

RYLA 2020

Camper's Parent or Guardian To – Do List

Congratulations! Your student has been nominated to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp on the weekend of **January 31 – February 2, 2020 at no cost to you**. A local Rotary Club has agreed to pay \$300 to sponsor your child. RYLA is the premier weekend intensive leadership training retreat for high school sophomores and juniors to enhance their leadership skills, citizenship and personal growth. It is held at the beautiful Camp Zephyr on Lake Corpus Christi. For a quick view of the RYLA experience, check out the links at this site: <http://www.rotarycc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/RYLA-Corpus-Christi-overview-2018.pdf>

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. A list of items to bring to camp is found on the link above, along with a map showing Camp Zephyr.
2. Students sleep in same-sex dorms with counselors in the dorms.
3. Students travel to camp on the morning of Friday, January 31 and depart camp on Sunday, February 2 around 10 - 11 am.
4. Transportation to and from Camp will be arranged by your sponsoring Rotary Club. Your school counselor can give you the name of your Rotary Club contact for details. As a reminder, you will not have any expenses for the weekend, so out of courtesy, please contact the sponsoring Rotary Club if, for any reason, your student cannot attend. No arrivals after 11:30 am Friday; NO EXCEPTIONS for school, athletic, church, or personal conflicts.
5. Students will be assigned to teams in early January. Your child's assigned counselor will be contacting them via email to introduce themselves, advise them of team colors, and answer any questions. It is important we can read their email address on the application and that your student checks his/her email for this important information.
6. Cell phones are not allowed during the weekend, so do not expect your student to call. We will contact you in the event of an emergency.
7. Every year we have several cancellations. There is a good chance if your student is selected as an alternate that he/she may be sponsored by another Rotary Club in South Texas. That is only possible though if completed and signed application forms are returned to the school counselor and on file at the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi.

To do's:

October through November 2019

1. Communicate with your child, the school counselor or sponsor and the Rotary Club
2. Assure your child is free of other commitments January 31 – February 2, 2020
3. Review, complete and sign the RYLA application forms and return to the school counselor

January 2020

1. Confirm your child is still available January 31 – February 2, 2020; if conflicts identified, notify your Rotary contact and school counselor ASAP (preferably before January 20th so an Alternate may take his/her spot). They should notify the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi.
2. Confirm your child has all information needed for Camp – refer to link
3. Confirm student has received transportation plan from local Rotary Club
4. Verify if a school excuse is needed from the school counselor. If so, contact Lysa Chapman at 361-882-8672 or rotarycc@swbell.net

January 10, 2020 (or earlier, or when known immediately)

1. Notify local Rotary contact and RYLA camp contacts below of any cancellations

January 31, 2020

1. Assure your child is ready for transportation to Camp

RYLA Camp Contacts:

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<u>Rotary Club of Corpus Christi:</u> Lysa Chapman	361-882-8672 office	rotarycc@swbell.net