

Student Orientation



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

District 6880 Rotary International

February 29th to 3rd March, 2024

Camp ASCCA,
Jackson's Gap, AL

AGENDA



- Welcome Students & Parents
- Introductions of Rotarians
- Goals of RYLA
- What to Expect
- What to Bring to RYLA
- What Not to Bring to RYLA
- Q&A

Welcome to RYLA



- **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)** is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Local high school sophomores and juniors, chosen for their leadership potential through a competitive interview process, attend an all-expense-paid four day camp.
- The **Rotary Youth Leadership Award** program was first held in District 6880, Rotary International in 2009.
- At least 80 young leaders (Female & Male) will attend this year from South Alabama.

Introductions



- District Governor –Earl Ingram Rotary Club of Troy
- RYLA Chair – Ed Hedden, Rotary Club of Troy
- RYLA Co-Chairs – Bob and Donna Kelley, Rotary Club of Selma
- Camp ASCCA Coordinator – Amber Cotney

- Additional Committee Members, Team Leaders, Facilitators, Photographers & Lab Leaders – All Rotarian volunteers

GOALS OF RYLA



- Reinforce and provide recognition for your efforts, accomplishments, skills and your potential as leaders
- Develop understanding of Rotary among youth participants
- Develop leadership skills with an emphasis on:
 - Fundamentals of leadership
 - Ethics of positive leadership
 - Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
 - Leadership in problem solving and brainstorming
 - Group dynamics and dealing with peer pressure
 - Building self-confidence and self-esteem

[What to Expect]



First Day

- Expect to have to carry your luggage, as well as your sleeping gear and pillow
- Prepare for all kinds of weather
- You will sleep in cabins with other students
- Wear your name tag **at all times** except when showering or sleeping
- You will not be grouped with your home town friends



What to Expect



Plenary Sessions & Leadership Labs

- Large group meetings with great speakers
- Smaller group labs that will challenge you, reward you, frustrate you and teach you more about yourselves



Meals



***Opportunities to meet
new people and
make new friends***

Meal times will provide an opportunity to mix with students from other cities and meet other facilitators

Great food served cafeteria style



What to Expect



- **RYLA Guidelines of Conduct will be reviewed at camp, on your first day**
- **Curfews and Dorm Security**
- **Find it clean & leave it clean**
- **No cell phone usage, texting or email. Pictures, flashlight and alarm clock usage okay.**
- **We will not hesitate to call your parents to come pick you up, if you break the rules**



WHAT TO BRING



- Sheets or Sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, bath towel
- A warm jacket, hat, gloves and rain gear
- Flashlight & batteries, lip balm, sunglasses, pen or pencil.
- Jeans or sweats, water resistant boots or shoes, warm sleepwear, long-sleeved shirts.
- Several pair of socks, flip flops or shower shoes. One RYLA shirt will be given to you at camp wear warm tops underneath.
- Cell phones – to check in with family morning and evening only, for alarm clock and camera use
- Guitar or other small instrument

- A sense of humor and a great attitude!!

WHAT NOT TO BRING



- Weapons of any kind
- Alcohol or illegal drugs
- Valuables of any kind
- Cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, matches or lighters
- Laptops, tablet computers, etc.
- Formal attire
- You do not need money
- Swim clothes
- School work – there is no time to complete it!
- Cell Phones- no incoming or outgoing calls during the day, no social Media or texting (we will take your phone for the weekend)

[YOUTH PROTECTION]



- District 6880 is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants.
- Procedures have been created to safeguard both our youth and adult members.
- All Rotarians at RYLA have gone through Youth Protection Training and a Background Check.

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Questions?

See you at RYLA
on February 29th!

