



RYLA 2001 - Rotary District 5330

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To: RYLA Club Chairman
From: Joy Dunn, RYLA 2001 Chairman
Date: November 18, 2000

Re: RYLA 2001 - April 6-8, 2001

- Dates: Nov 30, 2000 - Deadline for clubs to commit to Number of Students
Dec 30, 2000 - Deadline for checks to be submitted for attendees
Feb 15, 2001 - Deadline for student Registration and Release Forms
Mar 15, 2001 - Letter to all RYLA students regarding bus pickup and what to what to bring to camp.
- Attachments for Selection and Interview Process
Attachment 1 - RYLA FACT Sheet
Attachment 2 - RYLA Application
Attachment 3 - Sample Interview Questions/Sample Evaluation Form
Attachment 4 - Sample Selection Letter/Sample Rejection Letter
Attachment 5 - RYLA 2001 - Registration Form
Attachment 6 - RYLA 2001 - Release Form
- Suggested Selection Process

In order that your student and club get the most out of RYLA, it is important that your Rotary Club be involved with the SELECTION of students. Also important is that you select EQUAL NUMBER of BOYS and GIRLS, unless you are sending an odd number (1-3-5). Registration will NOT be accepted unless the sex number of students is equal.

A brief description of RYLA is outlined in the RYLA FACT Sheet. Use this FACT Sheet in your club and in your schools. Also use the FACT Sheet to acquaint the student and parents with this wonderful weekend.

If your Club does not already have a selection procedure, please consider using this one.

Otherwise skip to #5.

-1. Set up a meeting at the high school with 11th Grade students recommended by the counselors and/or the principal. These should be students whom the school feels have leadership potential.

-2. At this meeting, introduce the RYLA Leadership weekend opportunity (April 6-8). Use the RYLA FACT SHEET. At the conclusion of the meeting, give out the RYLA FACT SHEET (Attachment 1) and the Application (Attachment 2), Give the student instructions for completing the application and where to return it (i.e. counselor), who collects them and then sends them back to the RYLA Chair.

-3. Schedule interviews with the applicants. Remember, it is not necessary to select the student with the high grade point average, but the student who will contribute the most to the group or will benefit the most from the RYLA experience. Please give special attention to active interact Club Members.

-4. The interview period should last about ten minutes. The questions asked can be about anything that is appropriate, such as local, national, and international events. Questions concerning values are also appropriate (Attachment 3a). When the interview concludes, complete a scoring sheet for that person (Attachment 3b).

-5. When the final selections are made, notify the students by mail (Attachment 4-Sample Selection and Rejection Letter). Include in the letter of those selected:

- RYLA Fact Sheet (Attachment 1)
- RYLA Registration (Attachment 5)
- RYLA Release Form (Attachment 6)

Have the students return the completed forms to their school contact.

-6. When the Rotary Club has received all the completed applications (Registration & Release Form (Attachments 5 & 6), and checked them for accuracy and signatures, send them to the RYLA 2001 Registrar:

**Mark Howison, 22760 Ramona Ave, Nuevo, CA 92567
Phone: (909) 940-1062 Fax: (509) 352-8887 Email: markh@pe.net**

Please include a list of all your students by name, sex, and ranking if an alternate.

ALL FORMS must be received by Mark by Feb 15, 2001 - No exceptions.

Failure to do so will result in FORFEITURE OF PARTICIPATION and ANY MONIES paid for RYLA 2001. Another club will get your reserved spot.

It is very important that alternate candidates be selected in the event that one of the original students is unable to attend. This occurs frequently. You should submit the alternate's paper work along with the primary attendees. If there is space available due to early cancellations, alternates are picked by the registrar to accommodate bus loads, cabin assignments, etc., so be sure to rate your alternates (first alternate, female - first alternate, male.)

For last minute cancellations, be sure that if an alternate replaces another student on the bus, that the alternate is the same sex as the original selection. The reason for this is that the registration committee will have already made cabin assignments and there may not be a slot for an alternate of the opposite sex.

