

**CAMP RYLA**  
**2012**  
**CLUB GUIDELINES**  
**FOR ROTARY CLUBS ONLY**

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District 5320**

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**CAMP RYLA 2012  
General Information  
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**The Dates:** April 27 ~ 29, 2012

**The Cost:** \$350.00 per Camper (To be paid by local Rotary Club NOT Camper)

**The Place:** Idyllwild Pines Camp & Conference Center

## **The Candidate:**

The **Best** high school juniors, who will be seniors in the 2012-13 school years, with proven or potential leadership abilities. This camp has is designed for the student's JUNIOR year in high school. Please do not submit applications for non-juniors.

## **The Purpose:**

To provide outstanding student leaders an opportunity to expand and hone their leadership skills at a weekend scholarship camp.

## **The Objective:**

To provide an atmosphere where future leaders will experience learning situations that will aid them in developing sound values.

To promote an environment that will provide each individual with a basis of insight and understanding for intelligent leadership.

To promote involvement that encourages the participants to think through appropriate actions based on values and ethics.

To encourage the students through cooperative activities and group dynamics to develop leadership skills that can be carried back to their individual high schools and modeled.

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**Club Responsibilities**  
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**President:**

- Pick a RYLA 2012 Chairperson for the Club.
- Make sure the RYLA program is budgeted.
- Know and make sure all deadlines are met.

**RYLA Chairperson:**

- Become knowledgeable about RYLA.
- Know all deadlines and make sure they are met.
- Inform high school contacts about the RYLA program. (Potential contacts would be high school counselors, principals, student council coordinators, athletic directors, coaches, band directors and last year's RYLA campers.)
- Make sure all selected candidates attend the camp (the campers need to know the importance of notifying the sponsoring club if they can't attend, so an alternate can be selected.)
- Organize club camper selection committee.
- Make sure the RYLA candidate is informed of all elements of the program.
- Arrange transportation by a club member to and from the drop-off and pickup site. (This is a good opportunity for the candidate to find out more about Rotary and for the club to learn about RYLA on the return trip.)

**The campers are not to take their own vehicles to camp!**

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## **High School Contact:**

- Distribute and place posters throughout the high school in early 2012 (or when school starts) to encourage student interest, as well as distribute brochures and camp applications.
- Help in identifying a pool of eligible juniors from which to select the best candidates. (A realistic club goal would be 4 to 5 student interviews for each scholarship to be awarded.)
- Become the point person in making sure there is a pool of at least 4 to 5 good potential students to be interviewed by the camper selection committee for each scholarship to be awarded. (The contact is not to select the camper, as that is the role of the Rotary club's camper selection committee.)

# **CAMP RYLA 2012**

## **The Recruitment Process**

### **FOR ROTARY CLUBS ONLY**

#### **Recruiting:**

Talk with your high school contacts early in the recruiting process to inform them about the RYLA program and what club resources are available.

Make sure the high school contacts understand that they are a very important link in the selection process.

Provide access to last year's camp video to be shown to potential 2012 campers.

Express to the high school contact the far reaching benefits their high school will receive by sending quality leaders. As seniors, these scholarship winners will bring back information and new skills that will benefit many others in the student body.

Some of the things that should be considered are:

- Involvement in school activities

- Involvement in athletics

- Work experience

- Other significant achievements

- Additional high school leadership roles

- OK academic record

If you have more than one club in your area, coordinate your efforts at the local high school, or if you have more than one high school, make sure you develop candidates at both schools. Also don't overlook private schools in your recruiting area.

#### **Interview:**

Organize a club interview committee.

Arrange an interview day for all of your candidates at one school.

Conduct an Interview Question period with each candidate.

Select an alternate for each scholarship awarded.

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## **The Recruitment Process Cont.**

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### **Sample Interview Questions:**

These questions are provided to help you (Rotarians charged with interviewing high school juniors to be selected for Camp RYLA) stimulate student responses that will enable you to select the best candidates. In addition to the questions below, use other questions you feel are appropriate to get the best results from each interview.

If you were interviewing candidates for this award, what leadership qualities would you look for? What would you want to know?

If I were to call your parents or teachers, what would they tell me are your two greatest strength?...two greatest weaknesses?

Is there anything you would like to share with us that would give us a reason to select you for Camp RYLA instead of another student?

When you accomplish a task, how do you determine you've done a good job?  
What five things do you value most in life?

If you had only six months to live, how would you spend your time?

If you won the lottery, how do you think it would change your life?

What program or activity at your school could benefit from your camp experience and how?

Who has had the most influence on your life and why?

