



District 7610
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Student Information Package

October 8-10, 2021
Prince William Forest Park



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults, ages 14-30, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLAs often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 3-10 days in length, organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multidistrict level. District 7610 organizes a weekend camp (Friday 4pm to Sunday noon), for high school students in the beautiful Prince Williams Forest Park.

Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses (\$250 per student). For these young adults, this recognition offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

RYLA gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their own communities and beyond. Rotarians serve as resources for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. In turn, RYLA can bring new energy to a Rotary district, inspire ideas for service, increase support of community service projects, and develop future Rotarians.

Originating in 1959 in Queensland, Australia, RYLA was created as a festival highlighting local youth organized in honor of a royal visit by Princess Victoria. Through Rotarians' constant belief in the potential of youth, RYLA has since become an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills. Officially adopted by Rotary International (RI) in 1971, this exciting program engages Rotary clubs and districts around the world.

Each RYLA shares the following program objectives:

- To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- To encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable training experience
- To foster continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth
- To publicly recognize the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders

District 7610 RYLA Important Info

The **2021 District 7610 RYLA camp will be from Friday October 8 (4:00pm) to Sunday October 10 (noon)** in the Prince William Forest Park. More information on the camp location will be shared in September.

District 7610 RYLA Staff

If you have any questions, or comments, please do not hesitate to visit our webpage:

<http://www.rotary7610.org/RYLA.htm>

contact our RYLA Team:

Valerie Beaudoin	RYLA Administrator	571-246-7092	valerie.beaudoin@gmail.com
Valerie Meale	Counselor Coordinator		
Brett Voeltz	Speaker Coordinator		



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Student Application

Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____

Home Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Student Cell: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent's Email: _____ Parent's Phone #: _____

Are you fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus? _____ Adult T-Shirt Size (Men's): S M L XL XXL

Do you have and special dietary needs? If yes, please describe.

Empty text box for dietary needs.

Do you have any chronic illness, permanent disability or other medical condition? If yes, please describe.

Empty text box for medical conditions.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

To be filled out by the sponsoring Rotary Club

Name of Rotary Club: _____

Club RYLA Contact: _____ Cell #: _____

High School Being Represented: _____

Is student the primary _____ or alternate _____ participant? (mark one)

Mail completed application to **Valérie Beaudoin, 604 North St. NE, Leesburg, VA 20176**, or scan and e-mail to **valerie.beaudoin@gmail.com**.

PLEASE
ATTACH
STUDENT
PHOTO



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Student Details

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS: (Honor Roll, Awards, Accelerated/Special Classes)

OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & RECOGNITIONS: (Positions held and responsibilities undertaken)

OUTSIDE SCHOOL INTERESTS, HOBBIES, AND RECREATION:

WORK EXPERIENCE: (Summers/After School)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

If additional space is needed, attach a separate sheet of paper



**District 7610 Rotary Youth Leadership Award
Parental Consent for Participation and Medical Treatment Form**

Please type or print legibly and complete all items.

Student's Name:		Gender
Address		
City	State	
Parent/Guardian #1 Name	Parent/Guardian #1 Cell Phone	
Parent/Guardian #2 Name	Parent/Guardian #2 Cell Phone	
Alternate Contact's Name	Alternate Cell Phone	
Name of Medical Insurance Company	Policy Number	
Name of Primary Insured	Medical Insurance Phone Number	
Physician's Name	Physician's Phone Number	
Sponsoring Rotary Club Name & Contact's Name	Contact Rotarian's Phone Number	
Please list any medical problems, allergies, or medical conditions that we should be aware of		
Please list any prescription medications, with dosage and frequency, that the student is using or might need		



RELEASE, ASSUMPTIONS OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

In consideration of the sponsoring Rotary Club, Rotary International District 7610, Rotary International, I permit my child to participate in the RYLA Leadership Camp and to engage in all said activities related to the camp's activities. I hereby assume the risk associated with participation and agree to hold the Rotary Club, Rotary International District 7610, Rotary International, its committees, employees, agents, representatives, and volunteers harmless from any and all liabilities, actions, causes of action, claims or demand of any kind and nature whatsoever that may arise by or in connection with my child's participation in any activities related to the RYLA camp. The terms here shall serve as a Release and the assumption of the risk for my child, his or her heirs, estate, executor, administrator, and assignees as well as members of my family.

I assume responsibility for any medical or treatment fees or costs incurred directly or indirectly because of said minor's participation. I also authorize the representative(s) of Rotary International to arrange for professional care and treatment in case of a medical emergency. I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the Rotarian(s) to hospitalize, secure professional treatment for and/or to order injections, anesthesia, and/or surgery for the minor name above. I take full responsibility for any valuable the above name participant takes to this camp. A photocopy of this form is as valid as the original.

I grant Rotary permission to use the image of the above-named minor for educational and promotional purposes. In addition, Rotary may contact the named minor regarding other Rotary programs including, but not limited to, Interact, Rotaract, speech contest musical performance contest, and scholarship opportunities and other Rotary International, Rotary District 7610 programs and opportunities.

