

Rotary International – District 6420
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference

2020 Volunteer Staff Interest

What is RYLA? RYLA is an intense weekend training program designed to help high school age youth develop their leadership potential. The seminar sessions are designed to help develop leadership skills, team-building and conflict resolution among other things. RYLA puts the students in contact with Rotarians who share their valuable expertise and life experience, while helping to bridge the generation gap.

Where: Lorado Taft Campus, Lowden State Park, Oregon, IL
Dates: May 1, 2 & 3, 2020

We are looking for a few adult volunteers (Rotarian spouses are also welcome), who would be willing to serve for all or part of the weekend to help deliver this key Rotary service to the youth of the communities that we serve. In the past, Rotarians participating get as much or more out of RYLA as the youth, as they have the opportunity to work with some outstanding young people. Specific areas where help is needed:

Chaperones Registration Program/Activity Support

Name _____ Date of Application _____

Home Rotary Club _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Experience with Youth: _____

Special Skills: _____

Areas of Interest: _____ Chaperone _____ Registration _____ Program/Act Support
_____ Wherever help is needed

Times Available: _____ All weekend

Friday: _____ 3:30pm - 7pm _____ 7pm-11:00 pm _____ Overnight

Sat: _____ 8 am – noon _____ Noon – 4 pm _____ 4 pm – 8 pm

Sun: _____ 8 am – noon

RETURN TO: Pat Burch, 1040 Turkington Terrace, Rochelle, IL 61068
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RYLEA District 6420 Code of Conduct for Adult Volunteers

Please return signed with application!

Rotary International strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth who participate in Rotary activities. To the best of their ability, Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses and partners, and other volunteers must safeguard the children and young people they come into contact with and protect them from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

1. Adult Volunteers are to respect organizers, facilitators, speakers, and fellow students in the spirit of leadership and cooperation.
2. Adult volunteers **who attend camp overnight and are over the age of 18** must undergo a **Background Check prior to attending camp every year** prior to the beginning of camp.
Please note that a Background Check is not required for RYLEA volunteers attending during the day only.
Please go to: csrye.org
Click on: **"Forms"**; Click on: **"Volunteer Application"**; Click on: **"Begin New Volunteer Application"**
3. All attire must be respectful and reflective of your role as an adult volunteer.
4. Under no circumstances should student participants/youth counselors leave camp alone with adult volunteers without prior authorization from a RYLEA official.
5. No tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol are allowed on campus premises.
6. Adult volunteers should let us know if there are any medical issues that we should be aware of prior to camp in case of an emergency.
7. Adult volunteers should not discuss his or her religious or political beliefs while at camp. In doing so, it could offend another individual and may take away from the total RYLEA experience.
8. No male adult volunteers, students, or camp counselors are allowed in the female's cabins, and no female adult volunteers, students, or camp counselors are allowed in the male's cabins at any time except in the event of a medical emergency.
9. Adult volunteers, in conjunction with our camp counselors, are the "eyes and ears" throughout camp. You must report any misconduct that you see or hear to a RYLEA official immediately! If the misconduct happens in front of you, you must ask the perpetrator to stop the unintended action and then report it.
10. The Conference Officials have the discretion to terminate an adult volunteer's stay at any time should the need arise if any of the Code of Conduct rules are broken.
11. Please note that any type of sexual harassment including verbal or lewd comments or jokes, obscene gestures, inappropriate pictures, verbal threats, touching or grabbing another person during camp, visual ogling or whistling, or violating someone's personal space will not be tolerated. These rules apply to all participants at camp including youth, RYLEA volunteers, and NIU staff. **If you are being harassed in any way, report the problem immediately to a RYLEA representative that you trust so that the correct action can be taken!**

By signing below, I agree to the terms of this contract and shall abide by the rules as stated above. I understand that not abiding by the rules set in place for the safety of all participants at camp will be means for immediate removal from camp. These rules are in place to provide a safe learning environment for all who participate.

Adult Volunteer Name: _____

Date: _____