What kinds of activities in life give you the greatest feelings of importance?

If you knew you could not fail, what one great thing would you dare to dream?

Have you held any jobs either after school or during the summer, and what has been your responsibility?

Do you foresee any conflicts with the Camp dates of mid-April?

Would you be willing to be an alternate if someone else from your school is chosen to be the primary participant?

Do you have any questions about Camp RYLA you would like to ask?

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## **The Recruitment Process Cont.**

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#### **Orientation:**

Be sure your candidates are aware they are receiving an award. Camp does not cost them. The scholarship they will receive to Camp RYLA is **RYLA**, the **Rotary Youth Leadership Award**. Make them aware of the commitment your club has made and that they will make in attending. Follow up with the students and their parents to ensure that all deadlines are met and any questions regarding camp are answered.

# **CAMP RYLA 2012**

## **Timetable**

### **FOR ROTARY CLUBS ONLY**

#### **November**

Have a RYLA Coordinator from the District Committee come to your club and give a program overview of RYLA.

Show the dynamite videotape of last year's program (see RYLA Representative assigned to your club.)

#### **December**

Organize the committee for camper recruitment.

Talk with local high school contacts about the RYLA program and the type of student desired. (See the Recruiting Process above)

Work with other clubs to insure all high schools are covered and two clubs are not recruiting from the same high school.

#### **December**

**Have club Treasurer send camper check for this year's camper(s), with Club Participation Form to:**

**Mike Darnold, RYLA Camp Director**

**26022 Avenida Mariposa**

**San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675-4417**

Questions Call (949) 395-7275 or E-mail: [darnoldmike@gmail.com](mailto:darnoldmike@gmail.com)

**Deadline for CHECKS (Money) is February 1, 2012**

Makes checks payable to: Rotary District 5320 Memo: RYLA Camp

#### **February**

Receive and review applications for students who are interested in attending Camp RYLA.

## March

Interview and choose a recipient for each of the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

Also, pick an alternate for each award, just in case the first selection cannot make it at the last moment.

Interviews and selection should be completed by the third week in March.

Make sure transportation to and from the drop-off and pick-up site is arranged.

**Each club is responsible for having a member take the camper to the Doubletree Hotel parking lot, along with picking them up at the end of camp.**

A phone visit with the parents would be in order to ensure that any questions that might arise are answered. (print and make copies of the parent letter, (last page of this document) to share with parents.

Inform your student of the members of your Rotary club that will be providing transportation to and from the drop-off and pick-up site.

Honor your RYLA candidate at a club meeting before camp.

## April – **Camper Applications DUE 03/19/2012**

Send your camper's application and medical forms to Mike Darnold (address above) by MARCH 19, 2012.

**Deadline for STUDENT paperwork is MARCH 19, 2012**

If a camper is unable to attend, inform the alternate of the available space.

Turn in the alternates' paperwork.

**Deadline for ALTERNATE paperwork; submitted to the committee no later than April 1, 2012.**

Camp RYLA – April 27, 2012

## May/June

Schedule your RYLA camper to give a presentation to your club.  
Invite parents and high school contacts to this meeting

**Rotary International District 5320**  
**CAMP RYLA**  
**Club Participation Form**  
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**Club Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City & Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail or hand deliver this information to:**

**Mike Darnold, RYLA Camp Director**  
**26022 Avenida Mariposa**  
**San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675-4417**  
**Cell (949) 395-7275**  
**E-mail: [darnoldmike@gmail.com](mailto:darnoldmike@gmail.com)**

**Please return A.S.A.P. - This is URGENT information.**

**CAMP RYLA 2012**  
**Club Commitment Form**  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Campers at a cost of \$350.00 per camper for a total cost of \_\_\_\_\_

**Club RYLA Chairperson Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to select students, which embody the leadership qualities as described in these Camp RYLA Club Guidelines.

Once selected, I will communicate to them all pertinent camp information (including our club's commitment to transporting them to and from the drop-off and pick-up site) in a timely manner.

I understand that all submitted camper applications are subject to review by the RYLA Camp Director.

