



(Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

The purpose of the program is to recognize young people who have demonstrated leadership skills or show the potential to be leaders, and provide them with an opportunity to explore and further develop these skills with other with similar capabilities.

During the 3 Day Conference Participants will ...

- Explore their own style and strengths
- Learn skills that will enable them to be aware of and to address community needs
- Interact with adult role models who are active in their professions and community
- Develop and learn leadership skills
- Have a lot of fun!

GOALS:

- to learn and incorporate new concepts of leadership and citizenship.
- to have opportunities to express ideas and concepts.
- to feel and give acceptance of and to each other.
- to experience the joy of learning teamwork.
- to become comfortable in expressing opinions in a supportive group environment.
- to meet new friends and learn how to reach out and make new friends without the usual conventions (cliques, etc.).
- to be challenged to "Return to Serve" your community.

**LEADERSHIP. TEAMBUILDING.
COMMUNICATION.
PRESENTATIONS.
DISCUSSIONS.
RYLA.**



"I now have the confidence and knowledge to lead groups."



"This was an incredible experience I will never forget."



"This trip gave me much more confidence in myself..."



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Session 1: March 8-11, 2018

Session 2: April 12-15, 2018

leadership conference for high school students



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT #6440

WHAT IS RYLA? FEATURED SPEAKERS



SEAN NELSON is the Volunteer RYLA Conference Chairman. Sean has been a Wheaton Noon Rotarian for 20 years and has been the conference Chair for the past 15 years. During that time, the conference has doubled in participation and is nearing capacity. Sean believes that the speakers at the conference are arguably the best that participants might ever have an opportunity to hear... at any price! Sean has been a Rotarian for almost 20 years and currently is the Executive Director for Illinois YMCA Youth and Government. Rotary Clubs sponsor 100% of the students selected to attend. If interested in more information about RYLA please feel free to contact Sean directly.

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JOSHUA'S HEART: Joshua's Heart Foundation was founded in 2005 in Miami, Florida and is dedicated to the fight against global hunger and poverty. JHF has two primary goals: to "Stomp out World Hunger" and to "Break the Cycle of Poverty". JHF is a 501(c) 3 non-for-profit organization, which empowers, needy people to improve their quality of life, by providing items of basic necessities, such as groceries, and by effectively engaging and educating communities at home and abroad about committing to fight hunger and poverty on global basis. JHF is a youth run organization dedicated to stomping out hunger. To date JHF has distributed over 1.2 million pounds of food to families in need in South Florida, Jamaica, Africa and India. A Jr. Advisory Board of 80 youth ages 9-18, and 8,000 youth volunteers called elves.



TOM CARROLL: Tom Carroll is the Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer for RR Donnelley, a 10 billion dollar international Fortune 250 Company with more than 58,000 employees worldwide. He has served in many leadership roles and has had increasing responsibility over his 19 years with the company. As the Chief Human Resource Officer, he has responsibilities for all aspects of human resources for domestic and global operations in the Asia Pacific, Mexico, South America, Canada, Europe and the United States. Carroll is a skilled business strategist, executive coach, team developer, facilitator, and motivational speaker. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology.

RICK METZGER: His instant rapport with audience comes easily from the social and communications skills developed as a retired professional athlete and high school athletic coach. Rick's personal achievements as an eight time National NASA Bench Press Champion, an American record holder in drug-free power lifting, and a four time gold medalist at the World Cup of Power Lifting, have all equipped Rick to deliver a fast paced, high energy program that enlightens, entertains and empowers all who hear him.



RACHEL'S CHALLENGE: Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion, coupled with the contents of her six diaries, have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America. Powerful audio/video footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spell-bound during a 90-minute presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others. www.rachelschallenge.org.



Additional speakers with inspiring stories include:

- **JOEY FEINSTEIN FROM THE CLIMATE CYCLE**
- **ACTRESS MS. ERIN CAHILL**
- **POLAR EXPLORER JOHN HUSTON**
- **AUTHOR WHITEY KAPSALIS**

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Outdoor Problem Solving
- Dance
- Skits
- Campfire
- Team Building Activities
- Low Ropes Courses

RYLA 2018

Held at Edwards Camp & Conference Center in East Troy, Wisconsin, dates for 2018 are:

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