

GOALS

Camp RYLA's goals are threefold:

- To assist each student in developing a comprehensive view of leadership through emphasis on teamwork, motivation, and communication.
- To allow each student to sharpen her/his particular strengths through attending talks on leadership, joining group/cabin discussions, and participating in camp committees.
- To broaden each student's understanding and appreciation of others' unique qualities and abilities through participation in a cabin group and experiencing the cabin bonding process.

Phone (emergencies only!): 805-284-6872



Camper's Mailing Address

Camp Hoblitzelle

Attn: Camp RYLA/Student's Name

8060 Singleton Road
Midlothian, TX 76065

2025 CAMP RYLA

CAMPER INFORMATION

Camp RYLA is a student leadership camp sponsored by Rotary International, District 5810.



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2025

35
YEARS

OF EXCELLENCE
IN LEADERSHIP

May 24 - 29, 2026

Camp Hoblitzelle Conference Center
Midlothian, Texas

NOTE:
CAMP DAYS ARE
SUN. THRU FRI.



Check Out Our Videos at
RYLA5810.org

A Typical Day

Days begin early with aerobic exercises and a hearty breakfast to get the body moving. Throughout the morning, campers attend speaker sessions, educational workshops, and discussion groups.

Afternoons are filled with cooperative games and competition designed to build teamwork and spirit. In addition to volleyball and softball, the RYLA Olympics held on Thursday are always an annual favorite.



Evenings are busy between social events and activities that allow the campers to interact with one another. Between late-night snacks and a dance party, there is always something campers will find enjoyable.

The day isn't complete until campers return to their cabins for group discussions. This allows campers to reflect on the day and "process" what has been presented.

Group Dynamics

Each student is assigned to a cabin group consisting of other campers, an assistant counselor (a camper from previous years), and an experienced adult counselor. Campers in each cabin represent high schools from throughout District 5810.

Teamwork, communication, and consensus building are developed as the cabin group faces the week's challenges together. In addition, each student serves on various committee groups that actually take the responsibility for many aspects of the day-to-day events. Each camper has something to contribute. The basis of most camp memories and shared experiences come from participating in these cabin groups.



Camp Orientation

Plan on attending a April & May student/parent orientation meeting.
For more information go to www.ryla5810.org for schedule, dates, and locations.



The following is a list of items to help you with packing for the week at camp. The camp will be a lot of fun with a variety of activities, so bring clothes you'll feel comfortable in, as well as clothes that can get dirty when you participate in outdoor activities and sports.

Necessary

- Blankets, sheets, and pillow to make up a single bed (very important)
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Wash cloths
- Bath towels (2-3)
- Bathroom toiletries
- Reusable water bottle
- Bug repellent
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Hair dryer
- Hat or cap
- Light jacket/sweatshirt
- Jeans or pants (1 pair)
- Pajamas or sleepwear
- Shorts
- Shower shoes
- Sneakers
- Socks and underwear
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Swimsuit
- T-shirts (4-5) – (note: RYLA provides camp shirts for daily use for all campers/staff)
- Umbrella/rain gear

BAG TAGS

Be sure to label all of your pieces of luggage. Please put your pillow and bedding inside a labeled trash bag.

Recommended

- Baseball glove
- Camera
- 80s attire*
- Crazy hat*
- Crazy shirt*
- Crazy glasses*
- Extra pair of sneakers for lake activities (an old pair)
- Musical instrument*
- Sheet music for instrument or piano*
- Stationery, pen, pencil

* Watch for more information from the camp activities director about these items!

Optional

- Personal Snacks/Munchies
- Color markers/art supplies
- Any special talent support items
- Kleenex
- Magic tricks/juggling props
- Spending money (\$30 to \$35) for camp alumni shirts, hats and souvenirs. Speaker books. Any vending snacks.



Cell Phone Policy

Campers may bring their phones with them for transportation to and from camp. Campers will turn their cell phones in to counselors upon check-in.

Not Permitted...

Please do not bring tobacco or tobacco products, guns, knives, alcohol or drugs.