

RYLA 2021

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 **March 10 – 14, 2021 at no cost to you**. Due to COVID-19, it will be held virtually this year on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and all-day Saturday and Sunday. A local Rotary Club has agreed to pay \$300 to sponsor your child. RYLA is the premier intensive leadership training retreat for high school sophomores and juniors to enhance their leadership skills, citizenship, and personal growth. Although camp will be online this year, it will still be a hands-on, interactive weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. eRYLA will be held on Wednesday, March 10 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Thursday and Friday, March 11th & 12th from 6:00 – 10:00 pm, and all day on Saturday and Sunday, March 13th & 14th. There will be scheduled breaks. Please do not disturb your student during these hours. eRYLA will be recorded including all activities and meeting rooms. Campers will need to have their cameras on throughout the event so please be aware. Students must have reliable internet access and an iPad, computer, or tablet with camera and microphone. NOTE: Smartphones will not work with this platform.
2. 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. This allows the Rotary Club to find another student to participate in this exceptional leadership training opportunity.
3. Please make sure your camper has no conflicts for the entire virtual camp. The learning experiences build through various activities throughout the camp. Camper are not allowed to exit the activities. **NO EXCEPTIONS for school, athletic, church, or personal conflicts. Campers must be online during all scheduled hours.**
3. Students will be assigned to teams in early February. Your child's assigned counselor will be contacting them via email to introduce themselves, advise them of team colors, and answer any questions. Parents will receive a phone call from a Rotarian answering any questions as well.
4. 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 the completed form has been submitted online at <http://www.rotarycc.com/youth-service/ryla/> prior to February 5th.
5. Campers will receive a Retreat Crate in the mail with their supplies for the weekend.

eRYLA testimonies include:

- "I did an eRyla this summer and it help me a lot with my leadership skills and my confidence and I just would recommend it to anyone who needs a family or needs leadership skills."
- "Technology has changed so much and anything can be possible, we have come a long way from when you were a kid and went to the camp in person."
- "At first, I was a little nervous in meeting my team but as the week progressed, we became like a family. I can't wait to meet them all in person"

- "The mixed teams were a great way to get to know new people and work with new people! I loved getting to know everyone and it helped me find out my strengths! "
- "This camp was pulled off with the highest degree of perfection and skill. The people make the camp, not the camp make the people "

To do's:

October through December 2020

1. Communicate with your child, the school counselor or sponsor and the Rotary Club
2. Assure your child is free of other commitments March 10 – 14, 2021
3. Complete and submit the application online at <http://www.rotarycc.com/youth-service/ryla/>

January 2021

1. Confirm your child is still available March 10 – 14, 2021; if conflicts identified, notify your Rotary contact and school counselor ASAP (preferably before February 5th so an Alternate may take his/her spot). They should notify the Rotary Club of Corpus Christi.
2. Verify your child has all computer and internet access requirements for Camp.

February 5, 2021 (or earlier if known)

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

March 4-9, 2021

1. Assure your child is ready for eRYLA and has received their camp crate.

March 10-14, 2021

1. Give your child space to participate in eRYLA!

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