

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program

Application Deadline: Friday, February 28, 2020, from participants to Rotary Clubs,
Thursday, March 5, 2020, from Rotary Clubs to RYLA Committee

The RYLA Experience: This District 7230 program enables all Clubs to send 10th grade students with leadership potential to a 3 day Leadership Weekend held at Alpine, NJ Boy Scout Camp on April 24 - 26, 2020. Thanks to our participating Clubs, our RYLARIANS receive life changing experiences and positive memories that will be carried for a lifetime. Experienced RYLARIANS, Rotoractors and Rotarians supervise the full weekend of activities, presentations and fellowship.

How does it work? Rotary Clubs, working with their Interact Clubs, School Counselors and children of Rotarians invite students to submit a complete application to your Club. Your Club selects the top applications for its authorized number of students and submits the Club-approved applications with a \$295 fee per student. Checks made payable to District 7230 (Please memo RYLA). See www.Rotary7230.org for the RYLA Program and downloadable applications. It is recommended that an alternate candidate(s) also be selected in the event that the original awardee(s) cannot attend.

How many students can our Club send? The RYLA planning committee will evaluate applications on a first come, first served basis. We are looking to have as many District Clubs represented as possible. As a general guideline, each Club with fewer than 30 members can submit applications for up to 2 student entries. Clubs of 31-64 members can submit up to 5 student entries and Clubs of 65 or more members can submit up to 10 student entries. We will continue to accept applications up through February 28, 2020 **or** until we reach our participant capacity, whichever comes **first. Please submit your applications as soon as possible.**

Can our Club members visit during camp? Absolutely YES! In fact, Clubs will be invited to request that their members help to run our activities. Parents are asked NOT to visit camp other than to drop off and pick up students. Parents are welcome to look at the weekend facilities and meet the leaders when they drop off their students to get a feeling of comfort before departing.

How do Rotary Clubs select their 10th grade RYLA awardees? Contact your local school counselors, Rotary Interact Club leaders or principals. Give them an application, a RYLA brochure and ask them to give it to students who have leadership ability who they think will benefit from such a program. Written permission from a parent is required. (See application) This is potentially open to 10th grade students of Rotarians, too.

Why only 10th grade students? For some students, this will be a 3 year leadership program. Select students of previous year's RYLA programs will be invited to fill student leadership positions for the 2020 class. Further, we know that RYLA participation will spark an interest in an INTERACT CLUB if your Club does not already have one. This will give your local Interact Club a member with 2 years of eligibility.

Who can our members or our parents contact with questions? Email: ryla@Rotary7230.org, visit www.Rotary7230.org, or call Dr. Nitin Gupta, Rivertowns Rotary Club at: 510-557-3212 or PDG David Del Monte, Rotary Club of New York at: 917-533-3361 or Kevin Hunt, Rotary Club of Briarcliff Manor at: 914-500-3102.



CLUB SUBMITTAL FORM

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Leadership Weekend Application

Alpine Scout Camp, Alpine, NJ

April 24-26, 2020

Check in: Friday 3 - 4 p.m., Check out: Sunday 12:30 p.m.

Sponsoring Rotary Club: _____

Number of Sponsored Students: _____

Participant Names:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Sponsorship Fee: \$295 per student

Checks should be made payable to: Rotary District 7230. Earmark as "RYLA Scholarship."

Check Number: _____

Check must be received with application.

Make checks payable to:
District 7230
Earmarked: RYLA

Send to: Registrar Sandy Wolstein
Rotary Club of the Bronx
620 Pelham Road, Apt 1L
New Rochelle, NY 10805

Final Club Submittal Deadline: **Tuesday, March 5, 2020**

Please mail the following to the address above:

- Completed, approved application copies (not originals)
- This completed Club Submittal Form

Or email applications to:

RYLA@Rotary7230.org

For questions of more information please contact:

- Vice Chair: Dr. Nitin Gupta, nitingupta2006@gmail.com, Cell: 510-557-3212 - Rivertowns RC
- Registrar: Sandy Wolstein, SEWolstein@optonline.net, Cell: 914-218-1258 - RC of the Bronx
- Chair: David Del Monte, delmontenyc@gmail.com, Land: 212-532-2141 - RC of New York
- Member: Angela Sculti, angelasculti@gmail.com, 914-967-1791 - RC of Rye
- Member: Mayra Tapan, mtapan@applebank.com, 914-233-7715 - RC of Yonkers, East Yonkers
- Member: Nadine Homan, nadinehny@yahoo.com, 917-653-9675 - RC of Metro NYC
- Member: Kevin Hunt, kchunt1@yahoo.com, 914-500-3102 - RC of Briarcliff Manor



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Sponsoring Rotary Club: _____ Contact: _____

Applications should be returned to: _____

100% Completed Applications Due by: Friday, February 28, 2020 to contact listed above.

