



**DISTRICT 5300
2010 RYLA
CLUB MANUAL**

**ASTROCAMP
MARCH 5-7, 2010**

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

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Message from the Chair:

I want to take a brief moment to thank the above listed Rotarians for agreeing to serve on the 2010 RYLA Committee. Without the tireless efforts by these key Rotarians, as well as the dozens of additional Rotarians that have agreed to volunteered their time and expertise RYLA 2010 would not be possible. I also want to thank District Governor Tom Novotny for his unwavering support of RYLA and this awesome committee. In closing, please keep ever vigilant the thought and theme of this Rotary year, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands." I look forward to seeing you at Astrocamp for an outstanding RYLA Event.

Stay safe,

John Chase
2010 RYLA Chair

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Rotary International Statement on RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotarians working with youth in leadership development. RYLA is an intensive training program for community youth leaders. Young people ages 14-30, chosen for their leadership potential, attend an all-expense-paid seminar, camp or workshop, generally three to ten days in length, organized and run by Rotarians with records of achievement.

RYLA programs vary according to the age and interests of participants and length of event. In 1996, the RI Board of Directors recommended a core curriculum for every RYLA that includes the following:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communications skills in effective leadership
- Problem-solving and conflict-management
- What Rotary is and what it does for the local community
- Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship.

The impact of the program spreads further as the program awardees influence other young people. Moreover, RYLA programs often lead to the formation or strengthening of Interact and Rotaract clubs with their leadership development and service activities.

The program is an exciting opportunity not only for the attendees, but also for the Rotarians, who are given the chance to help develop their own leadership skills and create new friendships with each other and the participants.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a program that was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971 as a program for young people. Conducted on a district level, RYLA offers Rotarians a special opportunity to take part in developing qualities of leadership and good citizenship among the young people of their communities. The award consists of:

- A meeting at the local Rotary club at which those youth leaders who have been selected are presented to the entire club membership,
- Attendance with all expenses paid to an educational/social program that includes leadership training; and a special occasion at the local Rotary club at which the awardees are presented with RYLA certificates in recognition of their successful completion of the program.

Organizing and implementing a RYLA program is a complex undertaking, requiring the time and effort of many Rotarians at the club and/or district level. Its worth is realized by those Rotarians who, through RYLA, have seized the opportunity to work with one of the world's most valuable resources— tomorrow's leaders.

RYLA introduces a large number of young people and their families to the Rotary ideals of service each year. It helps bridge the communication gap between the generations and helps improve relationships among youth groups, families, and the community. RYLA also has been instrumental in the formation of Rotaract clubs and complements all other Rotary youth activities.

Overview

The Rotary Youth leadership Award program started in District 5300, Rotary International, in 1987 under District Governor John Fee and Chairman Roger Schulte.

The program has grown to become one of the largest budget items of the programs of the Rotary year. RYLA affects our communities, Rotary clubs and Rotarians in many ways. It is one of the most important things our district does each year.

Approximately seventy Rotarians directly participate in staging the RYLA program, an additional ninety Rotarians are involved in the off site activities surrounding the RYLA program. Many more Rotarians are involved in recruiting and interviewing the student participant. Rotarians who miss the presentation of the RYLA students prior to, or following, the event are the exception.

The District Governor Elect retains the choice RYLA chairman, a decision that should be made as the District Governor Nominee by choosing a Facilitator coordinator, who will become the RYLA chair the following year. The district RYLA committee gains permanence from ability to continually draw in new Rotarians. A small group of past RYLA chairs act as custodians of the program. The District Governor is the trustee of the program. Care should be taken to protect what is now one of our best programs. Equal care must be taken to prevent RYLA from becoming stagnant.

Policies regarding the eligibility and selection of student participants have evolved over the years. Any changes in these policies should be undertaken with a maximum of consultation with the RYLA committee. Some of these policies are; Student Participant must be a high school junior, under the age of eighteen at the time of RYLA, allocate participant slots on the basis of half male and half female. We encourage the participation of current and former Youth Exchange Students.

Preference may be given to, but should not be limited to, Interact club members. The RYLA program has proven to be a driving force in founding new Interact clubs. Participation by non-Interact members, especially in schools without Interact clubs, will prove beneficial in growing Interact membership.

