

Rotary
District 9400



East Rand RYLA Camp 30 Apr – 2 May 2021

TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Dear School Principal

The Rotary E-Club of East Rand will facilitate a RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) seminar for the youth. Strict Covid 19 prevention measures will be in place to reduce any risk of transmission.

The program is scheduled to take place at the **eMseni Christian Centre** in Benoni and will run from 12h00 on **Friday 30 Apr** to 13h00 on **Sunday 2 May 2021**.

The **last day** for submitting the indemnity form(s) for your student(s) is **23 April 2021**. **Any form sent after this deadline will not be accepted by the RYLA organisers**. However, only the first 36 applications received will be accepted so to avoid disappointment we urge you to submit these forms as soon as possible. **Please ensure that you receive confirmation of your booking for your learners prior to them attending the camp.**

PLEASE DO NOT RE-SEND A STUDENT THAT HAS ALREADY ATTENDED A PREVIOUS RYLA CAMP.

Although the camp takes place at the eMseni Christian Centre, students of all races, genders, denominations or religious backgrounds are accepted. ROTARY is a non-political and non-sexist organisation and therefore all students are afforded the same treatment.

RYLA is an outstanding program, which provides young people of Gr. 11 and 12 levels, the opportunity to develop their leadership capabilities. It is an intensive all-expenses-paid camp, to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service. Each year, thousands of young people take part in the program world-wide.

The program will involve directed group discussions, debates, practical exercises and lead-in lectures by highly regarded personalities, on subjects such as:

- Goal setting & prioritising
- Team building & team work
- Time management
- Conflict resolution
- Integrity & leadership
- Environmental issues
- Communication
- Decision making

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Awardees attending the RYLA seminars can expect to further develop their personal and leadership skills in the following key areas:

- **Communication Skills:** Participants will have the opportunity to:
 - develop interpersonal skills
 - communicate, listen and write more effectively
 - engage in some form of public speaking in a warm, supportive environment;
- **Personal Qualities:** Participants will have the opportunities to:
 - identify the various types of personality,
 - help people to get along with each other,
 - manage their own time more effectively,
 - avoid stressful situations,
 - plan for healthier living;
- **Leadership:** Participants will have the opportunity to:
 - identify the characteristics of effective leaders,
 - become aware of the various styles of leadership,
 - observe effective leaders operating in a meeting situation;
- **Problem Solving Strategies:** Participants will have the opportunity to:
 - brainstorm and think creatively,
 - engage in practical problem solving and decision making activities,
 - use a problem solving model in a practical situation.

These and other issues are covered in lectures, workshops, small and large group discussions as well as the utilisation of videos as learning aids.

There is also "time out" for team recreational activities and time to get to know other awardees.

A comment often made by previous awardees state "It was an experience of a life time and an opportunity not to be missed."

The whole camp is coordinated and organised by an active committee comprising a number of Rotarians and past RYLA awardees, all of whom have been screened and comply with the Rotary Youth Protection Policy.

We realise that you, as the Principal of the school, are in the position of knowing of the best candidate(s) to benefit of such program. We would very much appreciate your kind cooperation in submitting their names for our consideration and possibly in helping us with the selection process.

Rich and poor alike, we want everyone with the potential, to be able to enjoy the benefits of RYLA.