



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

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for considering allowing your child to participate in RYLA 2014. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program is an intensive leadership-training program for high school students. The basics of the program are discussed below. If you have additional questions or concerns, the RYLA Coordinator named on page one of the formal application is available by phone or email. Additional information is provided at the Rotary website link:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/RotaryYouthLeadershipAwards\(RYLA\)/Pages/ri/default.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/RotaryYouthLeadershipAwards(RYLA)/Pages/ri/default.aspx)

- 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 -- new students are selected each year so the maximum number of students benefit from the RYLA experience.
- 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.** Local Rotary Clubs pay a non-refundable fee of \$275 for each student.



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Applications are due to your local Rotary Club by December 1, 2013. Please check your child's schedule carefully before signing this application. RYLA is a three day commitment and all students are expected to attend all sessions. When your Rotary Club agrees to sponsor your child, they agree to pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$275.00.

COST:

There are no fees for the applicant. All costs for RYLA are paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

There is a mandatory attendance policy that must be followed by all scholars. Parents are encouraged to attend the graduation ceremony on Saturday at 3 P.M. at the Davidson Auditorium.

_____, President or RYLA Coordinator