Promotion of participation in RYLA by Rotary clubs and Rotarians is the responsibility of the District Governor. Plans should be made to showcase the program at both the District Assemble and District Conference.

This manual is intended to provide a base line of what has been done to allow future development and growth.

Goals of RYLA

- Develop understanding of Rotary among youth participants. Rotarian participants serve as role models and the telling of Rotary ideals and programs.
- Reinforce and provide recognition for their efforts, accomplishments, skills and potential as leaders.

- Develop leadership skills of youth participants with emphasis on:
 - How to motivate others,
 - Ethics of positive leadership,
 - Communication skills in leadership,
 - Leadership in problem solving and brainstorming,
 - Group dynamics and peer pressure,
 - Self-confidence and self-esteem.

Interrelated Program Elements

City Club Meetings:

The program is built around the central grouping of eight students with one Rotarian Facilitator. These groups are named after cities where Rotary is active in the world. The centerpiece of the program is the small group discussions that are facilitated by the Rotarian who is a role model.

Plenary Sessions and Mini Programs:

There are six plenary sessions where all participants come together for a program that resembles a weekly Rotary meeting with a speaker. Speakers should be Rotarians from within District 5300.

Leadership Laboratory Activities:

Conversation and discussion is stimulated by leadership laboratory activities.

- 1 Trust Fall
- 2 Culture Walk
- 3 Egg Drop Leadership Lab
- 4 Interaction Leadership Lab
- 5 Lego Leadership Lab
- 6 Decision Dilemma Leadership Lab
- 7 The Wall Leadership Lab
- 8 RYLA Challenge

Fellowship Activities:

The development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service is the first object of Rotary

- There are two evening fellowship activities.
- Meal times - Mix each table at every meal to meet new people.

RYLA Policies

- 1 RYLA Facilitators will be first time participants.
- 2 RYLA is as much about developing Rotarian leaders as it is developing youth leaders.
- 3 Priority is given to recruiting Facilitators from Club President- Elect-Elects, Club

- President- Elects, Club Presidents and Past Presidents.
- 4 Student participants must be under the age of 18 at the time of RYLA. Inbound Youth Exchange students will participate in RYLA and their cost will be paid by their Rotary Club.
 - 5 Preference should be given to returning Youth Exchange students, former Hensel Essay Contest, Dan Stover Music Contest and 4-Way Speech Contest Participants.
 - 6 Minimize the number of Rotarians, maximize the number of students on the stage at Plenary sessions,
 - 7 Preference may be given to, but should not be limited to, Interact Club members. The RYLA program has proven to be a driving force in founding new Interact clubs. Participation by non-Interact members, especially in schools without Interact clubs, will prove beneficial in growing Interact membership.
 - 8 Student participants will be of an equal number males and females.
 - 9 No refunds will be made after payment to District office cutoff. (November 12, 2009) Clubs will receive a credit to the next RYLA. Or, they can transfer their spot to another Rotary Club and receive payment from that club.

Student Selection Planning Timeline

Attend District Assembly	April, 2009
Submit the RESERVATION FOR PARTICIPATION	August 14, 2009
Visit Schools to promote RYLA participation	Ongoing through December 2009
Interview and select students	Ongoing through December 2009
Deadline for return of applications	Ongoing through December 2009
Payment to District 5300	November 12, 2009
Send notifications to schools and selected students	Ongoing through December 2009
Submit Parent Consent for Participation and Medical Treatment Forms to Registrar	January 5, 2010
Mail final Bus schedule to all club RYLA Chairs	February 2010
Host RYLA Student Orientation Meeting	February 2010
Invite students to attend a Rotary Club Meeting	February 2010
RYLA WEEKEND	March 5-7, 2010
Invite students back to speak on RYLA	March 2010

Reservation for Participation and Payment

DUE AUGUST 14, 2009 to RYLA Registrar

Each Club must indicate how many students it wishes to send to RYLA 2010. The District Governor has set the cost at \$275 per student.

