

## RYLA STUDENT SELECTION AND SCHEDULE

The RYLA leadership camp targets students who have completed their junior year in high school and have been identified as leaders in their high schools and/or communities. Once selected, students are awarded a full scholarship to attend this week-long event by a local Rotary club within District 7300. The program challenges students in the areas of leadership, interpersonal skills, personal reflection and discovery, and service-focused application while offering opportunities to create new relationships with other students from Western Pennsylvania.

Each day, student leaders experience workshops that challenge them to sharpen their skills. Programs, workshops, and hands-on activities are presented by RYLA staff members, members of the Rotary community, and reputable speakers from the region. A daily small group discussion, facilitated by trained RYLA counselors, allows participants to grow as an individual and as a leader. Teens will also enjoy structured social activities each evening that allow them to get to know their peers on a social level.

The week ends with a final program that highlights the talents and accomplishments of the RYLA participants. Parents/Guardians and family are welcome to join this celebration.

### Meet the RYLA Co-Directors

#### STACY GALLAGHER

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Stacy has been developing teen leaders with the RYLA program since 1991 when she was hired as a staff counselor for District 7280's program. After being promoted to on-site director in 1994, Stacy continued to develop and transform the program over the next several years. In 2010, Rotary District 7300 hired her and Jackie to implement the same program for the students of their district.

Stacy earned a B.A. in Elementary Education from Westminster College, and her M.Ed. in counseling from Duquesne University. She currently is employed as a school counselor at Northgate MS/HS and works part-time as a therapist with Orchard Hill Counseling. She is a mother of four children. She and her husband reside in Pittsburgh.



#### JACKIE JAROS

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Jackie has been affiliated with the RYLA program since 1996. She was hired as a staff counselor at the Westminster 7280 program. As the program continued to grow and develop, she was selected to become the site's co-director. She worked with Stacy to implement that 7300 program starting in 2010. She has experience in working with student leadership for over 25 years.

Jackie began her post-secondary education at Westminster College majoring in elementary education and her minor was communications. Jackie chose to further her education and work on earning a master's degree at Duquesne University where she received her master of science in education degree in elementary and secondary counseling in 2001. Jackie is now a school counselor at Deer Lakes Middle School. She resides in West Deer Township.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## Rotary Youth Leadership Award



Developing strong, responsible leaders

**Rotary District 7300 sponsored event**  
**La Roche College**

## WHAT IS RYLA?

RYLA is an international leadership program developed by Rotary International in 1971. This program is designed to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders; encourage leadership of youth by youth, and to recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.



Leadership workshops allow teen leaders to continue to develop their leadership skills and enhance their strengths and talents.

## DISTRICT 7300

### MISSION STATEMENT

We will engage our students in meaningful, applicable, and active learning experiences that promote personal development, personal actualization, and personal responsibility. We will mentor the students in a variety of leadership opportunities and ignite their enthusiasm for service leadership.

## DISTRICT 7300

### WE BELIEVE

- ◇ Leadership ability is a potential in every student.
- ◇ Leadership strength can be developed.
- ◇ Leadership development occurs when a person recognizes their unique design.
- ◇ Leadership service is a necessity in all communities.
- ◇ Leadership learning can be fun.

### SAMPLE SCHEDULE

#### Monday – Thursday:

Breakfast – 8:15 – 9:00

Morning sessions – 9:00 – 12:30

Lunch – 12:30 – 1:15

Afternoon sessions – 1:15 – 4:00

Free Time – 4:00 – 5:30 (6:00 on Monday)

Dinner – 5:30 (6:00 Monday) – 6:15 (8:00 Monday)

Evening Social – 7:00 – 10:30

Curfew – on-hall at 10:30; lights out at 11:00

#### Friday:

Breakfast – 8:15 – 9:00

Morning sessions – 9:00 – 12:30

Lunch – 12:30 – 1:30

Afternoon sessions – 1:30 – 3:30

Free Time (packing and clean-up) – 3:30 – 5:00

Dinner – 5:00 – 5:45

Check Out – 6:15 – 7:00

Final Program – 7:00 – 9:00

## RYLA TESTIMONIALS

“I came to RYLA to learn how to become a better leader. Instead, I learned about myself and the leader came out in me.” - Emmy Hagan



"I have discovered things about myself and others that I hope most can discover in their lifetime." - Caleb Gnage



"This was definitely a life-changing experience, and I am very inspired."