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Dear Student,

**CAMP LOCATION:**

**Battle Creek Outdoor Center**

**10160 M-37 Hwy**

**Dowling, Michigan 49050**

**269-245-2469**



Congratulations on being accepted into the Rotary District 6360 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) for

2014. **Camp will be held August 12, 13, & 14 this year.** This is an exciting event that will provide you an opportunity to study the elements of leadership with your peers and professionals from various walks of life. Please read this letter and the attachment about “What to Bring to Camp” completely to be prepared for a successful weekend.

You should be aware of a few simple camp rules for operation:

• You are to provide your own bedding (bunks provided) and towels (see additional form on “What to Bring to

Camp”

• Snacks and water are provided throughout the day. No money required.

• The staff will hold student car keys during the camp weekend.

• All medicine (prescription and over the counter) will be turned in and subsequently distributed by the camp nurse.

• The camp facility is a smoke free environment.

• No fans, boom-boxes, TVs, etc. Cell phones are only allowed in your room.

• You are expected to arrive at camp and register  **Friday between 4:30 and 5:30 P.M.** Dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Maps and written directions to camp are available at our Rotary District website [(www.district](http://www.district)

6360.com, then click “RYLA Downloads” and download directions to the Battle Creek Outdoor Center).

• ***If you are not at camp by 6:15 P.M., you will be considered as a NO SHOW and your reservation will be released*** for another student unless you have made other arrangements with RYLA Chair, Jill Eldred.

• If for some reason, you are unable to attend the sessions for which you are registered, please contact me and your sponsoring club immediately. Attendance at the entire session is expected.

• The application and health release form must be on file with the RYLA Registrar before camp starts.

• Conference attendees must be present at all sessions and meals during the entire conference.

You need to be prepared for a camp experience with outdoor activities. Comfortable clothes for outdoors and participating in group activities are required. For example, tennis shoes, a change of clothes, plus extra shoes and socks if there is rain. You might want to bring rain gear as well. Outdoor activities are only cancelled if there is lightning. The facility is large and activities can be held indoors if there is inclement weather. The essentials like toothbrush, brush/comb, soap, shampoo, should also be brought to camp with you. You might want to bring flip- flops to wear in the shower.

Some outdoor activities are at night, so you will want a long-sleeved shirt and some long jeans. A hat would be a good idea as well as some insect repellent. You might want to bring an extra towel and a flashlight. Every year we will hold a Rotary Reflection service on Saturday. While this is not meant to replace church service it is meant to be a time to pause and reflect on the time you have spent learning from others.

Again, congratulations for having been selected by your Rotary Club as a participant for the Rotary District 6360

RYLA program, an experience to be long remembered. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and do not forget to consult your packing list (enclosed) when you are getting ready for camp on **August 12, 13, & 14**.

Sincerely, Jill Eldred

RYLA Chair