Reservations should be based on the following:

- 1 Club's annual budget,
- 2 Past levels of participation, and
- 3 Must allow for an equal number of males and females.
- 4 Inbound Youth Exchange students will participate in RYLA and their cost will be paid by their Rotary Club.
- 5 Rotary Club's size – approximately one student participant for every ten Club members

How to RESERVE your Club's Slots: Complete and email the ***Indication of Intention to Participate*** RYLA Registrar at: Vabbott.rotary@gmail.com

NOTE: The RYLA Registrar must receive payment of \$275 per student no later than November 12, 2010. Checks should be made payable to District 5300 and mailed to:

Rotary International District 5300
c/o Temple City Postal Centre
5812 Temple City Blvd., #801
Temple City, CA 91780-2112

Identifying Appropriate Applicants

As your Club considers its selection process for RYLA participants, it is important to identify students who will truly benefit from the experience and who will likely use their leadership skills when they return to school. Good academic standing, demonstrated leadership potential, and public speaking ability are characteristics found in most successful RYLA participants.

Other criteria to consider:

- A. Rotary Clubs are required to submit an equal number of male and female attendees.

This policy is dictated by several factors including:

- 1 The development of skills that will enable young men and women to work together to solve problems and achieve common goals now and in their future business and professional lives,
- 2 Available housing,
- 3 The need for an equal number of male and female Rotarian Facilitators.

- B. Each participant **MUST** be a High School Junior who will not turn 18 before March 7, 2010—this is to ensure the protection of all student participants.

- C. The RYLA Committee strongly encourages the selection of any Youth Exchange

Students your club may be hosting, provided they meet the age and grade level requirements.

- D. Participants should be well prepared for the RYLA experience and have knowledge of Rotary. Conducting Panel Interviews is critical in identifying students who have a keen interest in the program.

Publicizing Application for RYLA

Explain the program and provide applications to your fellow Rotarians at your regular weekly Club meeting. Many Rotarians know outstanding young people within the community.

Send a letter to the principal of the high schools within your area. Set up face-to-face meetings.

Work with your Area RYLA Representative to identify schools that other clubs are not approaching, and avoid overlapping efforts.

Extend your search for applications to other leaders at local high schools. Seek out Activity Directors, Band Directors, Athletic Coaches and Club Advisors. Remember that many of the students we want at RYLA are athletes and their time is often influenced or controlled by their coaches.

Seek out individual applications through Scouting, churches, Junior Achievement, and Community Athletic programs. Wherever there is an all girls' school there is probably an all boy school.

Make a presentation to Interact club members. Include the Interact Advisor in the planning process and ask for input during one-on-one meetings. Preference may be given to Interact Club members, but participation in RYLA by non-Interact members, especially in schools without Interact Clubs, will prove beneficial in growing Interact membership.

Students that have attended RYLA the previous year should be contacted to spread the word among the current juniors about this great program. Provide them with applications to pass on to their friends and acquaintances.

Submit a Press Release to local newspapers, school newspapers and cable TV providers.

Utilize the RYLA Brochure.

Brochure



How do I apply?

If you would like to learn more about the RYLA program, contact your local Rotary club.



RYLA will help you:

- Develop leadership skills.
- Increase self-confidence.
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues and people.
- Improve career skills and knowledge.
- Meet community leaders and mentors.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award



For information on how to contact your local Rotary Club,

www.district5300.org

District 5300
Rotary International



What is RYLA?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program for high school juniors. Talented young people attend a 3-day seminar organized by the Rotarians of District 53300 of Rotary International.

All of the participants' expenses are often paid by sponsoring Rotary clubs.

The RYLA program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses and institutions, and meet Rotarians while having fun and making friends.

For young adults, RYLA provides the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with their peers and elders.

What does RYLA offer?

During a RYLA program, you will:

- Gain exposure to issues and exchange ideas with talented people like you.
- Explore new career paths and find out more about your chosen field from successful professionals.
- Learn how to coordinate youth activities and community service projects in your community.
- Discuss creative approaches for resolving family, social, and professional conflicts.
- Meet Rotary decision-makers in your community and learn about other Rotary programs for young people.



Who participates in RYLA?

RYLA events are for young adults with proven leadership experience and potential leaders from diverse backgrounds. If you are a High School Junior you will learn, grow, have fun, and make new friends.

The RYLA experience prepares young people to be leaders in their community, profession, and other facets of everyday life.



