

RYLA 2026

High School or Interact or Private Sponsor To – Do List

Thank you for working with your local Rotary Club to select qualified sophomore or junior or senior students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp **March 1, and 6-8, 2026**. RYLA is the premier intensive leadership training retreat for high school students to enhance their leadership skills, citizenship, and personal growth. RYLA includes both on-line, virtual presentation at Camper's home (March 1) with in-person attendance at Camp Zephyr (March 6-8) near Corpus Christi. Campers work in teams and each activity builds upon the next. Therefore, **it is required that students must attend the entire camp, both in person and online.**

General Information:

RYLA+ will start on Sunday, March 1st from 1-4 pm on-line at the Camper's home. There will be scheduled breaks on-line. Students must have reliable internet access and an iPad, computer, or tablet with camera and microphone. NOTE: Smartphones will not work with this platform.

On Friday morning, March 6th, Campers will be transported to Camp Zephyr near Corpus Christi to continue their in-person leadership instruction. Campers must attend both on-line and in-person. Campers unable to attend on line on Sunday will not be allowed to attend the in person sessions at Camp Zephyr. Late check -in is not allowed at Camp Zephyr.

To do's:

October through December 2025

1. Communicate with the Rotary Club that is paying the \$425 sponsorship for each student
 - If you do not have a current club contact, please contact Lysa or Christine– contact information below – we will assist you.
2. Review the Camper Selection Criteria with the Rotary contact: See [RYLA Forms Library #4](#)
3. Set the deadline for providing completed student camper and alternate application on line, using the QR code of the camper flyer.
4. Select camper nominees and alternates; provide them application forms or links to the forms
 - Assure nominee has no conflicts for athletics, UIL, family, church, etc., March 1 and 6-8, 2026.
 - Camper must be available Sunday, March 1st (1-4 pm), for on-line portion of camp.
 - Campers must then arrive at Camp Zephyr on Friday morning (March 6) between 11:00 am – 12:00 pm and stay until Sunday at 11:30 am to complete the in-person portion of camp. (No exceptions for school or personal reasons)
 - Transportation to and from camp is to be provided/ arranged by the sponsoring Rotary Club
 - Students may not bring their own cars to camp

January 2026

1. Assure all applications for nominees and alternates are complete on the RYLA website.
2. Confirm nominees are still available March 1, 6-8, 2026; if conflicts identified, notify your Rotary contact.
 - Alternates whose applications are completed and submitted prior to January 31 can be substituted for students who cancel.
3. Confirm Campers have reliable Wi-Fi access, and iPad, computer or tablet. NOTE: Smartphones will not work for this platform.
4. Confirm Campers know what to bring to Camp: [See RYLA Forms Library #3.](#)
5. Confirm student has received transportation plan from local Rotary Club
6. Verify with school counselor if a school excuse is needed. If so, have camper request it on the RYLA website.

February 6, 2026

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

RYLA Camp Contacts:

<u>RYLA Program Chair:</u>	Mary McQueen	361-815-1157 cell	mcqueen.marychristine93gmail.com
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