Applicant Information (Print):

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email (print carefully): _____

High School: _____

Graduation Year (check one): 2022 Other

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY): _____

Nickname: _____

Shirt Size (check one): S M L XL

Male Female

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email (print carefully): _____

RYLA students develop the passion, intellect and determination to affect meaningful change in the world. Whether you've always been a young leader or are now trying to step into a more active role, attending RYLA will provide you with access to specific programs and activities that focus on communication skills, problem solving, conflict management, community/global citizenship and positive leadership.

RYLA:

- Emphasizes leadership, citizenship and personal growth and self-discovery for all participants.
- Recognizes young people with demonstrated leadership potential who are rendering service to their communities with this Leadership Award experience.
- Encourages leadership of youth by youth.
- Is sponsored by local District Rotary Clubs at no cost to the participants.
- Is attended each year by more than 9,000 young adults in over 25 countries around the world.

RYLA stands for **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards** and is an intensive leadership training program designed to build foundational skills for the next generation of leaders like you!

Each year thousands of students are hand picked across the world for this experiential leadership weekend. This all expenses paid program will push you to grow, challenge your competencies, and strengthen the skills young leaders need to thrive. Incredible speakers, small group discussions, large group presentations and life-long friendships are just a few of the benefits you'll get from RYLA.



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Please answer ALL of these questions.

1) What is something you are most proud of and how does it relate to your future goals?

2) If you were stuck on a desert island with your basic needs taken care of including food, water and clothing, **who** else would you need or want with you?

3) If you could have **a single** magic power, what would it be and why?

4) What is something special about you we should know?

At RYLA You Will:

- Develop core leadership skills and explore character development
- Gain exposure to a diverse set of people, ideas and opinions
- Build a network of other young leaders in your area
- Explore your strength, as well as your areas for development
- Create memories, build friendships, make an impact, start a legacy



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To Be Filled Out By a Parent or Guardian: (must be filled out in its entirety)

My son/daughter _____ has permission to attend the RYLA Award Weekend on Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the Alpine Boy Scout Camp in Alpine, NJ.

During the event, I can be reached at the following telephone number(s): Home: _____
Cell: _____. If I cannot be reached in an emergency, the following person is authorized to act on my behalf:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please list any medical issues of which the organizers of the weekend should be aware. This includes medical conditions and any allergies to food/medicine/bee stings or other.

There will be activities during the weekend that will require some physical exertion. Please list any physical constraints:

