

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

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District Chair

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District Secretary/Treasurer

Dear Rotary Club President,

The time has come to begin working on the 30th annual [Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp](#) which will be held on [April 22-24, 2016](#) at Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN.

We will accept applications for 56 guys and 74 girls on a first come, first served basis. Your students MUST attend the ENTIRE camp.

Please:

1. Appoint your RYLA Committee
2. Give them the enclosed packet, and
3. Decide how many students your club will sponsor.

Then, just follow the Time Table. [It's that simple.](#)

Then have your RYLA Committee Chair return the RYLA Chair Report to:

Jack Cross, 101 Riley Road, Delphi, IN 46923

by **January 15th**.

By following the RYLA Time Table, your RYLA Committee will be able to make the student selections and send the applications and money to me [by March 15, 2016](#) which allows the District RYLA Committee about 45 days to complete the organization of the camp and prepare your students for a **great adventure.**

[We believe this is an excellent camp and a great investment for the future of your youth. So, let's do it!!.](#)

Sincerely, Jack Cross
District 6540 RYLA Chair

Denny Musser
District 6540 RYLA Treasurer

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December 10, 2015

RYLA Committee:

Once again, *it's time to spring into action* and make your student selections for the 30th RYLA camp for District 6540!!

We have planned a terrific weekend for April 22-24, 2016 for your students!

I've enclosed a RYLA Chair Report, Time Table, Instructions, News Releases and Letters for guidance. Please talk with your club members for suggestions of students to sponsor, and explain the camp activities to the students.

Also, please be sure they understand that **the camp includes physical**, as well as **mental**, challenges and lots of **outdoor activities** and that **the students must (and will want to) attend the ENTIRE camp**. If you have questions, please call me at 765-564-6233 or e-mail me at crossappr@gmail.com.

Please select your students and send their [applications and health forms](#) along with \$250 per application to me **BY MARCH 15, 2016**. We can only accept applications for 56 guys and 74 girls! If you don't send your applications in on time, you may lose your opportunity.

Make sure the students commit themselves to attend the entire camp. Students are not allowed to miss part of the camp (due to logistical nightmares and missed opportunities).

We will accept applications for **56 guys & 74 girls**.

We're counting on you to participate in order to make this camp the best it can be.

What a **great** way to **invest in the future!**

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Jack Cross, District 6540 RYLA Chair & Denny Musser, District 6540 RYLA Treasurer

RYLA Chair Report

Jack Cross
District 6540 RYLA Chair
101 Riley Road
Delphi, IN 46923
765-564-6233
crossappr@gmail.com

Dear Jack,

The RYLA Chair for the 2015-2016 year for the _____ club is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of students our club will sponsor: _____

RYLA Time Table for Rotary Clubs

Complete Date

- _____ **By January 15**
- _____ **Appoint** RYLA Committee
- _____ **Determine** number of awardees your club will sponsor
- _____ **Return** "RYLA Chair Report" committing how many students you will sponsor.
- _____ **By February 1**
- _____ **Publicize** the RYLA program in newspapers
- _____ **Write or call** high school principals or guidance counselors
- _____ **Deliver** brochures and applications to high school principal/guidance counselors.
(Brochures are for principals/guidance counselors and students)
- _____ **By February 28**
- _____ **Select** students through interview process
- _____ **By March 15**
- _____ **Mail applications and \$250 per application (Made out to RYLA) to Jack Cross, 101**
Riley Road, Delphi, IN 46923
If you don't supply applications, you may lose your opportunity.
- _____ **By April 10**
- _____ **Invite** students to a Rotary Club meeting. Explain Rotary to them.
- _____ **Arrange** for transportation of students to Camp Tecumseh
(You may want to pool rides with surrounding clubs)
District RYLA Committee will send letter and instructions to students
- _____ **By April 15**
- _____ **Call** students to confirm transportation arrangements
- _____ **On April 22**
- _____ **Transport** students to Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Camp
Arrive between **9:30 and 10:30 a.m.**
Drivers and guest are welcome to attend the Monticello Rotary meeting at noon in Monticello
- _____ **On April 24**
- _____ **At 1:00, pick up** students at Camp Tecumseh Kampen Lodge and transport home
- _____ **By April 25**
- _____ **Invite** students to your club to give a short talk about RYLA
- _____ **Present** certificate to student at the Rotary meeting
- _____ **By May 1**
- _____ **Report** suggestions and comments to RYLA committee

Please follow this time table as closely as possible. We are working with 54 Rotary clubs 126 students, 15 Camp Tecumseh staff members, 6 speakers, and 1 Rotary District Governor in an effort to accomplish this great camp for your youth!

We're counting on you!

The Award

An intensive youth leadership training experience.

Each delegate should visit your club meeting to meet your Rotarians and gain a better sense of Rotary in your community prior to the conference.