Furthermore, I agree to meet all Camp RYLA deadlines unless special arrangements are made with the Camp RYLA Registrar or Camp RYLA District Committee Chairman.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Send this form with your club's check (payable to Rotary District 5320 Memo: RYLA to: Mike Darnold, RYLA Camp Director  
26022 Avenida Mariposa  
San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675-4417  
Questions Call (949) 395-7275 or E-mail: [darnoldmike@gmail.com](mailto:darnoldmike@gmail.com)**

**SPACE IS LIMITED... DEADLINE FOR PAYMENTS**  
**February 1, 2012**

# **CAMP RYLA 2012**

## **Student Campers**

### **WHAT TO BRING TO RYLA**

Warm jacket, gloves and a warm hat

Water resilient, warm walking shoes and lots of socks

Comfortable jeans, sweats or casual pants

Warm long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, and sweatshirts, as well as short sleeved t-shirts if it is warm (There may be snow, rain or sun, so pack accordingly)

Changes of under clothes

Sleep wear

Flashlight, chap-stick, rain gear, travel alarm (cell phones cannot be used for alarm clocks), sunglasses, or hat

Toiletries, soap, shampoo & conditioner, bath towel and wash cloth

Sleeping bag and pillow

Camera, notebook, pen or pencil

Comfortable social clothes/shoes

A sense of humor

Musical instrument for talent show, we do have an acoustic guitar available

Pack all your gear in a duffle bag or other suitable luggage

(You may have to carry it up to 100 yards)

## **CAMP RYLA 2012**

### **Campers -- WHAT NOT TO BRING TO RYLA**

Because of our **No Electronic Device Policy** parents may contact their

student, on an emergency basis only, through the camp numbers provided below. In case of an emergency, parents may contact their student at:  
Idyllwild Pines Camp 26375 State Highway 243 Idyllwild, CA 92549  
(951) 659-2607

Or

Call the Camp Director Mike Darnold at (949) 395-7275

Messages other than emergencies will not be accepted

Students are **NOT** to bring:

Any Electronic devices\*

Cell Phones\*

I-Pods\*

CD Players\*

Televisions\*

Video Games\*

Laptops\*

Valuables

\*The Camp Director, TA's or Dorm Parents will collect any of the above items or similar items if seen being used during camp and return them at the conclusion of camp.

Both parent/guardian and student please sign, and return this form as you register to get on the bus to go to camp.

I certify that both my student and I have read the What Not to Bring Portion of the Camp Guidelines and that my student will not violate the **No Electronic Device** policy. I understand that if my child does bring any of the above items listed or similar items, the camp director, TA's or Dorm Parents will collect the item and keep it until the conclusion of camp.

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Camper Signature

# CAMP RYLA 2012

## Transportation Information

**STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR OWN AUTOS TO CAMP!**

### **Friday, April 27**

Bus departure location for all RYLA students is the Doubletree Hotel, in Orange (See Map Below).

Buses will begin boarding at 9:30 a.m., and will depart promptly at 10:00 a.m.

*Bring a sack lunch to be eaten on the bus ride up to Idyllwild.*

### **Sunday, April 29**

Buses return from camp to the Doubletree Hotel, Orange.

Buses will leave Idyllwild at approximately 2:30 p.m. for return to the Doubletree Hotel (same location as departure).

Arrival time will be approximately 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

If there are any questions about transportation, please call Jill Spencer (714) 393-2217.

If a student is suddenly unable to attend camp due to illness, please call Jill Spencer. (see number above)

Rotarians/Parents: If you will be late picking up your student's at the Doubletree Hotel on Sunday, please call Jill Spencer. (see number above)

**Note:** The Rotary club sponsoring your student is responsible for transportation to and from the Doubletree Hotel, unless other arrangements are made by the camper's parents/guardians.

Dear Campers and Parents,

Thank you for considering the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp (RYLA). RYLA is a camp unlike any other, where your child will have the opportunity to learn more about themselves as they participate in a ropes course. Each camper is put into a “family”, with a male and female adult team assistant, and they spend the majority of camp with their family building leadership skills, while also learning the importance of listening to others. The previous years campers design and run the camp each year, with the assistance of some amazing adults.

We have a talent show and air guitar competition and encourage campers to bring instruments that they may play to participate. There is also a dance on Saturday night as well as a bonfire for those who do not dance. It is an action packed weekend that will blow the campers mind. I strongly encourage all campers and parents to visit our web site at [www.ryla5320.org](http://www.ryla5320.org).

There is absolutely no cost to you, as the Rotary Club in your area is sponsoring a designated number of campers. This camp is for High School Juniors only. Please do not apply if you are not a Junior. The perspective campers will be contacted by the sponsoring Rotary Club to conduct an interview, and then if they are chosen, said club will notify them.

If you require additional information please feel free to contact Karrie Good (RYLA Committee Member) at (714) 834-1314 ext. 212 or Mike Darnold (Camp Director) at (949) 395-7275 or Ron Gillett (RYLA Chairman) at (714) 321-6242.

We hope to see you at Camp,

The RYLA Committee