-7. Inform the students selected that they will receive a letter from RYLA, approximately March 15, telling them the exact time of bus pickup (i.e. Friday, April 6, 1 PM.) The first session will be on the bus. If they miss the bus, they will be unable to attend the RYLA Weekend. The letter will also tell them stuff to bring i.e. sleeping bag, pillow, etc..

-8. Have your RYLA students attend at least one Rotary Meeting before RYLA weekend so that they will have some basic idea of what Rotary is all about. They should be invited back to a meeting shortly after RYLA so that they can share their RYLA experience with your club.

-9. If there are any Questions, please contact

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Thanks and HAVE A GREAT RYLA EXPERIENCE!

RYLA FACT SHEET

WHAT IS RYLA?

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a three day Leadership Conference as a reward for outstanding youth leadership to further developing their leadership skills. Sponsored by the 57 Rotary Clubs in District 5330 (San Bernardino & Riverside Counties), RYLA combines learning in a casual, relaxed atmosphere with social and fun time to provide a fast paced and memorable leadership experience.

WHEN AND WHERE IS RYLA?

RYLA 2001 will be held April 6-8, 2001, at the beautiful Pine Summit Conference Center, Big Bear Lake, California. The student will report to designated bus pickup locations on Friday, April 6, 2001, for the first session. They will return Sunday afternoon, April 8th. Exact details will be sent in a letter to all award winners.

All RYLA STUDENTS MUST ARRIVE AND DEPART ON THE OFFICIAL BUSES.

HOW MANY WILL ATTEND RYLA?

Approximately 280 High School Juniors selected from all public and private high schools within District 5330 will attend, along with 50 Rotarians.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

High School Juniors are selected on the basis of leadership potential, personal values, intelligence, and potential future success.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

The selection process may vary, but each school is asked to nominate outstanding juniors. The sponsoring Rotary club appoints a screening committee to make the final selections.

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED AT THE CONFERENCE?

The program features several outstanding leadership speakers, Friday through Sunday. These presentations are followed by small group discussions with trained adult discussion leaders. Recreation activities are scheduled throughout the weekend, including sports, games and a Saturday night dance. Excellent food and refreshment snacks are provided.

HOW IS THE CONFERENCE SUPERVISED?

The conference is supervised by an all-volunteer Rotarian staff, headed by a Rotarian Chairman. The staff consists of 15 staff members, 35 discussion group leaders, 16 alumni students and a camp nurse. Each discussion group leader is assigned to a group of 8 students for the entire weekend. Participants are housed in separate dormitories for the men and women.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS TO THE PARTICIPANTS?

There is no direct cost to the participants. The sponsoring Rotary Clubs pay a campership fee for each camper that it sends.

(Attachment 1)

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

- RYLA 2001 Conference

April 6-8, 2001

Pine Summit, Big Bear Lake, Ca



Application

Selection for this conference is based on the information given on this application and an oral interview.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

High School _____ Grade _____ Interact Member ___ Yes ___ No

Leadership Experience:

Organization	Leadership Role	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Describe how you feel about leadership.

Describe why the RYLA Leadership experience would be beneficial to you.



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Sample Interview Questions

1. What are your plans for the next year? Five years from now? Twenty years?
2. What are your three most important values?
3. Who has been the most important person in your life? Who do you admire outside your family?
4. If five candidates, including you, are equally qualified, why should you be selected?
5. If you could make one major change in your High School, what would it be?
6. What would each of the following individuals say were your three most important characteristics either positive or negative?
 - A. Parent
 - B. Your English Teacher
 - C. A Close Friend
 - D. Yourself
7. Outside of your classes, what activity has been most important in terms of your personal growth?