As soon as possible after the conference, the award certificates should be presented during your Rotary meeting.

The Aim

To recognize, encourage, and educate youth leaders.

The Purpose

To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.

To encourage, assist, and train leaders in responsible and effective youth leadership.

To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth-by-youth

To publicly recognize the high qualities of youth who are rendering service to their communities as young leaders.

The Plan

We request that each club select high school students (usually sophomores and juniors) to attend the camp. To do this, the students must complete an application. Your RYLA committee must select delegates and alternates and your club must pay the cost of the camp for each student.

Selection and Closing Date

Please send the delegate applications and payment **by March 15, 2016.**

Interview Rating Chart

Applicant's Name: _____

Category:	Excellent	Average	Fair	Poor
Leadership:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Industry:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Citizenship:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attitude:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Appearance:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communication:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Health:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intelligence:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Remarks: _____

The local Rotary Club RYLA Committee (3 to 5 Rotarians under the leadership of an enthusiastic chair) should select the students to receive the award. Applications must be completed **(legibly)** by the student and approved by the student's parent or guardian. Each student should be interviewed by the committee before being approved. **Make sure the students commit themselves to attend the entire camp. We cannot have students missing part of the camp (due to logistical nightmares and missed opportunities).** **Your money will not be returned for no-shows.**

It is important that the selection of the students be carried out very carefully. The student shall be of the highest standard obtainable within the club's area. The basis will include reference to character, general education, leadership qualities, record of service to their school and community, and have the potential for wise leadership of their peers in the future. Students may be selected from school, church, YMCA, YWCA, 4-H, Boy and Girl Scouts, and other worthy youth organizations. Sons and daughters of Rotarians are eligible. The selection will reflect upon the local Rotary Club as well as the district.

Select students **first** for their **leadership potential**, **second** for **good citizenship**, **third** for **desire to attend** the conference, and **fourth** for **scholarship**. These characteristics are listed in order so that talented leaders are not overlooked because of grades. Talented leaders are good, conscientious students who are creative and resourceful. Academic standing is important, but not necessarily the #1 characteristic of effective and charismatic leaders

Please submit the applications of selected students and \$250 per student by March 15th.

RYLA Information and Rules

1. **All RYLA participants must be brought to the conference.** No participants are allowed to have cars in camp. Similarly, RYLA participants should have no outside visitors during the course of the conference. **Students must attend the ENTIRE camp.**
2. As representative of their local Rotary Clubs, all RYLA participants must see that no willful misuse or destruction of equipment or property of the conference site takes place.
3. Please plan to check in promptly between 9:30 and 10:30 so the opening session may begin at 11:15.
4. Emergency phone messages may be left at 765-564-2898. This is a business line and may not be used for social calls.
5. Each RYLA participant is assigned to a group sharing a modern lodge with restroom and shower facilities. A counselor will be supervising the group. Lights out at 12:00.
6. Alcoholic beverages and non-prescription drugs are not permitted on camp property. Smoking on camp grounds is prohibited. **Use of cell phones & Ipods, etc. is prohibited (except ofr pictures). If used, they will be confiscated.**
7. Bring your own bedding, pillows, and towels. The camp provides bunks and mattresses. Most people bring a sleeping bag as bedding.
8. Pets are not permitted due to a conflict with domestic camp animals and wildlife.
9. Ground fires are permitted only in areas specifically designated by the camp director.
10. The District RYLA Committee will mail a list of clothing and other articles (to bring to the camp) to each student, with complete information and rules.

Sample News Release

For Immediate Release

The Rotary Club of _____ is searching for candidates to attend its 30th annual District 6540 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center, Brookston, Indiana. The camp will take place from April 22-24, 2016.

_____, local committee chair, said that participants will be selected from students, in their sophomore or junior years in high school, who have exhibited leadership abilities in school, church, extracurricular, or community activities.

The Rotary Club is now contacting churches, high school principals, guidance counselors, youth organizations, and other sources for nominations.

Aimed at developing the leadership potential of young people, the camp will feature many challenging activities including workshops, speakers, discussions, sports, music, and fun. Topics will focus on decision-making, critical thinking, communicating effectively, public service, contemporary problems, and career development.

The participants will live, work, study, and play together in a democratic setting under the guidance of professional counselors and educators.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information should contact _____ at _____ or any other member of the Rotary Club.

Sample News Release to Announce the Selection of Delegates

For Immediate Release

(Include a picture)

The Rotary Club of _____ announced the selection of _____ and _____ as delegates to the 30th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp to be held this spring.

_____, local Committee Chair, stated that the _____ Rotary Club will be among the 54 Rotary Clubs of District 6540 that will be sponsoring high school students who will develop leadership potential together at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center, Brookston, Indiana, from April 22-24, 2016.

