θ Female θ
Name (you wish on award):	Name (for name badge):
Address:City:	State: Zip: T-Shirt Size
Cell Phone: () Home Phone: ()	Email:
Parents: Father:	Mother:
Address:	Address:
City, State, Zip:	City, State, Zip:
Cell Phone: ()	Cell Phone: ()
Secondary Phone ()	Secondary Phone: ()
Are you a certified lifeguard? Yes θ No θ If Yes, w	hat agency?
EDUCATION: Cumulative Grade Point Average:	Name of School
• Have any siblings attended RYLA Camp? Yes θ No θ	If Yes, Name(s)
• Are either (or both) of your parents a Rotary Club member	r or have they been a member? Yes θ No θ
• If Yes, Name and Club(s)	
• Are you a member of Interact? Yes θ No θ	
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DAT E
needed. IN CASE OF MEDICAL EMERGENCY, I understand	on medication (aspirin, Tylenol, cough syrup, etc.) to my child, in the event, however ician selected by the Camp RYLA Director to hospitalize, secure error for my child, as named above.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ DAT E ____

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Positions held and responsibilities undertaken)
HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PARTICIPATION: (Number of years, levels of competition and any honors)
EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS, HOBBIES AND RECREATION:
WORK EXPERIENCE: (Summers/After School)
YOU MAY USE A SEPARATE SHEET TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION – IF IT IS HANDWRITTEN, PLEASE USE BLACK INK IN CASE COPIES ARE MADE OF THE INFORMATION



CAMPER AND PARENT AGREEMENT Camp RYLA June 17-21, 2024

CAMP RULES

Date

- 1. Phone calls will be limited to home, emergency only. Cell phones must remain in cabin and only be used for communication 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 or open toed 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.

Parent's Signature

- 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, Friday morning, and during School of the Deaf visit.
- 13. Visitors and guests will only be allowed Thursday evening during the presentation 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

	guardian)	(parent/guardian)	
parent(s) or guardian(s) of	(name of child)	, date of birth(child's date of birth)	
of		(crind's date of Dirth)	
	(complete home address, including city, stat	te & zip code)	
do jointly and severally agree that		may participate in the R	lotary
	(name of child)		
and in consideration of participa representatives, I/we agree to ful Rotary District 5770, Goddard Yo and all claims, demands, damage	tion in this event and on behal ly and forever release, discharg uth Camp, their agents, represen s, causes or rights of action, pr	Insored by the Rotary International District of the above named Child, his/her heir ge, indemnify and hold harmless Camp R statives, servants, employees or invitees from the same be known to for participation in such Camp RYLA.	rs and XYLA, m any
other adult staff member to including doctor's care or ho present, that may be required	o give all necessary conserps pospitalization or both, to the by the above named child v	RYLA camp nurse in attendance, on the formany necessary medical treatments are extent as I/we could if personal while in attendance at this camp, and all and I/we agree to pay the same.	ment, onally
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information (see "Health Certific	cate/Parent's Evaluation" attach nedical or physical conditions w	mp Personnel of any special medical need required by the above-named child. Thich would prevent the above-named child	I/We
		camp will be enforced and any violation to come pick up my child with no refunds	
Dated:			
	Parent or Guardian Signature)	(Parent or Guardian Signature)	
Contact Phone Number:			
Our Insurance (Company		
	(

ATTACH COPY OF HEALTH INSURANCE CARD



Signature of Parent or Guardian

HEALTH CERTIFICATE EVALUATION



Camper's Name:
The activities in which your child will participate while at Camp RYLA are 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.

Date



Camp RYLA College Scholarship Application Post Office Box 1533, Norman, OK 73070



Bob Usry, Director (405) 623-3700

Please Return Application to Bob Usry at above address by December 31, 2024

\$500.00 Achievement Scholarship *Based on Academic Accomplishment as well as Economic Need

Name:			Date of Birth:	
Parent's N	ame:		Telephone:	
Address: _				
	GPA(Please	ACTattach a copy of your	SAT 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 referenced on the most recent IRS Tax Return. Please be assured this information utmost confidentiality. Under \$15,000 30,000 to 34,999 35,000 to 49,999 35,000 to 49,999 50,000 to 64,999 25,000 to 29,999 Over 65,000	
Total number of family members living at home? No Is this a single parent household? Yes No 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 a the next two to four years? Yes No If there are more than one, please indicate how many	ttend within
Would you please share any other factors that address financial need and that may evaluating your application for this scholarship.	be helpful in
Please list other scholarships that you have received and the amount of each scholar	rship.
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?YesNo
Please list the names of any pending scholarships.
Trease list the names of any pending scholarships.
Have you completed the FAFSA?YesNo
Did you qualify for a PELL GRANT?YesNo
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
Rain gear
Flashlight
Insect repellent
Suntan lotion or sunscreen
Swim shoes (optional)
Swimsuit and cover-up or T-shirt
Beach towel
Treaded tennis or hiking 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, 2024

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 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) 623-3700 or Ellen Usry (405) 623-3702

Photo/Video/Audio Release Form

I hereby grant to the ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) CAMP, or those acting upon their authority, the unqualified right and permission to reproduce, copyright, publish, circulate, and otherwise use photographs, video and/or voice recording of me.

I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished photographs, films or tapes, or the uses to which they may be put.

I hereby release all rights to and interest in all prints, tapes, and other reproductions thereof, and do hereby release RYLA and Rotary International from any and all rights, claims, or actions against them on account of the use or publication of these images or recordings.

I understand and agree that any audio, video, or still image recordings made of me may be featured in videos/audio and/or print publicity for Rotary or RYLA.

I have read and understand the release statement above and hereby agree to its terms and conditions.

Signed:
Print Name: