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Dear High School Counselor:

It's RYLA time again! RYLA is the premier weekend retreat for high school juniors to enhance their leadership skills. Rotary Clubs throughout South Texas are hosting the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) camp at the beautiful Camp Zephyr on Lake Corpus Christi on the weekend of January 27-29, 2012.

For quick view of the RYLA experience, check out the video clips of the 2011 camp at this site:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPiSp4TfW4U&feature=youtu.be>

We ask you to identify and nominate the juniors from your school to participate in RYLA 2012. This is a terrific opportunity for the students. What students can expect:

- Fun and challenging leadership skill - building activities facilitated by high school seniors who participated in the 2011 camp
- Interaction with local and regional business leaders who will lead sessions and demonstrate leadership skills
- Meeting over 100 juniors from South Texas schools
- New insights, friends, and skills that will impact the rest of their lives

Your local Rotary Club will sponsor your students by paying the \$250 registration fee for each student. Additionally, your local club representative will be your contact for all RYLA questions, and will be responsible for collecting student registration forms from you. Forms are listed below and forms are attached.

Action Needed by you

- Select two student nominees- RYLA wants your promising leaders! The suggested selection criteria is attached. Please also identify two alternates in case of scheduling conflicts.
- Recruit your nominees and have them fill out the required forms and return them to you by December 2, 2011. Form attached are outlined below.

To help you through this process, enclosed please find the following:

- Suggested Participant Selection Criteria (to help you in the selection process)
- Letter to student (explaining RYLA program)
- Application/Nomination Form (to be filled out by student and returned to you)
- Consent, Waiver, and Medical Release Form (to be filled out by student's parents or guardians *and returned to you*)
- Youth Protection Policy (*to be filled out by student's parents or guardians and returned to you*)
- Photo Release (*to be filled out by student's parents or guardians and returned to you*)
- Map to Camp Zephyr (*for student*)
- RYLA Mission Statement and Objectives (*for student*)
- What to Bring (*for student*)

Information and a copy of these forms may also be found at www.rotarycc.com.



Once you have collected all the completed forms for your students, please contact your sponsoring Rotary Club representative. All forms are due back to your Rotary Club sponsor by Friday, December 9, 2011. We are very excited about the opportunity to bring this opportunity to your students.

Sincerely,

Rotary Club representative

- PS: Late registration is possible after the winter break only on a space-available basis.



PARTICIPANT SELECTION CRITERIA

RYLA Camp: Friday-Sunday, January 27-29, 2012

REQUIRED SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Students participation is restricted to **HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS** who plan to complete their senior year at school
- Selection(s) **SHOULD** include one male and one female Junior student from the participating high school
- Each participating student **MUST** have potential or established leadership skills
- Each participant **MUST** be a **FULL TIME** student

OTHER SELECTION CRITERIA:

Although we encourage flexibility in your selection criteria, please consider the following qualities as a guide to selecting your student representative(s):

- Superior citizenship qualities
- Quality and/or significance of participant's extra curricular activities
- Academic Honors or Awards
- Current and Recent Student Leadership Positions
- Work Experience
- High moral character
- Cooperative and willing to participate as a member of a group
- Informed about current events



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Dear High School Junior:

Congratulations! You have been identified as a candidate to represent your high school at RYLA 2012, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp. Rotary Clubs from throughout South Texas host this exciting weekend leadership camp. RYLA is a scholarship program designed to shape leadership skills in students who already possess and demonstrate outstanding leadership characteristics. Students like you.

RYLA 2012 will be held **Friday through Sunday, January 27-29, 2012, at Camp Zephyr, Lake Corpus Christi, Texas.** This is a terrific opportunity for you. What you can expect:

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Check-in is from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and activities conclude at 3 p.m. on Sunday. It is very important that you are willing to commit for the entire weekend.

Your participation fee of \$250.00 will be paid by your area Rotary Club as recognition of your contribution to your school and community. Your Rotary Club sponsor can also help with transportation to and from the camp. Please check with your high school counselor or call me at the contact numbers below.

To Register, complete the attached RYLA registration forms and return them to your high school counselors.

Application/Nomination Form (*fill out and return to high school counselor*)

- Consent, Waiver, Medical Release Form (*fill out and return to high school counselor*)
- Youth Protections Policy (*Read, sign and return to high school counselor*)
- Photography Release (*sign and return to high school counselor*)
- Map to Zephyr (*for student*)
- RYLA Mission Statement and Objectives (*for student*)
- What to Bring (*for student*)

A copy of these forms and information on RYLA is available at www.rotarycc.com.

Get the latest RYLA Information Here!

www.rotarycc.com



If you have any question, please contact us at the numbers below.

Sincerely,



Mission Statement

R Y L A – “ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS” is a program designed to shape leadership skills in students who already possess and demonstrate outstanding leadership characteristics in their high school and community. RYLA Camp is a youth retreat with the main objective being to expose students to the many phases of leadership by learning from individuals who are already leaders in their community and businesses. Students attending the RYLA camp should leave the seminar with a better understanding of how to assume a positive leadership role in their school and community.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program are:

1. To further demonstrate Rotary’s respect and concerns for youth.
2. To encourage and assist selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a training experience.
3. To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth.
4. To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.



JANUARY 27-29, 2012

RYLA 2012 APPLICATION/NOMINATION FORM

*To be completed by student. Please print and return to high school counselor by
December 2, 2011*

Student's Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___

School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____, Texas. Zip: _____

Hobbies/Interests: _____

Clubs/Sports/Music Participation: _____

Honors and/or Awards: _____

Why I want to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership:

Sponsored by: **ROTARY CLUB OF** _____

RYLA Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____ Cell #: _____

RYLA CONSENT, WAIVER & MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Name _____ Sex _____ Grade _____ Age _____
Address _____
City/State: _____ Zip: _____
High School: _____
Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone # (_____) _____ Cell # (_____) _____
Family Physician's Name _____ Phone # (_____) _____
Name of Primary Insurance Policy _____

Date of last Tetanus shot _____ Is this camper allergic to Tetanus Booster? _____

Has Camper Had:

Appendix Removed _____
Fainting Spells _____
Asthma _____
Heart Trouble _____
Convulsions _____
Diabetes _____
Allergies to food or medicine?
Specify: _____
Any other allergies?
Specify: _____

Other (i.e. recent traumatic injury):

Medical Authorization

Is camper taking any medication that must be given at the Camp? _____

If yes, please fill out below:

Please following medication: _____

Dosage _____ Time _____

Activities to limit: _____

I consent to _____'s (hereinafter "my child") participation in the RYLA.
(student's name)

My child has permission to engage in all prescribed activities, except as noted above by me.

In consideration of participation in this event, I agree, on behalf of my child, his/her heirs and representatives to fully and forever release, discharge, indemnify and hold harmless Rotary Club of Corpus Christi, the sponsoring Rotary Club of District 5930 and Camp Zephyr, their agents, servants and employees, successors, insurers, assigns, and all other persons, firms or corporations who might be liable, from any and all claims, demands, damages, charges, costs rights or causes of action of whatever nature, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of participation in this event.

I also hereby authorize any medical treatment required by my child while in attendance at this event. I have described above any special medical or other needs required by my child, and will notify event personnel of any special needs or information required by my child.

I also understand that all rules and regulations for this event will be enforced and any violation by my child will result in a call to me with a possible request to come pick up my child.

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Relationship:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ **Cell Phone** (_____) _____

Other person to notify in case of an emergency _____

Other emergency phone (_____) _____

Sexual Abuse Response Policy and Procedures

STATEMENT OF CONDUCT FOR WORKING WITH YOUTH

Student and Guardian signature required below – return to High School Counselor

Rotary International is committed to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for all participants in Rotary activities. It is the duty of all Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, partners, and other volunteers to safeguard to the best of their ability the welfare of and to prevent the physical, sexual, or emotional abuse of children and young people with whom they come into contact.

Your welfare is extremely important to us. We have prepared this document for your safety. Please read it carefully. This information may help you better understand what sexual abuse and harassment are and help you protect yourself by preventing potential abusive situations before they happen. In the unlikely event that you are subjected to sexual abuse or harassment, this document will help you understand what you can do about it. Please share this information with your parents so that they also know that we are committed to your safety and protection.

STUDENT PROCEDURES

If you are sexually or physically abused or harassed or are accused of sexually or physically abusing or harassing another person, you should follow this procedure:

1. Report the situation immediately to the person with whom you feel most comfortable.
 - A Rotary Club Counselor or any Rotary Club Member.
 - If you are not comfortable talking to a local person, contact a trusted Rotarian at home.
 - Your complaint will be received in a sensitive and confidential manner. Each of the above individuals has been instructed in how to deal with this type of situation.
2. If appropriate action is not taken when you report the situation, report it again and continue reporting it until someone takes you seriously. Make sure that it is understood that you are serious.
3. When you are uncomfortable with someone else's behavior, and you think it is sexual in nature, please trust your judgment and report it to someone else.

ALLEGATION REPORTING GUIDELINES

If you report an allegation of abuse or harassment, these are the guidelines the Rotarians will follow.

1. When receiving the report from you, they will:
 - Listen attentively and stay calm. They will acknowledge that it takes a lot of courage to report abuse. They will listen and be encouraging.
 - Protect you. They will first ensure your safety and well-being. They will remove you from the situation immediately and from all contact with the alleged abuser or harasser. They will reassure you that this is for your own safety and that it is not a punishment.
 - Get the facts, but not interrogate. They will ask you questions that establish what was done and who did it. They will reassure you that you did the right thing in telling.
 - Be non-judgmental and reassure you. They will not be critical of anything that has happened or anyone who may be involved. They will assure you that the situation was not your fault and that it was brave and mature to report what happened.
 - Assure privacy but not confidentiality. They will explain that they will have to tell someone about the abuse or harassment to make it stop and to ensure that it doesn't happen to other students.
 - Record. They will make a written report of their conversation with you as soon after talking with you as they can. They will include the date and the time that they talked with you. They will use your words and will record only what you told them.
2. They will report this information as soon as possible to the hosting Club RYLA Chair, the District RYLA Chair or the District Governor providing none are the accused individual. This person will immediately notify the appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities in cases of abuse.

3. They will avoid gossip and blame. They will not tell anyone about the report other than those required by the guidelines. Care must be taken to protect the rights of both you as the victim and the alleged offender during any investigation.
4. They will not challenge the alleged offender. The adult to whom you report will not contact the alleged offender because the investigation must be left entirely to law enforcement authorities in cases of abuse. In cases of non-criminal harassment, the District RYLA Chair and RYLA Designate, who are responsible for the investigation, will contact the alleged offender after you have been moved to a safe environment.
5. They will follow-up. After appropriately reporting the allegations, Rotarians will follow up to make sure steps have been taken to address the situation.

DEFINITIONS

Sexual Abuse: Refers to engaging in implicit or explicit sexual acts with a student or forcing or encouraging a student to engage in implicit or explicit sexual acts alone or with another person of any age, of the same sex or opposite sex. This includes but is not limited to:

- Non-touching offenses (such as verbal intimidation, or other indirect suggestions with which you are uncomfortable).
- Indecent exposure (unwelcome revealing of sexual body parts such as breasts or genitals).
- Exposing a student to sexual or pornographic material.
- Sexual assault.

Sexual Harassment: Refers to sexual advances, requests for sexual favors or verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. In some cases, sexual harassment precedes sexual abuse. It is a technique used by sexual predators to desensitize or to groom their victims. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Sexual advances; sexually negative words or phrases used to insult someone, jokes, written or oral references to sexual conduct, gossip regarding one's sex life, comments about one's sexual activity, deficiencies or prowess.
- Verbal abuse of a sexual nature.
- Displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures or drawings.
- Sexual leering or whistling, any inappropriate physical contact such as brushing or touching, obscene language or gestures and suggestive or insulting comments.

Note: More detailed procedures are provided to the Rotarians responsible for students and the RYLA and are available upon request from interested parties.

Prepared for **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS – 2012**

I hereby state that I have read the above Sexual Abuse Response Policy and Procedures and that I am fully familiar with the contents thereof.

Student Name (*Please print*): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (*Please print*): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

(Directions to Students: Cut out the large section below with the solid lined border. Then make two folds on the dotted lines, folding along the long horizontal line first and along the short vertical line second.

This will give you a wallet or pocket-sized card to carry with you.)

<p style="text-align: center;">RYLA</p> <p>Student Protection Information Card</p> <p>Rotary International is committed to protecting the safety and well being of RYLA students and will not tolerate their abuse or harassment. All allegations of abuse or harassment will be taken seriously and must be handled within the guidelines provided herein. The safety and well being of students is always the first priority.</p>	<p>District RYLA Chair: John Landers</p> <p>Club RYLA Chair: Jim Villaume</p> <p>Any Rotary Club Member</p> <p>District Governor: Lauro Solis</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">STUDENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>If you are sexually or physically abused or harassed or are accused of sexually or physically abusing or harassing another person, you should follow this procedure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Report the situation immediately to the person with whom you feel most comfortable.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the RYLA Designate, the District RYLA Chair, any member of the host RYLA Rotary club, or the District Governor.• If you are not comfortable talking to a local person, contact a trusted Rotarian at home.• Your call will be received in a sensitive and confidential manner. Each of the above individuals has been trained to deal with this type of situation.2. If appropriate action is not taken when you report the situation, report it again and continue to report it until someone takes you seriously. Make sure that it is understood that you are serious.3. When you are uncomfortable with someone else's behavior, and you think it is sexual in nature, please trust your judgment and report it to someone else.	



Photography/Story Release

I hereby give the sponsoring Rotary club, hosting Rotary Club of Corpus Christi, and Rotary District 5930, its successors and assigns and those acting under its permission or upon its authority, the unqualified right and permission to reproduce, copyright, publish, circulate or otherwise use my name and/or photographic likeness; still, single, multiple or moving; in which I may be included in whole or in part, or composite.

I waive any right to inspect and approve the finished product or copy that may be used or the use to which it may be applied. This authorization and release covers the use of said materials in any published or broadcast form, (with any medium of advertising, publicity or trade in any part of the world) for a period of ten years.

Furthermore, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns, transfer to the organization, its successors and assigns, all of my rights, title and interests in and to all representatives of the organization.

I hereby warrant that I am of full age, or the parent/legal guardian of the child/minor named below and have every right to contract in my own name in the above regard. I state further that I have read the above authorization, release and agreement prior to its execution and that I am fully familiar with the contents thereof.

Check box if you DO NOT give permission to use your picture. You will be asked to notify a Rotarian at the weekend so you may be identified before publishing pictures. Reason for not allowing use of picture:

Student Name (Please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

What to bring to Camp RYLA

Transportation to RYLA should be arranged through your sponsoring Rotary Club (please check with your School Counselor for your contact) or an adult. Campers should not plan on driving themselves. If you end up driving due to unavoidable circumstances, the keys to your vehicle must be check in during registration and will be returned to you at the close of RYLA on Sunday afternoon. Campers are not allowed to leave RYLA at any time during the weekend. *RYLA will close at about 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Campers may be picked up at that time.*

Please bring the following:

- Sleeping bag, sheets, blanket
- Pillow
- Toiletries – toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc
- Shower shoes (if desired)
- Bath and hand towels
- Comfortable clothes -- Jeans and T-shirts recommended
- **NO INAPPROPRIATE DESIGNS OR SLOGANS ALLOWED**
- One T-shirt will be provided
- Sneakers or comfortable shoes.
- Jacket and/or raincoat (be prepared for cool evenings and possibly rain)
- Flashlight (remember to include fresh batteries)
- Camera
- Personal medication (must be clearly marked)
- Personal hygiene items
- Radios, Walkmans, I pods, etc., are allowed only in evenings in the cabins after all programming is concluded. Use at any other time may result on those items being confiscated for the duration of the camp.

The following items are **NOT** allowed and may be confiscated for the duration of the camp.

- **NO CELL PHONES – Access to cell phones will be provided in case of emergencies**
- **NO TOBACCO PRODUCTS**
- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**
- **NO ELECTRONIC GAMES**

Emergency Telephone Calls only: (361) 547-2448

Emergency personnel will be at the camp all weekend

RYLA information on Rotary Club Website: www.rotarycc.com

MAP TO RYLA

Driving instructions available at www.campzephyr.org → About Us → Directions

