

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

May 8-10, 2026

Discover the leader **within You**

Leadership * Service
Confidence * Teamwork

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center
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GET IN TOUCH!

Contact your local Rotary Club or School Counselor for application details!

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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

RYLA Camp is open to **high school students** in 9th through 12th grades who:

- show leadership potential in school or the community
- participate in clubs, sports, service, and school organizations
- want to grow personally & make a positive difference in the world

Students do *not* need to hold a formal leadership title- potential matters most!

WHAT IS RYLA CAMP?

RYLA Camp is a 3 day dynamic leadership development experience for high school students who demonstrate strong character, leadership potential, and a desire to serve others.



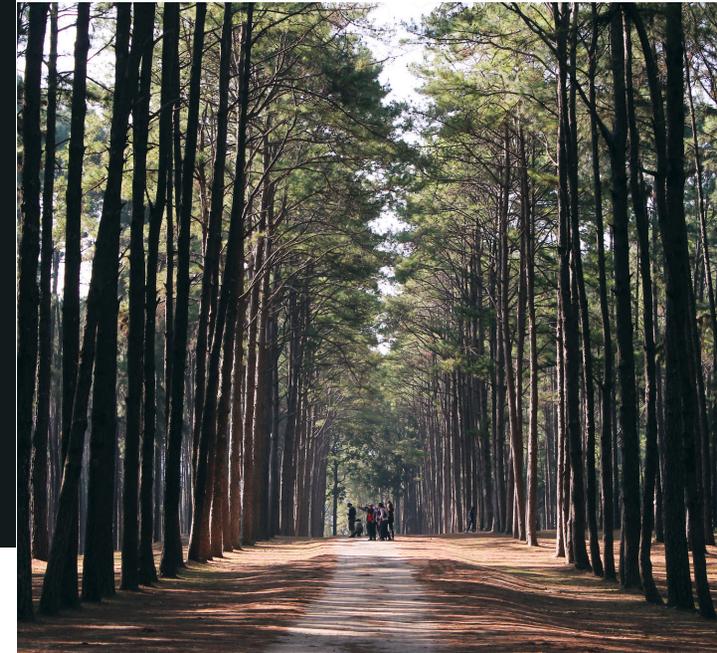
WHY ATTEND RYLA?

RYLA helps students discover who they are as leaders...and who they can become. Through hands-on challenges, guided reflection, and meaningful collaboration, students gain skills they'll use for a lifetime!

Students will:

- Build confidence & communication skills
- Strengthen teamwork & problem-solving abilities
- Learn ethical, values based leadership
- Develop resilience & decision-making skills
- Create lasting friendships with peers from across the region

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS



- Interactive Leadership Workshops
- Team-building & Outdoor Challenge Courses
- Public Speaking & Communication Activities
- Service & Community Leadership Focus
- Campfires, Reflection & Fun Traditions

All activities are designed to push students beyond their comfort zones in a supportive, encouraging environment to grow and become even better leaders for tomorrow!