Print Student's Name:

Print Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:



Frequently Asked Questions

We will be following CDC and National Park Services guidelines in place at the time of the camp.

<https://www.nps.gov/prwi/status.htm>

Full vaccination against COVID-19 is not required but highly recommended.

Question: I'm interested in RYLA! How do I apply?

- **Answer:** In order to attend RYLA, students must be “sponsored” by their local Rotary Club. The selection process usually begins with an application, followed by student interviews, usually held during February and March. An announcement calling for applicants may be posted in the local newspaper, and/or in local high schools. If you are interested in applying for RYLA and you haven't yet seen an announcement about it, check with your high school guidance office or contact your local Rotary Club. (If you're not sure how to reach them, Contact Us.)

Question: Who pays for RYLA, and how much does it cost?

- **Answer:** The sponsoring Rotary club pays \$250 per student attendee. This includes your food, lodging, session materials and RYLA t-shirts.

Question: Who is my Sponsoring Rotary Club, and how do I contact them?

- **Answer:** If you got a congratulatory letter saying you were selected for RYLA, it probably came from your Sponsoring Rotary Club. Look for the Rotary Club name and contact info on that letter. If you didn't get a letter, ask the person you got your original application from.

Question: What is an Attendee? What is an Alternate?

- **Answer:** An ATTENDEE is a student who has been selected to attend RYLA. Each Rotary club decides in advance how many students they will sponsor, and pays for that number of students in advance. After interviewing the candidates, the Rotary club (or a guidance department acting on their behalf) will select that number of students from all qualified applicants, to be “Attendees”. The sponsor club may also designate any number of ALTERNATE candidates, just in case one of their selected Attendees decides at the last minute they cannot attend the RYLA conference, leaving an open slot that has already been paid for. When this happens —there are usually a handful of these each year— an “Alternate” will be invited to fill the opening.

Question: Why must Alternates go to the effort of completing registration, even though they might not attend RYLA?

- **Answer:** All Alternates must be correctly and fully registered, and their signed paperwork must be submitted by the deadline, just as if they were a selected Attendee. This ensures that their paperwork is all in place and we can slot students in at the last moment, if an opening becomes available.

Question: What should I do if I notice an error in my Registration Data?

- **Answer:** Send an email to RYLA Administrator Valérie Beaudoin (valerie.beaudoin@gmail.com) with a description of what needs to be changed. It's important that your information be corrected prior to the RYLA weekend.

Question: What really happens at RYLA?

- **Answer:** Participants will have 2 full days of activities, including:
 - an early morning wakeup call/rise & shine
 - a hearty breakfast
 - morning activities
 - a fantastic lunch

- afternoon activities
- an amazing dinner
- evening activities & social time
- quiet time in rooms/lights out

Question: What do I need to bring?

- **Answer:** Please see the Packing List.

Question: Will we be sitting in a classroom all weekend?

- **Answer:** No! Sessions are:
 - experiential
 - physical
 - mental
 - small group
 - big group
 - facilitated, not instructed
 - fun!

Question: What will I learn about?"

- **Answer:** Topics include:
 - leadership
 - self discovery
 - peers
 - group dynamics
 - and more

Question: How many students are in my group?

- **Answer:** There are about 6 or 7 students in each group or team.

Question: Do I get to choose who I share a room with or who I'm in a group with?

- **Answer:** No, students do NOT get to choose their groupmates or roommates. We intentionally separate students from the same school.

Question: How do I find out more about Rotary?

- **Answer:** Most RYLA students visit their local Rotary clubs BEFORE they attend RYLA. Contact your sponsoring Rotary club for more info.



Packing List

Prepare for RYLA as though you are preparing for a two-night camping. Although accommodations are not as austere as they might be for a weekend in the woods, counselors and staff stay in the same or similar cabins as RYLA students. We suggest you use the following checklist:

Please bring a mask as they might be required for indoor activities.

Sleeping bag, pillow	Water resistant shoes & rain gear
Toiletries & soap	Inexpensive camera & film
Bath towel & washcloth	Warm sleepwear
Warm jacket	Long-sleeved shirts
Flashlight & extra batteries	Pen or pencil
Gloves & warm hat	Changes of underwear
Travel alarm clock	Sweaters and/or sweatshirts
Lip balm & sunglasses	Several pair of socks
Jeans, sweats or slacks	Insect repellent

Most importantly, bring a sense of humor. Pack all of your gear in a duffel bag or other suitable luggage that you can carry up to 100 yards to your cabin.

Do NOT bring any of the following items:

- Alcohol
- Cigarettes
- Firearms
- Fireworks
- Illegal Drugs
- Matches or lighters
- Sheath knives
- Valuables/Jewelry/etc.

You can bring your cell phone, but we will ask that you limit your use of it, and focus on the human interaction.