

RYLA District 6420 Code of Conduct for Campers

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. Students are to respect organizers, facilitators, speakers, and fellow students in the spirit of leadership and cooperation.
2. All attire must be respectful and reflective of your role as a future leader. It should be respectful of others around you and non-promiscuous. We retain the right to determine the inappropriateness of any outfit, and you will be asked to change immediately.
3. Student campers may drive to campus but must turn in his or her car keys upon arrival in the Eagle's Nest during registration.
4. Any student requiring the use of ANY medicine must have disclosed this need on the RYLA application prior to attending the conference.
5. No tobacco products, drugs, or alcohol are allowed on campus premises.
6. Students 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 RYLA experience.
7. Students must be punctual to all scheduled events. Participation is expected unless there is a medical reason not to participate.
8. Students must remain on campus and at the scheduled location at all times throughout the entire conference.
9. No male students, camp counselors, or adult volunteers are allowed in the female's cabins, and no female students, camp counselors, or adult volunteers are allowed in the male's cabins at any time unless in the event of a medical emergency.
10. At no time should there be PDA (Public Display of Affection) during camp including kissing, holding hands, eye-googling, whistling, or touching other campers or camp counselors at any time during camp.
11. Visitors and guests will only be allowed during the closing events on Sunday afternoon.
12. Students agree to honor all "lights-out" policies. Students will remain entirely in their rooms with the lights off during "lights-out". Please be courteous of other campers trying to sleep!
13. The RYLA Conference Officials have the discretion to terminate a student's stay at any time should the need arise if any of the Code of Conduct rules are broken. (A RYLA Official would be Dave Diamond in conjunction with a Rotary Volunteer adult that is there all weekend.) **Dave Diamond will point out these RYLA officials to students during Orientation on Friday.**
14. 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, RYLA volunteers, and NIU staff. **If you are being harassed in any way, report the problem immediately to a RYLA Official or RYLA Camp Counselor 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 without a refund. These rules are in place to provide a safe learning environment for all who participate.

Student Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Date: _____