Applying for RYLA Requirements for the privilege of attending RYLA include:

- Be a high school Junior, who will not be age 18 before March 7, 2010.
- Have demonstrated leadership potential as shown by active participation in school or community youth groups.
- Be of good character.
- Be cooperative and willing to participate at RYLA as a member of a group.
- Be well informed about current events.
- Possess some public speaking ability.
- Be in good academic standing.

What, When, Where, How and Why of RYLA

What: Weekend Leadership Conference

When: March 5 – 7, 2010

Where: Astro Camp in Idyllwild, California.

Why: Become a better leader, make new friends and have a great time.

Cost: The sponsoring Rotary Club provides transportation, lodging and meals.

How: Complete an application and be selected by the sponsoring Rotary club.

You are invited to apply for this award by completing the attached application, and the Consent for Participation and Medical Treatment form, and mailing them to:

Rotary Club of _____ Address

Attention _____, RYLA Chair by January 2010.

Suggested Interview Questions

What are your plans for next year?

Five years from now?

Twenty years from now?

Who has been the most important person in your life?

If you were trying to convince a new company to relocate in your town, what are three positive features of the community you would stress?

What are your three most important values?

If you could make one major change affecting your high school, what would it be?

Outside your family and friends, who do you most respect?

What is the most important issue presently facing the President and Congress?

What is the last book you read for pleasure?

What are your feelings about the grade requirements for participation in extra-curricular activities?

Outside of your classes, what activity has been the most important in terms of your personal growth?

What makes a good leader?

Why are ethics important in leadership?

Who do you know that you feel is an outstanding leader and why?

If five candidates - including you - are equally qualified, why should you be the one selected for RYLA?

If you had the power and money to do something good for mankind, what would it be and why?

As a teenager, what do you see as your role in the community? (e.g. setting examples, community service)

Name your hero or role model you look up to, and tell us why he/she is important to you.

Name one thing that you have done that made you feel good about yourself.

Suggested Talley Sheet

Interviewer _____

Applicant Name _____

School

Question Response Scores (1-poor to 5-outstanding) Question Score

_____ TOTAL SCORE _____

COMMENTS

RECCOMENDATIONS:

Select

Select as Alternate

Do Not Select

Notifying the RYLA Registrar

DUE by January 16, 2010

Once the club has made its selection of RYLA participants and alternates notify the RYLA Registrar right away.

“First come, first served” preference will be given to the alternates of those clubs that are paid in full and have submitted their students names and forms, in order of receipt.

Use the *Participant Cover Sheet* to list male and female students selected and the males and females you have designated as alternates. Your club’s alternates should be listed on the cover sheet in the order you would prefer them to be called, if an opening becomes available.

This information must be accompanied by completed and signed pages 1 and 4 of the *Parental Consent for Participation & Medical Treatment* form for all the students listed, and must be received by the Registrar no later than January 16, 2010.

Orientation Meeting

Organize your RYLA Orientation meeting at an appropriate location and time.

Who should attend? Rotary Club President, Rotary Club Community Service Chair, Rotary Club RYLA Chair, Present & Past Facilitators from your Club, other Rotarians, RYLA students from the previous year. This is the time to be sure that ***Parental Consent for Participation & Medical Treatment Form*** has been obtained from all students and alternates.

Materials required:

- Extra *Parental Consent for Participation & Medical Treatment* forms
- Bus pick-up & drop-off notice
- What to Bring list
- RYLA Guidelines of Conduct
- General information about Rotary

Refreshments and agenda:

- 1 Welcome by Community Service chair and overview of purpose of the meeting.
- 2 Introduction of all attendees
- 3 Brief overview of Rotary, by Rotary club President.

- 4 Previous RYLA students talk (or video tape)
- 5 RYLA – 288 students attending (144 Female / 144 Male)
- 6 Including foreign exchange students sponsored by Rotary to our District
- 7 Leadership skills
- 8 Speakers
- 9 Learning experiences
- 10 Fellowship activities
- 11 Learning how to work together to achieve a common goal
- 12 RYLA Chair or Facilitator discusses:
- 13 What to bring
- 14 Accommodations: camp dormitories, share rooms by pre-assignment, 4-5 to a room, mattress on bed but no pillows, blankets or sheets
- 15 Review RYLA Guidelines of Conduct
- 16 Rotarian will ride on the bus
- 17 Need one or more students to be photographer to make a memorable record of the trip and the camp
- 18 Visit to Rotary meeting
- 19 Return visit to report on your RYLA experience
- 20 Any candidate who is in sports must have made arrangements with the coach to miss the weekend
- 21 Bus time/day/place
- 22 Review importance of calling if unable to attend
- 23 Q & A
- 24 Refreshments Note: Send a letter and information to students who did not attend meeting. Determine their likely participation in RYLA by making a follow-up phone call.

Participants Attend a Rotary Meeting

It is important that student participants be invited to attend a regular weekly meeting of the sponsoring Rotary Club.

This will give them a better understanding of the Rotarians that support the RYLA program.

Be sure to sit the student participants at different tables so they can meet as many Rotarians as possible.

Departure and Return Information

Your bus for RYLA 2010 leaves from:

_____.

Be there with all your belongings at _____, sharp on Friday, March 5, 2010. Be on time. If you are late, an alternate will replace you. There are no other options. Your bus will return to the same location at approximately _____ p.m. on Sunday, March 7, 2010.

If you are unable to attend RYLA, please contact _____ at _____ as soon as possible. This will allow an opportunity for an alternate to attend in your place.

After RYLA you will be invited to return to our Rotary Club on _____, to tell us about your experience.

Day Before RYLA

Contact your students on Thursday, February 22, 2007, to ensure that they still plan to attend and to advise them of the expected weather conditions.

Any vacancies will be filled from the pool of alternates. The list has previously been prioritized for contact. The Registrar will determine all alternate placements.

Male alternates will replace a missing boy; female alternates will replace a missing girl.

Call your club's alternates to see if they are still available to go at the last minute. Encourage them to be at the bus, on time, packed and ready to leave.

The Morning of RYLA

No student can get on the bus unless the Registrar has received the student's *Parental Consent for Participation & Medical Treatment* form well in advance of departure. Any exception to this rule will be at the Registrar's sole discretion and will require that the properly completed and signed form be hand carried by the Rotarian assigned to travel on the bus to RYLA.

One of the Rotarians assigned to the bus will check in and board each participant from a list created by the Registrar. Alternates can only be put on board the bus with the Registrar's permission. The Rotarian assigned to check in the students will be in touch with the Registrar via telephone prior to departure.

Participants Attend a Rotary Meeting

Promoting understanding and support for club participation in RYLA is an ongoing project. To help Rotarians understand the benefits of RYLA, all RYLA participants should attend a meeting within a week or two of their return.

Be sure to sit the student participants at different tables so they can meet as many Rotarians as possible.

Many clubs ask that the RYLA student participants run that meeting using the skills they learned at the conference. Counsel the students prior to the meeting to think about what RYLA has meant to them, and the difference it will make in their life. The Club President and RYLA Chair should use this opportunity to present RYLA certificates, which will be provided to each club by the Registrar.

Plan to have any Rotarian who served as a facilitator make a brief presentation on their experience, as well. See if you can arrange for an article in the local paper, or a spot on local radio and TV.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

District 5300, Rotary International

RYLA 2010 March 5 - 7, 2010

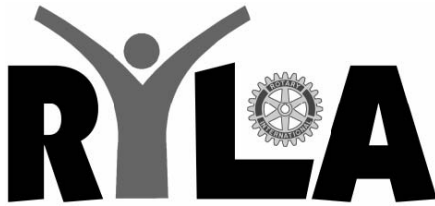
Please indicate your Club's intention to participate in this year's RYLA program scheduled for March 5 – 7, 2010. Thank you for supporting this opportunity for young adults in District 5300.

RETURN THIS FORM BY: AUGUST 14, 2009

By Email: Vabbott.rotary@gmail.com

By Fax: 626-286-5343

ROTARY CLUB NAME:				
NUMBER OF STUDENTS: (Please remember you must send an even number of participants; equal Male & Female)	Male:	Female:	=	TOTAL (both Male & Female)
From which schools will you be recruiting?				
What Interact Clubs, if any, does your club sponsor?				
RYLA CHAIR'S NAME:				
CHAIR'S CONTACT INFO: (Not club's)	Street			
	City		State/ Zip	
Home Phone:	Work Phone:		Cell Phone:	
Home Fax:	Work Fax:		Other Phone:	
Personal Email			Work Email	



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

District 5300, Rotary International

Parental Consent for Participation & Medical Treatment

March 5-7, 2010.