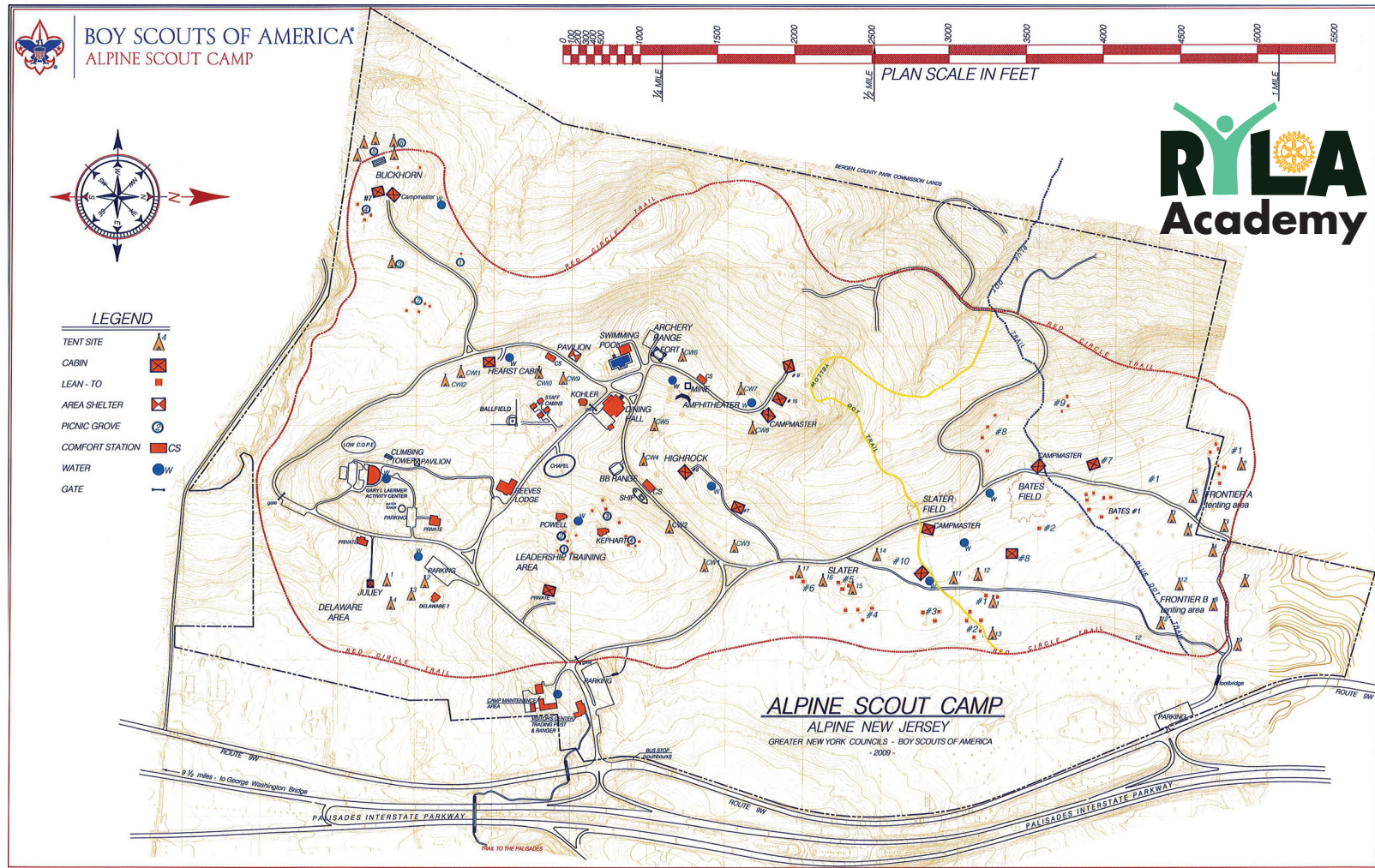
Photo Release Form:

I, being the parent/guardian of _____, hereby consent that his/her name, image and/or likeness, as shown in video tapes, photographs and/or electronic media for which he/she posed, and/or audio recordings made of his/her voice may be used by Rotary District 7230 for the promotion of RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you for completing the District 7230 RYLA Application for the upcoming 2020 Leadership Weekend. Your local Rotary Club will review your application and you will be notified of the RYLA Committee's decision as soon as possible after submission. A full information packet with contact information, dates, timing, directions and all of the weekend details will be sent out several weeks before the weekend.

If you have any questions, please contact us at: ryla@Rotary7230.org



How to Get to Alpine Scout Camp by Car

From New York City: Travel to the *George Washington Bridge* taking the *upper level*. Take the first exit on your right in New Jersey (*Palisades Pkwy. North*). Travel About 12 miles to exit 2. Exit to the RIGHT and onto Rt. 9W. At Rt. 9W, turn RIGHT and travel about 1 mile north on Rt 9W. The Alpine Scout Camp ENTRANCE will be on your left directly across from an entrance ramp to Rt. 9W South. (*EXIT 2 is a safer route and avoids merging with speeding traffic to get to the camp entrance.*)

From Westchester: Take the *Mario Cuomo Bridge (I-287 W-*

Tappan Zee Bridge) to Exit 10 (US 9W-S). Follow Rt 9W South 9.6 miles into Alpine, NJ. Alpine Scout Camp will be on your Right. You will see road signs for Scout Cap as you get close on 9W. The Camp entrance is directly across from the entrance Ramp for Rt. 9W South.

Follow Signs to Reeves Lodge.

Alpine Boy Scout Camp, 441 US Highway 9W, Alpine, NJ 07620

Main Office – (201) 768-1910

Vice Chairman, Dr. Nitin Gupta, (510) 557-3212



TESTIMONIALS

Kevin, a big thank you to you and your team for inviting Sarah to take part in this fun weekend. She had a fantastic time and really enjoyed meeting so many new people. We truly appreciated the opportunity! We will be sure to tell people about RYLA, and Sarah will of course take the survey.

Thanks again and all the best,
Kristin Jautz

Thank you Kevin Hunt and the RYLA staff especially the awesome facilitators. This weekend I was able to experience an unforgettable weekend that I will cherish the rest of my life. Not only did I make new relationships with my family, but I learned valuable leadership skills that cannot compare to anything I learned about being a leader. If I was given the chance to come back and facilitate, I would do it in a heartbeat, that is how much I loved it. I will pass on my experience from RYLA 2013 to everyone I know. At first I was worried that I would not relate to anyone, but when the culture walk took place I learned things about myself and I learned things about others and how we had some similarities throughout our lives. I learned that even though we come from different roots of life we still are leaders in our own perspective. The activities we did made my family a stronger unit and I will forever love them like my own family. I LOVED RYLA 2013, it will forever be my family!!!

