

# WHAT IS RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - or RYLA - is a not-for-profit training program for leaders and potential leaders (Freshman-Senior). As a RYLA participant, you will attend an **ALL-EXPENSE-PAID**, three day camp. You will be joined by talented young people like yourself from other communities in your area.

The sponsoring Rotary clubs involved in organizing the event determine the specifics of each RYLA program. All programs emphasize leadership skills, personal development, and citizenship. RYLA goes to great lengths to make sure the three day weekend is fun and recreational as well as educational for all involved.

## WHY RYLA? HEAR WHAT SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS HAVE TO SAY!



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McHenry High School has been a Rotary partner in helping to provide students leadership experience at RYLA for almost a decade. RYLA has impacted dozens of students from our district and the experience has helped with their leadership development. In turn, these students have greatly impact our school. Our students return each year energized and have even asked our schools to bring in RYLA presenters for all our students. We will continue to support Rotary and the good works of the RYLA experience!

### JOIN US!

# RYLA 2024-25

**Session 1: March 6-9, 2025**

**Session 2: April 3-6, 2025**

Year after year, RYLA continues to be a phenomenal leadership opportunity for Lake Park High School students thanks to the camaraderie, nationally recognized presenters, and motivational climate throughout the entire trip. Students return to Lake Park inspired and motivated to make a positive impact in school and the world. Because our District believes so strongly in the RYLA mission, Lake Park annually sponsors approximately 20 students through scholarships provided by the Bloomingdale-Roselle Rotary Club, Lake Park Educational Foundation, and Lake Park High School. The benefits our students receive from attending RYLA truly is priceless. If your school is seeking a student leadership opportunity, RYLA is an outstanding experience that I would highly recommend!



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