The camp will feature outstanding speakers and workshops focusing on decision-making, critical thinking, communicating effectively, ethics, career development, public service, contemporary problems, and other issues challenging leaders of today and tomorrow.

Sample Letter to School Principals, Guidance Counselors and Others

Dear _____,

The Rotary Club of _____ is interested in community leadership, not only for today, but for tomorrow as well.

The students in your school will, in a very few years, be assuming leadership roles in your community and beyond. **We know you are training them for the task. Rotary would like to help.**

For this reason, the 54 Rotary Clubs in District 6540 will conduct the 30th annual Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Outdoor Center, Brookston, Indiana from **April 22-24, 2016.** **It will be staffed by carefully selected counselors.** Our objective is to offer **outstanding high school sophomores and juniors** an opportunity to live, work, and play together in an atmosphere of friendly competition which will offer a challenge to accept the responsibilities of leadership. Much of each student's time will be structured with programs such as group discussions, guest speakers, career guidance, and group sports. Perhaps the greatest benefit will come from sharing this experience with 126 outstanding young men and women from high schools in northern Indiana.

Our Rotary Club is asking you to nominate students who have already displayed leadership abilities and who will profit most from this experience. We suggest they be selected **first** for leadership potential, **second** for good citizenship, **third** for desire to attend the camp, and **fourth** for scholarship.

Please give the attached memo to students that you think will be good candidates.

Nominations should be made and the names given to _____ no later than _____. Our Rotary Committee will then interview the students and select the delegates and alternates.

We hope the selection for the camp will become a regular part of your award system.

Thanks for your assistance in this project for the advancement of youth.

Sincerely,

_____, Rotary Club RYLA Chair

This is Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Information for **Principals and Guidance Counselors**

History

RYLA began in District 960, Queensland, Australia.

By 1966, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program had spread to two more districts. Then it "took off" and within another three years, it was being operated in every district in Australia and New Zealand.

In 1971, Rotarians from Australia and New Zealand cheered enthusiastically when the Rotary International president announced, at the International Convention in Sydney, that RYLA had been adopted by the board of Rotary International as an official youth program.

RYLA seminars are being conducted now in many countries.

Objectives

To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.

To encourage, assist, and train leaders in responsible and effective youth leadership.

To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth

To publicly recognize the high qualities of youth who are rendering service to their communities as young leaders.

The Award

RYLA is not a normal type of award.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award entitles the recipient to take part in the annual **RYLA camp** as the **guest** of their local Rotary Club.

Apart from attending the RYLA camp, the awardees receive a **certificate** to mark the occasion and will be **invited to their sponsoring Rotary Club** before and after the camp. The camp is a Friday through Sunday live-in program conducted by **highly trained, experienced leaders representing a wide range of vocations.**

What is the Rotary Youth Leadership Award?

Information for students...

To become a RYLA delegate you must show leadership potential in your school, church, extracurricular activities or your community. You must be recommended by your principal, guidance counselor, or a Rotarian for an interview by your local Rotary Club RYLA Committee who will select the delegates and alternates.

If you are selected, you will attend your local Rotary Club to become acquainted with the local Rotarians and get a better understanding about Rotary.

Your transportation to and from the camp, and all expenses, will be provided by your local Rotary Club.

You must (and will want to) attend the ENTIRE camp. You will experience three exciting days making new friends, learning, competing, and having fun while working to increase your leadership abilities.

You will hear from outstanding humorists and speakers.

You will compete in the SUPER CHALLENGE and group initiative problem solving courses. This series of mentally and physically challenging situations build group cohesiveness and character, and will give you the opportunity to use your humor, intellect, and problem solving skills.

You will attend and participate in a campfire and be in group skits.

You will not, however, get much sleep!

Get an application from your principal, guidance counselor, or a Rotarian.

You, too, can experience the adventure!

Really, this is serious fun!

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Denny Musser, District Secretary/Treasurer

What to Bring to the RYLA Camp

The RYLA camp is a dynamic mixture of upbeat speakers and exciting, outdoor leadership exercises. Because of this dichotomy, RYLA participants should bring clothing for **active outdoor wear** as well as a "dress up" outfit for Sunday Chapel and closing.

NOTE: Participants should be prepared for weather extremes (rain, snow, cold).

Necessary items to bring to camp:

Rain Gear
Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Sleep Clothes
Toiletries
Towel
2 Pairs of **Old** Jeans
3 Pairs of Warm Socks
2 Warm **Old** Long Sleeve Shirts or Sweatshirts
1 Warm Old Coat
1 Pair of Old Shoes or Boots
1 Pair of Old Gloves
1 Warm Hat
3 Tee Shirts
Daily Change of Underwear
1 "Dress Up" Outfit for Sunday
1 Flashlight
1 Water Bottle
Sunscreen
Alarm Clock
Backpack
Paper & Pencil
Camera, Insect Repellent, and Spending Money for Snacks, etc. are optional.
The expectation of having a great experience

PLEASE NOTE: The use of Ipods or cell phones, etc is prohibited. Except for pictures, if Ipods or cell phones are used at camp, we will confiscate them. For security purposes, you may bring a cell phone with you, but please don't use it at camp (except for pictures).