Hey Mr. Hunt, I really loved RYLA and it was definitely a memorable experience for me. I spent my whole car ride home telling my mom about everything I could remember with so much left to say. At first I was not sure about going away from everyone I know because going away was completely new to me. I've never been to any camps or many places in general, so I was not sure what to expect. I think what made me really comfortable was hearing people speak during the culture walk. At first I was fine with just going up, but after hearing people able to speak freely, I felt comfortable enough to speak myself. With that, I felt that nothing could really break the bond between the entire RYLA group because it was too powerful. I thought all of the activities were way too effective. It was surreal to me how much it transformed my group into a family. I also loved both speakers because their advice was perfect. Prior to this weekend I was telling all my friends that I've been getting angry easily and that I don't mean much that I say, but, for whatever reason, I feel so much better after having been at RYLA> Now I've been telling all of my friends and throwing it in some of their faces that I was able to experience this, and that I feel much better of course. In the end, while I grabbed my bags and started heading out, I had a weird feeling that I was leaving these awesome people and that I wasn't there for a weekend, but for a month. I got to know people so well I felt I had known them for a while. It was really a bittersweet moment for me that I don't think I'll feel again. What I really want to do most is come back and help as a facilitator, so that the next group of students can feel the same way I felt, if it's possible for someone to feel how I did. I also want to have fun, interact with them, and learn from them or anyone else. Thank you Mr. Hunt for this great experience. I'll keep in touch.



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Hello Mr. Hunt,

I wanted to send a note of thanks for this past weekend. My daughter Johnna Hayward came home raving about how much fun she had and all the new friends she made. She was also very pleased with the enthusiasm of the staff and the variety of team building activities. Thank you also for being patient with my concerns as a parent and for promptly returning all my emails. If another opportunity such as this should arise, please let us know, Johnna would greatly enjoy being a part of it.

Thanks again,
Robin Hayward

Hi Kevin!

I just want to take the time to thank you and the rest of the RYLA staff for such a wonderful weekend. I had no idea what I was getting myself into and honestly, I didn't think it was the right place for me since I'm not used to working with people I don't know. I can gladly say that after my experience this weekend, RYLA was the right place for me. I had such a fun time, meeting new friends (and family), experimenting with new activities, listening to amazing speakers, walking the runway at the fashion show, and even dancing like a banana. I've learned so much about being a leader, working as a team, and standing up for myself. Each activity and speaker changed me as a person and made me stronger and I hope I can take what I learned and use it in my daily life. I never realized how emotional I could get listening to people's life stories, like Ryan's, and really understand that anyone can make a change and stand up for themselves. I have never experienced something like RYLA before, but I am so glad I have because the experience is like no other. So, once again, thanks for a fun packed emotional weekend and I promise to make a difference in the world and continue to be a leader.

Thanks again,
Killian Donohue - Bronxville High School

Mr. Hunt

First of all, I would like to thank you for a great weekend and a wonderful experience at RYLA. I had so much fun this year and I would love to come back next year as a facilitator.

Thanks,
Brendan McCree

Hello Mr. Kevin,

This is Chanel Cummings from RYLA 2013 and I wanted to thank you and all the people who helped making my time at RYLA an event of a lifetime. I would love to come back next year as a facilitator to help make next year's family have as great an experience as I had.

Thank you again,
Chanel Cummings



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Dear Kevin,

"You will never forget your experience at RYLA." No truer words were ever spoken. I cannot begin to describe how much I learned this weekend and how much fun I had. You guys were great hosts, you were funny, witty and very encouraging. It was also organized very well, so thank you. I was so happy I was able to open up to so many people in such a loving environment. Also the games were awesome, fun and educating, it really helped our entire family bond. Anyway, I am very excited to potentially become a facilitator next year, and would love to know how I can make it happen.

Thanks again,
Nicholas (Nick) Perrotti

Dear Kevin,

I wanted to thank you and everyone else at our RYLA weekend for hosting such an awesome past few days. I learned so much this weekend about both leadership, friendship and more. Even though it was just a weekend, I walked away not wanting to leave. I enjoyed this experience so much and I have made friends and learned lessons that will last forever. I couldn't have asked for a better team, or a better weekend, and I would love to return again next year as a facilitator. A big thank you again, and remember...peel bananas...peel...peel..bananas...

Zach Durso