Please print or type *Please complete ALL items* Parent/Guardian MUST sign!

Student's Name:	Name for Badge:		
Address:	Sex:	Birth date:	Age:
City:	State:	ZIP:	
School	Grade		
Students Email Address:	Student's Cell Phone Number:		
Parent/Guardian's Name:	Parent's 24 Hr. Phone ()		
Parent/Guardian's Address (if different from above):	Home Number ()		
Alternate Contact Name:	Alt. Phone Number: ()		
Name of Medical Insurance Company:	Policy Number:		
Physician's Name:	Phone Number: ()		
School Name:	Phone Number: ()		
Please list any problems, allergies or medical conditions of which we should be aware:			

Please list any prescription medications, with dosage and frequency, which the student is using or might need:

To aid the Rotary RYLA Committee in making their selection for interviews, describe your leadership experiences starting with your most recent experience.

To aid the Rotary RYLA Committee in making their selection for interviews please describe how you feel about leadership and its importance.

To aid the Rotary RYLA Committee in making their selection for interviews please briefly describe

your life goals.

To aid the Rotary RYLA Committee in making their selections for interviews please describe why the RYLA experience will be beneficial to you.

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION: I do voluntarily consent to said minor's participation in all activities of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (including participation in the high ropes course) to be held at the Astro Camp in Idyllwild, California on March 5 – 7, 2010. I assume responsibility for any medical or treatment/transport fees or costs incurred directly or indirectly because of said minor's participation. I also authorize the representative(s) of Rotary International to arrange for professional care and treatment in case of medical emergency. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Rotarian(s) to hospitalize, secure professional treatment for and/or to order injections, anesthesia and/or surgery for the minor named above. *Initial:* _____ In consideration of the Rotary Club, RI Districts and Guided Discovery, Inc., I permit this minor to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and to engage in all activities related to the weekend program. I hereby assume the risk associated with participation & agree to hold the Rotary Club, RI Districts & Guided Discovery, Inc., its committees, employees, agents, representatives, & volunteers harmless from any & all liabilities, actions, causes of action, claims or demand of any kind & nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with said minor's participation in any activities related to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. The terms here shall serve as a Release & the assumption of the risk for said minor, his or her heirs, estate, executor, administrator, & assignees as well as members of my family. *Initial:* _____. I also take full responsibility for any valuables that the above named participant takes to this camp and give permission for Rotary to post pictures of said minor participating in this event in Rotary publications including on its WEB site. *Initial:* _____. I further consent to permit authorized Rotarians to contact said minor after the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards with respect to other Rotary Programs and activities. I certify that the above named participant will not be 18 years old by March 7, 2010. A photocopy of this form is as valid as the original.

Print Parent/Guardian's Name:	Signature:	Date:
If, for religious reasons, you cannot sign the above consent, please sign below as a waiver of responsibility on behalf of Rotary International, Guided Discoveries and all individual Rotarians.		
Parent/Guardian's Name:	Signature:	Date:
I understand the commitment that goes along with selection to participate in the RYLA Leadership Conference to be held on the weekend of March 5 – 7, 2010. I will attend the orientation meeting, Rotary club meeting and the entire RYLA conference.		
Applicant's Name:	Signature:	Date:



Rotary Youth Leadership Award

District 5300, Rotary International

March 5 – 7, 2010

RYLA 2010 PARTICIPANT COVER SHEET - PLEASE PRINT AND INCLUDE WITH YOUR STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME OF YOUR CLUB: _____

TO: RYLA REGISTRAR (Vicky Abbott)
Email: vabbott.rotary@gmail.com
Fax: 626-815-4964

FROM:
Name: _____
Email Address: _____
Fax Number _____
Phone Number _____

1. Please list each participant and alternate in the order of preference on this form.
2. Include a completed and signed *Parental Consent for Participation & Medical Treatment* form for each name listed (including alternates) – Page 1 & 4 of their application.
3. Scan and email or fax the forms to the RYLA Registrar. You must enclose this form.
4. If you have any questions please call the Registrar (Vicky Abbott) at 951-323-1669 or the Participant Coordinator (Mary Ann Avnet) at 702-510-1162.

