

# **RYLA**

## **2022 Rotary Youth Leadership Award**

### **Program Guide**

**Rotary**

**District 6200**



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# **Section 1**

## **General Information**

### **District RYLA Leadership**

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## Purpose and Objectives of RYLA

- 1) The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) provides outstanding student leaders an opportunity to expand and hone their leadership and teamwork skills, the four-day program is called RYLA, which is staffed and operated by volunteer Rotarians from District 6200.
- 2) The objectives of RYLA are:
  - a) To provide an atmosphere in which future leaders will experience challenges that will aid them in developing sound values.
  - b) To promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis for insight and understanding for intelligent leadership.
  - c) To expose the youth leaders to some opportunities and challenges of life.
  - d) To introduce youth leaders to Rotary principles and Rotary youth programs.
  - e) To promote involvement that encourages the participants to think through and arbitrate conflicts of values.

## Background

- 1) District 6200 RYLA, June 23 - 26, 2022, at Bayou Segnette State Park
- 2) Incoming and outgoing 11th graders, graduating seniors, both males and females are eligible to apply. RYLA is one of the few Rotary sponsored events that children, grandchildren and family members of Rotarians can attend.
- 3) RYLA consists of:
  - a) Leadership training via:
    - i) Outstanding speakers from all over District.
    - ii) Discussion groups.
    - iii) Discussion sessions with fellow RYLArians and Rotarian staff members.
    - iv) Peace Advocacy Training, participants will receive a certificate of completion.
  - b) Activities to include:
    - i) Daily competitions among groups.
    - ii) Team-building projects.
    - iii) Indoor and Outdoor activities.
  - c) Fellowship with student leader peers. RYLArians make friends that will last a lifetime.

**Note: Any student who has attended previous RYLA is not eligible to return as an attendee.**

## Important Facts

- 1) Coordination and communication.
  - a) Club President and President-Elect must coordinate all RYLA related activities at the club level for this program to succeed.
  - b) Early financial commitment via club budget is vital.
  - c) Early appointment of Club RYLA Chairman is essential as this program

transcends two Rotary years.

## **SECTION 2**

### **Club President and President-Elect Responsibilities**

#### **A. Job Description**

- 1) Become knowledgeable about the Rotary Youth Leadership Award.
  - i) Background and history.
  - ii) RYLA.
  - iii) Sequence of deadlines.
- 2) Appoint a Club RYLA Chairman.
- 3) Make sure all RYLA deadlines are met.
- 4) Follow through on your club's commitment to the RYLA program.

#### **B. Budgeting**

- 1) Your Club should budget for RYLA before or at the beginning of each Rotary year on July 1st.
- 2) Participants are selected by each Club as early as possible for the upcoming RYLA program in June.

**At regular Board of Directors meeting, remind directors of commitment to next year's RYLA Program, both financial and time.**

## **SECTION 3**

### **Club RYLA Chairman Responsibilities**

#### **Job Description and Responsibilities**

- 1) Organize Club RYLA Committee to select participant(s) to represent your club.
- 2) Recruit outstanding young men and women in your community for RYLA.
  - (a) Publicize the RYLA Program to the high schools and youth of your community.
  - (b) Children of Rotarians are eligible to attend.
- 3) Plan a Rotary Youth Leadership Award presentation to the selected participant(s).
- 4) Arrange transportation by July 1st for your club's sponsored participant to and from RYLA. (Encourage parents to attend the Sunday closing ceremony)

**NOTE: PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR OWN VEHICLES.**

- 5) Plan and coordinate your club's meeting for the presentation of the RYLA Program soon after the completion of RYLA.
  - (a) Participants are expected to report to your Club on their experience at RYLA.
  - (b) It can be one of the best speaker programs of the year if scheduled right after the event.
- 6) Help recruit Rotarian "counselors" and speakers from your club to help the RYLA staff during the program.

### **Schedule of events for Club RYLA Chairman.**

**November** - Organize your committee for RYLA recruitment.

- 1) Plan a recruitment campaign.
- 2) Remind Club President of funding commitment for this Rotary year.

**January** -

- 1) Remind Club President that camper fees (\$250 per person) for this year's attendee(s) must be sent to the Rotary District 6200 Office by May 1st.
- 2) Begin a recruitment campaign.
  - a) Contact former RYLArians, active Rotarians, and school officials for potential recruits.
  - b) Make announcements at Club meetings.
  - c) Recruit counselor Rotarians and drivers for RYLA.

**February - Recruitment campaign in full swing.**

- 1) Use RYLA Committee members to help recruit.
- 2) Schedule informational and educational meetings about RYLA as needed.

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Complete the selection process by this date.

