



**8th Annual District 6860
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program
30 January to 1 February, 2014
U.S. Space and Rocket Center
Huntsville, Alabama**

- What:** **RYLA 2014.** Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program is an interactive leadership training and conference for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The program includes lectures and discussion periods with skilled and prominent leaders, as well as group activities, good food, fellowship, and of course, MINI-SPACE CAMP.
- Who:** **Accomplished High school sophomores, juniors and seniors.** Participants are selected with assistance from high school principals, guidance counselors and Interact sponsors and are sponsored by the local Rotary Club. RYLA is not designed to be a progressive program -- clubs should select new students each year so the maximum number of students benefit from the RYLA experience. To avoid last minute cancellations, Rotary Clubs should select and maintain an alternate list of nominees in case of last minute cancellations.
- North Alabama RYLA Committee members, coordinators and volunteers present the Rotary portions of the program while the professionally trained employees and counselors at the U. S. Space & Rocket Center direct, lead and supervise the students overnight and during Space Camp activities.
- Where:** RYLA will take place at the **U. S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.** Participants will stay at the Center, housed in a “space camp” setting with 24-hour supervision provided by staff counselors/leaders. Visit www.spacecamp.com to see all that the U. S. Space & Rocket Center has to offer.
- When:** **30 January through 1 February, 2014.** Participants arrive on Thursday afternoon for check-in between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. and depart Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. following the graduation ceremony. On Friday, students will focus on leadership training, team-building and Rotary information. Saturday consists of “Mini-Space Camp”, Rotary follow-up activities and graduation at 3:00 p.m., in the Davidson Center Auditorium.
- Why:** RYLA 2014 is designed to foster Rotary values through leadership development activities and provide participants an ethical basis for decision making lasting them a lifetime based on the Rotary motto, “Service above Self” and the “Four-Way Test.”
- How:** Parental or guardian permission forms are required for all nominees. **Attendees pay nothing.** The registration cost to each club is \$275 per selected student. Once notified of selected students, payment should be sent by each Rotary Club by December 21, 2013. Fees are non refundable. .

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