Also, do NOT bring alcoholic beverages, knives, axes, saws, aerosol cans, skates, skateboards, firearms, glass bottles, etc. Use common sense.

Camp Tecumseh is located about 20 miles north of Lafayette, off of State Road 18.

From Delphi: Follow State Road 18 west. Cross the Tippecanoe River and turn north (right) at the first road (Springboro Road). This road will take you up a winding hill. Go about 1/2 mile to the first road to the right, County Road 425 (Tecumseh Bend). Follow this road to the second camp entrance.

From Brookston: Follow State Road 18 east about 6 miles. Just before you come to the Tippecanoe River, turn north (left) onto Springboro Road. Then follow directions above.

In case of an emergency and a need arises to call camp, the following number can be used: 765-564-2898.

Please go to www.camptecumseh.org to find maps and other information.



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Student Application District #6540

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Please print neatly.

Sponsoring Club: _____

Name of Local RYLA Chair: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

Name of Applicant: _____

First MI Last

Address: _____

City _____ State IN Zip _____

Phone #: (____) _____

Age: ____ Birth Date: ____/____/____ ☐ Male ☐ Female



Sweatshirt Size: S M L XL XXL

In Case of Emergency, Call:

Name (First & Last): _____ Relationship to Applicant: _____

Phone #: (____) _____

1. Why do you want to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)?
2. Please list current or recent leadership positions you have held.
3. How do you feel the RYLA experience will benefit you as an individual? As a leader?
4. Please list awards (school/civic) that you have received.
5. What extracurricular activities do you participate in?
6. What profession would you like to pursue following high school/college?

RYLA Committee Decision: ☐ Delegate ☐ 1st Alternate ☐ 2nd Alternate

RYLA STUDENT HEALTH FORM

Please fill out completely & print legibly upon selection as a RYLA delegate or alternate.

Name: _____ Sex: M F Age: _____
Last First MI

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Mother/Guardian #1: _____ Home Phone #: (____) _____

Home Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

Work Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Father/Guardian #1: _____ Home Phone #: (____) _____

Home Address: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

Work Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

In neither parent/guardian listed above are available in an emergency, please notify:

Alternate Contact #1: _____ Home Phone #: (____) _____

Work Phone #: (____) _____ Cell Phone #: (____) _____

Name of Family Physician: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Name of Dentist/Orthodontist: _____ Phone #: (____) _____

Do you have family medical/hospital insurance? Y N If yes, Policy Holder's Name: _____

Carrier: _____ Policy or Group #: _____

Do you have family prescription drug insurance? Y N If yes, Policy Holder's Name: _____

Carrier: _____ Policy or Group #: _____

IMPORTANT – MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ATTENDANCE

Parent's Authorization: *This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all camp activities, except as noted by the examining physician and/or I. I understand there is some inherent risk in activities at camp and sometimes accidents occur. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to order x-rays, routine tests, and treatment for the health of my child, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the camp director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above.*

I give permission for Rotary and YMCA Camp Tecumseh to use photos or videos of my child in promotional literature.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Witness Signature: _____

Continued on back . . .

Last Name:

First Name:

Participant Medical History

(to be completed by parent)

Health History:

(check – giving appropriate dates)

_____ Frequent ear infections
_____ Heart Defect/Disease
_____ Convulsions
_____ Diabetes (onset)
_____ Bleeding/Clotting Disorders
_____ Epilepsy (onset)
_____ Tonsillitis

Allergies

_____ Hay Fever
_____ Poison Ivy, etc.
_____ Insect Stings
_____ Penicillin
_____ Other Drugs
_____ Peanuts
_____ Other Foods

Diseases

_____ Rheumatic Fever
_____ Chicken Pox
_____ Measles
_____ German Measles
_____ Mumps
_____ Asthma
_____ Strep Throat
_____ Mononucleosis

Other diseases or details of the above: _____

Operations or serious injuries (dates): _____

Chronic/recurring illness or special needs: _____

Immunizations are up-to-date: ☐ Yes ☐ No ****REQUIRED**** Date of last Tetanus vaccine: _____

Current Medications (please list name, dosage, & time schedule): _____

Are there any over-the-counter, non-prescription medications or ointments that *SHOULD NOT* be given to your child?
(i.e. Tylenol, bug repellent, Sudafed, etc.)

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____