- 1) Schedule candidate interviews before the committee. See sample forms.
- 2) Select attendee(s) and at least one alternate. (Almost every year some alternates are chosen, sometimes at the last minute).
- 3) Set a time when the attendees selected can be presented the award and introduced to your Club.
- 4) Send completed RYLA participant form along with payment to District RYLA Committee Chairman.

***NOTE: FINALIZE TRANSPORTATION PLANS TO AND FROM RYLA, OTHER CLUBS MAY WISH TO COORDINATE TRANSPORTATION PLANS WITH YOU.***

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – Participant Application to be submitted to the:**

**District 6200 Office - Frank Bradshaw – RYLA  
P O Box 80537, Lafayette, LA 70508 or  
scan and email to rotary6200@lusfiber.net.**

**May** – Re-contact RYLA participants to schedule with them the transportation to and from RYLA.

- 1) Re-contact RYLA participants to schedule with them the

- transportation to and from RYLA.
- 2) Attendees may not take their own vehicles to RYLA.
- 3) You may team up with other clubs on transportation.
- 4) RYLA counselors and staff will not be able to take attendees to RYLA, as they **must** be there a day early for orientation.
- 5) District RYLA Committee is not responsible for transportation.

**July-August** - Schedule and coordinate the RYLA program in the Club to include your participant(s) and counselors as a speaker(s).

**NOTE: IF YOUR CLUB DID NOT SEND SOMEONE, THE DISTRICT RYLA COMMITTEE WILL HELP ARRANGE A RYLA PROGRAM FOR YOUR CLUB.**

## **Selection Process and Criteria**

- 1) Send your best-completed sophomores, juniors, and seniors to RYLA. We want the outstanding young leaders and potential leaders in your community for our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA). Use the following as a guide:
  - a) Good academic record.
  - b) Involvement in school and service activities.
    - (i) Honor societies
    - (ii) Academic clubs
    - (iii) And any other clubs
    - (iv) Other activities (i.e., band, debate, drama, choir, etc.)
    - (v) Church activities
    - (vi) Involvement in athletics
      - a. Varsity sports
      - b. intramural sports
  - c) Non-school related sports
    - (i) Work experience
  - d) After school jobs
  - e) Summer jobs
  - f) Other significant achievements and honors

As a rule, try to send well-rounded individuals who are recognized leaders with proven leadership qualities.

## **Recruitment**

- 1) Sources
  - a) Interact Clubs
  - b) School principals, counselors, teachers, and coaches.
  - c) Rotarians (sons and daughters of Rotarians may apply to attend RYLA).
- 2) Orientation
  - a) Meet with high school principals, counselors, teachers, and

coaches

- b) Meet with potential applicants and explain the purpose of RYLA

***NOTE: Any student who has attended previous RYLA is not eligible to return as an attendee.***

## **Interviews and Selection**

- 1) Time - first week of March
- 2) Procedure
  - a) Have applicants include school transcript and picture with the application. Optional but very helpful: Ask applicants to write a short essay on why they think the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp would be a good experience for them.
  - b) Schedule interviews with the full committee of Rotarians (After work interviews work well).
  - c) Organize question format to standardize questions for all applicants.
  - d) Photograph each applicant (Polaroid) to assist in the review

## **Selection of Alternates**

- 1) Selected students sometimes drop out before the start of RYLA, and alternates must be prepared to take their place.
- 2) Keep alternates informed of all details regarding camp right up until the start of RYLA.
- 3) We may be able to accommodate additional campers once the deadline is met. Contact District RYLA chairperson if your club would like to send additional students.

**NO REFUNDS ARE POSSIBLE. CLUB  
FINANCIAL COMMITMENT IS CRITICAL SINCE  
DISTRICT FUNDS ARE NOT ALLOCATED FOR  
RYLA.**





# RYLA Club Participation Form

**June 23 – June 26, 2022 ~ Bayou Segnette State Park**

The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_ will sponsor a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ participants at a cost of \$250.00 per attendee for a total cost of (# of persons x \$250.00) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Club RLYA Chair Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to select students who embody the leadership qualities as described in the RYLA Guide. Once selected, I will communicate to them all pertinent information (including our club’s commitment to assist with transporting them to and from camp if needed) in a timely manner. I understand that all submitted participant applications are subject to review by the RYLA Director. Furthermore, I agree to meet all RYLA deadlines unless special arrangements are made with the RYLA District Committee Chair.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form along with payment (**make check payable to Rotary District 6200**) for each participant by April 1, 2022, to:

**Frank Bradshaw – RYLA  
P O Box 80537  
Lafayette, LA 70508**

**Space is limited – The deadline is April 1, 2022. NO REFUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE.**

If any Rotarian in your club would be interested in serving as an RYLA Counselor, please submit the name so he/she can be sent an application. For counselors and staff, RYLA runs from June 22-26, 2022, with counselor orientation on the evening of June 22, 2022.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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