SAMPLE EVALUATION FORM

Evaluation for _____	Weight	10/9 <u>Excellent</u>	8/7 Good	6/5/4 Fair	3/2/1 Poor	Total
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<u>Appearance</u> : Dress, gesture, movement, eye contact	1	_____				
<u>Presentation</u> : Expression, Direction, Self Confidence	2	_____				
<u>Leadership</u> : Variety and Extent of Offices	4	_____				
<u>Quality of position</u>	4	_____				
<u>Listening Skills</u> : Attentiveness, Appropriateness of Response	3	_____				
<u>Goals</u> : Clarity, Realism	4	_____				
<u>Values</u> : Clarity of Definition, Breadth, Depth	4	_____				
<u>General Overall Evaluation</u>	3	_____				
<u>Total</u> (Weights time score for each, all added):		_____				
<u>Comments</u> :		_____				



District 5330 - Your Rotary Club
RYLA 2001
Sample Selection Letter

<Date>

Mr. Josh Smith
123 4th St.
Corona, Ca 91719

Dear Mr. Smith,

CONGRATUATIONS! This letter is to inform you that you have been selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Conference on April 6-8, 2001

The Rotary Club of _____ is your sponsoring club, and they will be paying your tuition. Please fill out, and **have your parents/guardian sign the:**

**RYLA Registration and
RYLA Release Form**

Please mail these 2 forms to me, or return them to your school contact by January 31, 2001. You will receive a letter from RYLA, approximately March 15, telling you of the exact time and place of bus pick up on Friday, April 6, 2001. The letter will also give you suggestions as to what to bring to the Conference, i.e. Sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, washcloth and towel.

We wish to thank you for participating in the application and selection process. We hope you will make the most of this learning experience

Sincerely,

Sample Rejection Letter

Dear Mr. Smith,

The qualities of applicants applying to attend this year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference were truly outstanding. Unfortunately, we must inform you that you were not selected to attend.

We thank you very much for taking the time and effort to prepare your application and to participate in the interview. No one achieves everything they apply for, and we encourage you to continue to pursue the various other opportunities, which will undoubtedly be coming available to you.

We wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

(Attachment 4)



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RYLA 2001
April 6-8, 2001

RYLA Registration

Please print legibly

Student's Name _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____

School _____ Age _____ School Grade _____

Parent's or Guardian's Name _____

Parent's or Guardian's Address _____

Parent's or Guardian's Phone (Emergency Phone) () _____

Sponsoring Rotary Club _____

Students: Please return this Registration Form and the Release Form to your sponsoring Rotary Club before January 31, 2001

Do not write below this line

Bus # _____

Cabin # _____

Discussion Group _____

(Attachment 5)

Medical & Liability Release Form
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(Must be completed for all Campers under age of 18)

Please Print

Student's Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Grade _____ DOB ____/____/____ Age _____
Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Phone () _____

Physical Condition of Camper

Check any health problems & provide details on reverse side ___ Allergies ___ Stomach Problems
___ Heart Condition ___ Diabetes ___ Asthma ___ Epilepsy ___ Behavior Disorder ___ Condition
Restricting Activities

Date of last Tetanus Booster: _____ Other vaccinations up to date: Yes No
To my knowledge, my child **HAS/HAS NOT** been exposed to an infectious disease within the past 3 weeks. I give the health care providers at Pine Summit permission to give over the counter medication and administer other treatment to my child as they deem necessary.

Exceptions: _____
Insurance Company: _____ Policy Number _____
Insured's Name: _____ Insured's S.S. # _____ - _____ - _____
In the event student has no insurance. Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

I give permission to Rotary District 5330, Pine Summit and its agents to select transportation to their chosen physician who may provide proper treatment for, hospitalization of, order injections, anesthesia or surgery for my child as named above.

EVERY PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN ON THE LINE BELOW

Parent/Guardian Signature _____
Date _____

Activity and Photo Release Form

Name _____
Date of Birth _____ Sex: _____ Grade _____

There are many inherent risks in a mountain camp experience. Camp activities include, but not limited to hiking, sports, games, and dancing. There is the possibility of risk of physical injury or harm from participating in these activities. I voluntarily elect to participate in the activities and assume the risk of injury or harm that could result from participation. On my own behalf and that of my personal representatives and heirs, I hereby release Rotary District 5330, Pine Summit, its officers, employees and agents from all liability from any injury or harm to me (or my minor) from participating in any activity at Pine Summit Camp, whether the injury or harm is caused by accident or by negligence of Pine Summit or otherwise. I hereby agree that Rotary District 5330 or Pine Summit may use any type of audio and/or visual records of this program for its promotional and/or commercial purposes without compensation to me.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above. My child may participate in any camp activity except: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____