MALE Participants (Order of Preference)	FEMALE Participants (Order of Preference)
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

6	6
7	7
8	8

MALE ALTERNATES (Order of Preference)	FEMALE ALTERNATES (Order of Preference)
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
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Rotary Youth Leadership Award
 District 5300, Rotary International

Facilitator Application March 5 – 7, 2010

Trained:	Selected	Alternate:
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*** Please print legibly or type -Please complete ALL items***

Name:	I want my name badge to read:	
Address:	Male: Female:	
City:	State:	Zip:
Work Phone:	Home Number:	
Work FAX:	Cell Phone:	
Email:		
Rotary Club:		
Rotary Classification:		
Jacket Size: S M L XL XXL (cost \$40) Name on Jacket: _____	President, Year	
	RYLA Chair, Year	
	Interact	Advisor, Year
	Other, Year	
Have you participated in previous RYLA programs? YES/NO When: _____		
Please list any problems, allergies or medical conditions of which we should be aware of:		

Please list any prescription medications, with dosage and frequency which you are using or might need:

AUTHORIZATION:

I do voluntarily consent to participation in all activities of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (including participation in the high ropes course) to be held at the Astro Camp in Idyllwild, California on March 5 – 7, 2010.

I assume responsibility for any medical or treatment/transport fees or costs incurred directly or indirectly because of participation. I also authorize the representative(s) of Rotary International to arrange for professional care and treatment in case of medical emergency. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the Rotarian(s) to hospitalize, secure professional treatment for and/or to order injections, anesthesia and/or surgery. *Initial:*

In consideration of the Rotary Club, RI Districts and Guided Discovery, Inc., I hereby assume the risk associated with participation & agree to hold the Rotary Club, RI Districts & Guided Discovery, Inc., its committees, employees, agents, representatives, & volunteers harmless from any & all liabilities, actions, causes of action, claims or demand of any kind & nature whatsoever which may arise by or in connection with my activities related to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

The terms here shall serve as a Release & the assumption of the risk for his or her heirs, estate, executor, administrator, & assignees as well as members of my family. *Initials:* _____.

I also take full responsibility for any valuables that I bring to this camp and give permission for Rotary to post pictures of my participation in this event in Rotary publications including on its WEB site. A photocopy of this form is as valid as the original.

Applicant's Name:	Signature:	Date:
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What to bring to the RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Tom Novotny, District Governor

Rotary International, District 5300

Note: This is a CAMP at an altitude of nearly 6,000 feet.

sleeping bag, toiletries & soap pillow, bath towel & wash cloth, warm jacket, flashlight & extra batteries, gloves, travel alarm clock, warm hat, lip balm, sunglasses, jeans, sweats or slacks, snow & rain gear, water resistant boots or shoes, cheap camera & film, warm sleepwear, long-sleeved shirts, pen or pencil, changes of underwear, sweaters and/or sweat shirts, several pair of socks, flip flops or shower shoes and lastly a sense of humor!!

Pack all of your gear in a duffel bag or other suitable luggage that you can carry (you may have to tote it up to 100 yards). **Also, bring a large trash bag in** which you can place your luggage, sleeping bag, pillow etc... in case of rain or snow.

What NOT to bring to RYLA!

Knives of any kind, alcohol, sling shots, televisions, fire crackers Radios, CD or MP3 players, firearms, video games, illegal drugs, valuables, cigarettes, matches or lighters, laptop computers or PDA's,

Any violation of the rules of the camp and/or of RYLA will immediately require that your parents or guardian come and remove you from RYLA.

Emergency Telephone Contact Numbers to be posted by March 1, 2010 at www.district5300.org

Messages, other than emergency calls from your parents, will not be accepted.

Sample Letter of Selection

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2010

Name Address City

Re: Rotary Youth Leadership Conference - RYLA

Dear _____

Congratulations! I am writing to inform you that you have been selected to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference (RYLA) March 5-7, 2010 at Astro Camp, in Idyllwild, California.

