

# RYLA

## Rotary Youth Leadership Awards





# Leadership Retreat



- Created specifically to address the needs of today's students to prepare them for their future.
- We must prepare students for job that don't yet exist.
- Currently, over 50% of jobs require teamwork, a skill not necessarily taught in school. (Source: Zippia) That number is expected to increase.
- Nearly 60% of the American workforce is currently working remotely at least part-time. (Source: Upwork)
- We do know that no matter what they do, students need certain skills to be successful now and in the future.





# Target Skills:

- Problem-Solving
- Innovation
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Adaptability
- Navigating Ambiguity
- Decision-Making
- Critical Thinking
- Teamwork
- Community Engagement





# Students Build Skills Through:

- Engaging problem-solving activities, both online & in-person.
- Introspective reflection, sharing and non-judgmental discussion and support.





# High Ropes & Challenge Course

Pushes students out of their comfort zones, challenges them, builds trust and teamwork skills and helps students develop a growth mindset.



## Labyrinth Walk

Allows students time and space to reflect on their lives, their values and their goals.



# District 5320's RYLA

- Our RYLA Celebrates 31 Years in 2023
- Served Over 5,000 students
- Up to 200 leaders trained each year
- Need 60 volunteer participants
- Club Sponsorship: \$425/student





# Who are the Student Participants?

- Current Leaders
- Potential Leaders
- Those who have overcome challenges
- At-risk students needing a boost/support



**“RYLA changes lives”**



# How You Can Help:

## #1 Sponsor Local Students

- Reach out to local schools, churches, and student activities.
  - Counselors, Interact Advisors, Teachers, Coaches can all help connect you with students who are interested in leadership.
- Determine your club's selection criteria, how many students you would like to send, and set up interviews with the applicants. (Though interviews are not required by the district, having students interview helps them learn interviewing skills.)
- Selected students will be sent an acceptance letter and will be able to register online.
- Parental approval required
- More students interested/qualified than space?  
Keep a waiting list!





## #2 Be a Team Counselor

- If you enjoy working with teenagers, are a sympathetic/empathetic listener, are able to provide a non-judgmental environment for a team and have high energy and stamina, this is a great opportunity!
- Counselors must attend a training, complete the online training, and attend a pre-camp online meeting.
- Counselors will work with alumni, who are building their skills further by increasing responsibilities. Each team will have 2-3 leaders who will work together to help students grow in their leadership and life skills.
- Must be available to help lead the team April 18-20 online from 5-9pm (includes staff meeting from 5-6). No special technical skills are required for this. Tech support is provided.
- Must be available to help lead the team April 21-23 at Camp Idyllwild.







### #3 Other Volunteer Opportunities

- Dorm Parent – Reside with students and provide guidance and supervision
- Logistics – Help with room/space setup, replenish snacks and drinks, be a gopher
- Security – Walk grounds, provide key access as needed, be visible
- General Staff – Provide general support as needed





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