



**October 19-22, 2023**

(11:30 AM Thursday – 1:00 PM Sunday)

**Campers are required to attend ALL Sessions**

To be held at:  
The Salvation Army's  
"Heart O' the Hills" Campground and Conference Center  
Tahlequah/Welling, OK  
918-456-9882  
Web site [www.campheartohills.com](http://www.campheartohills.com)

Matt Hancock and Tracey Dean  
Rotary District 6110  
RYLA Committee Co-Chair's

**FINAL Deadline for Applications to be received by Tracey Dean**

**October 9th, 2023. We must give the  
camp a final count on that date.**

**Your Sponsoring Rotary Club must submit your Application**

Dear RYLA Camper:

Congratulations on being selected to attend the upcoming Rotary Youth Leaders Awards (R.Y.L.A.) camp on October 19 through 22, 2023, at Heart O' Hills Camp in Welling, OK near Tahlequah, OK. I hope each of you is as excited by your inclusion as I am. You represent the best of your school, and community, and thus get the opportunity to join us for this most exciting, challenging, and fun filled weekend.

First, let me assure you that your time at camp will be filled, from morning until evening with activities that will challenge you not only physically, but mentally as well. You will be taken out of your comfort zone, to a degree, and intermingled with individuals from other schools, communities, and social backgrounds. Our intent is to bring out the 'leadership' qualities each of you has inside of you, and let you build on them in a format that will let you take what you learn back to your school and community.

I know that you would like to know what **TO** bring, and what **NOT** to bring to camp. Use this as a packing check list.

**Please bring the following:**

- 1) Sleeping Bag/Bed Roll
  - a) Sheets/blankets or
  - b) Sleeping bag
  - c) Pillow
  
- 2) Toiletries
  - a) Toothbrush/toothpaste
  - b) Soap
  - c) Shampoo
  - d) Towels/washcloths
  - e) Deodorant
  - f) Cologne/perfume
  
- 3) Clothing
  - a) Jeans
  - b) T-shirts
  - c) Sweatshirts/fleece, in case it cools off during the day, or at night
  - d) Tennis shoes/hiking boots—something comfortable
  - e) Windbreaker/Rain coat-poncho
  - f) Umbrella if desired.
  
- 4) Other
  - a) Flashlight

- b) Bug Repellent
- c) Sunscreen
- d) Any necessary prescription medications

**Please do NOT bring the following:**

Alcohol  
Firearms/knives Fireworks  
Vapes/Tobacco

**Cell Phones:** They are permitted for Limited Use of taking pictures at camp, and music by headphones. Do not text, or make calls or text to home or friends. Save all of your excitement for your return home. Reception is very spotty anyway.

Also, take note of the weather for the week, yes watch The Weather Channel, and plan accordingly. If it looks like it might be cold, or rainy, then pack some warmer clothes or a rain coat. I would suggest that even if it looks like the weather is going to be exceptionally nice that you bring a jacket or sweatshirt to wear at night, as it does get chilly. That should just about cover it on the 'brings and not to brings'. One thing to remember is there will be many opportunities for socializing and fun so no need to bring out your finest attire, just come to have fun.

As you prepare to come to camp make sure that you **communicate with your Sponsoring Rotary Club as to how they plan to transport you to camp. In case of an emergency** and your family needs to get in touch with you they can contact Tracey Dean 918-373-0155, or 918-373-4055, or the camp directly at 918-456-9882. Also, check out the camp's website at [www.campheartohills.com](http://www.campheartohills.com). **Be sure your parents have this information.**

If you have any last minute questions, please drop me an e-mail at [traceydean57@gmail.com](mailto:traceydean57@gmail.com) or text me at 918-373-0155, and I will be glad to get back to you with an answer.

In closing, let me just again say how excited I am that you were interested enough to express a desire to come and that you were then selected to attend. I look forward to seeing you at camp on October 19th.

Let's have some fun.

Sincerely,

*Tracey Dean*  
District 6110 RYLA Co-Chair