

What is RYLA?

RYLA is an acronym for Rotary Youth Leadership Award. It is an intensive week long training **camp** that brings together youth and adults to develop character & leadership skills, promote friendship and fellowship, and learn more about Rotary.

Why RYLA Camp?

Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape the leadership skills of today's youth. RYLA Camp is one way Rotarians achieve that goal.



How Does It Work?

Up to 200 students who are currently juniors in high school could be selected for this scholarship award. These students are talented, enthusiastic leaders from schools within New Mexico and far west Texas. The main goal of the camp is to develop lifelong leadership skills through teamwork, motivation, and communication, while focusing on each student's individual strengths and abilities.



What are the Objectives?

- To provide an atmosphere where the student will experience new activities and develop sound values while having fun.
- To promote an environment that will give the student better insight and understanding of intelligent leadership.
- To promote involvement that encourages the student to think through appropriate actions and later apply them to real life situations.
- To encourage the student, through cooperative activities and group dynamics, to develop leadership skills that can be taken back to the high school for modeling by other students.



How Are Participants Selected for the Camp?

RYLA campers are high school juniors who have excelled in one or more areas of high school involvement and who have proven leadership potential. They typically have good academic records, hold offices and are involved in other student, sports or community activities.

If a student has an interest in RYLA camp, he or she should talk to a high school counselor, student council coordinator, coach, principal, a previous RYLA camper or a local Rotarian. They can give you more information about the program. You can also go on-line to our website www.rotary5520.org then look for the RYLA section under **New Generations (Youth Services)** or visit <https://ryla5520.shutterfly.com/>



Our world needs qualified leaders who can motivate others, make good decisions and execute their plans in a timely manner.

History of RYLA !

Originating in 1959 in Queensland, Australia, RYLA was created as a festival highlighting local youth organized in honor of a royal visit by Princess Victoria. Through Rotarians constant belief in the potential of youth, RYLA has since become an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills. Officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, this exciting program engages Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts around the world.



District 5520's first RYLA camp was held in 1979 at a camp near Ruidoso, NM, then at Camp Summer Life located near Taos, NM. In the past several years the camp has been held at Manzano Mountain Retreat. For the first 13 years, RYLA had only sessions for boys. The camp for girls was started in 1986.

RYLA gives young people an opportunity to expand their horizons by:

- Developing leadership skills
- Increasing self confidence
- Gaining exposure to a variety of issues and people
- Obtaining career information and skills.

RYLA participants are also exposed to values that Rotarians deem essential for those who hold leadership roles: ethical behavior, integrity of character, and a commitment to community service.



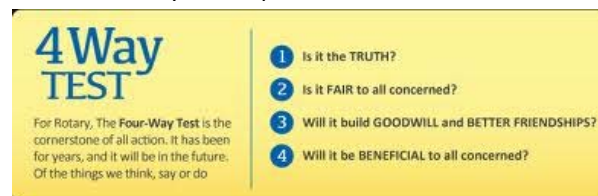
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What is Rotary?

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local & international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio free world.

Rotary brings together the kind of people who step forward to take on important issues for local communities worldwide. Rotary members hail from a range of professional backgrounds; doctors, artists, small business owners and stay-at-home parents all call themselves Rotarians. Rotary connects these unique perspectives, and helps leverage its members' expertise to improve lives everywhere.

Rotarians contribute their time, energy and passion to sustainable, long-term projects in local communities across the globe. Projects focus on important issues like peace and conflict resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy and economic and community development.



RYLA CAMP



A Leadership Camp for Students

*Young Men & Women Who Are
Juniors in High School*

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