The Rotary Club of _____ is sponsoring you and will pay all your expenses relating to transportation, lodging and meals. In addition, you and your fellow "RYLArians" are invited to a Rotary Club meeting scheduled for _____ at _____ at the _____, where you will have an opportunity to meet other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary.

Further details about RYLA will be provided to you and your parent(s) at an orientation meeting scheduled for _____ 200__ at _____ at the _____ at _____, _____. This meeting will also include RYLArians sponsored by the _____ and _____ Rotary Clubs. Your attendance is crucial to your full participation and will allow you and your parent(s) to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of the RYLA Conference.

We hope that you will make the most of this learning opportunity. We want to thank you for participating in the application process.

Sincerely,

RYLA Chairperson

Sample Letter of Selection as Male Alternate

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2010

Name Address City

Re: Rotary Youth Leadership Conference - RYLA

Dear _____

The quality of applicants for the 2010 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference (RYLA) was truly outstanding. I am writing to inform you that you have been selected as a reserve candidate for the male contingent, which means if someone is unable to attend you may take his place. Be aware that this could be on short notice, close to, or on the opening day of the conference, which is set for March 5-7, 2010 at Astro Camp, in Idyllwild, California.

If you are able to attend, The Rotary Club of _____ will pay all your expenses relating to transportation, lodging and meals. In the meantime, you and your fellow students are invited to a club meeting scheduled for _____ at _____ at the _____, where you will have an opportunity to meet other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary. Further details about RYLA will be provided to you and your parent(s) at an orientation meeting scheduled for _____ 200__ at _____ at the _____ at _____, _____. This meeting will also include students sponsored by the _____ and _____ Rotary Clubs. Your attendance is crucial to your full participation and will allow you and your parent(s) to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of the RYLA Conference.

We hope that you will make the most of this learning opportunity if it comes your way and wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

RYLA Chairperson

Sample Letter of Selection as Female Alternate

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2010

Name Address Street

Re: Rotary Youth Leadership Conference - RYLA

Dear _____

The quality of applicants for the 2007 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference (RYLA) was truly outstanding. I am writing to inform you that you have been selected as a reserve candidate for the female contingent, which means if someone is unable to attend you may take her place. Be aware that this could be on short notice, close to, or on the opening day of the conference, which is set for March 5-7, 2010 at Astro Camp, in Idyllwild, California.

If you are able to attend, The Rotary Club of _____ will pay all your expenses relating to transportation, lodging and meals. In the meantime, you and your fellow students are invited to a club meeting scheduled for _____ at _____ at the _____, where you will have an opportunity to meet other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary. Further details about RYLA will be provided to you and your parent(s) at an orientation meeting scheduled for _____ 200__ at _____ at the _____ at _____, _____. This meeting will also include students sponsored by the _____ and _____ Rotary Clubs. Your attendance is crucial to your full participation and will allow you and your parent(s) to ask questions and gain a clearer understanding of the RYLA Conference.

We hope that you will make the most of this learning opportunity if it comes your way and wish you every success in the future.

Sincerely,

RYLA Chairperson

Sample Non-Acceptance Letter

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2010

Name Address Street

Re: Rotary Youth Leadership Conference - RYLA

Dear _____

Thank you for participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) selection process. The quality of applicants for the 2010 conference was truly outstanding, but unfortunately, I must inform you that your application was not accepted. I hope you will continue to pursue the many opportunities that become available to you and wish you every success in future.

Sincerely,

RYLA Chairperson

Sample Letter to School Announcing Selection

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2010

Name Address

Street Re: RYLA Selections for 2010

Dear _____

The following _____ High School students have been selected to represent the Rotary Club of _____ at the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference (RYLA) on March 5-7, 2010 at the Astro Camp, in Idyllwild, California.

We will be inviting you and your students to a club meeting scheduled for _____ at _____ at the _____ to introduce the young people to the Rotarians sponsoring them for this three-day conference.

You are also invited to attend an orientation meeting on _____ 200__ at _____ at the _____ at _____. This will include the participants sponsored by the _____ and _____ Rotary Clubs, and will provide you a clearer understanding of the events of the RYLA Conference.

Thank you for your help and input, it has been invaluable in the selection process.

Sincerely,

RYLA Chairperson