What is Camp RYLA?

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is a six day leadership training camp held **Sunday, May 24 through Friday, May 29, 2026.** The camp focuses on personal and professional development of high school students. Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape the leadership skills of today's youth. Camp RYLA is one way Rotarians achieve this goal.

Why Camp RYLA?

Strong leaders are made, not born - leadership principles are learned, not inherited. At Camp RYLA, you (the leader of tomorrow) have the unique opportunity to be exposed to the many facets of leadership by individuals who are already leaders in their professions. Camp RYLA is an enjoyable and valuable experience for those who meet the challenge.

How does Camp RYLA work?

More than 180 students, who will be seniors in the 2026-2027 year, will be selected for this scholarship award. These students are talented and enthusiastic leaders from high schools throughout your area. Camp RYLA proves you can make friends - and have fun - while learning and growing.

Fact ... As you approach graduation, you will be making important decisions that will affect you for the rest of your life.

Fact ... Our world needs qualified leaders who can motivate others, make sound decisions and execute their plans.

Fact ... our generation is the most competitive ever. Without skilled time management and self-discipline, you may be left behind.

Fact ... You can have all the knowledge in the world, but if it is not properly applied, it will be wasted.

Remember:

Knowledge + Action =

RESULTS

"RYLA is amazing! You learn a ton and don't even realize it because you're having so much fun." - Amber Taylor, Sherman H.S.

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Camp RYLA

- a student leadership camp -

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What will I get from Camp RYLA?

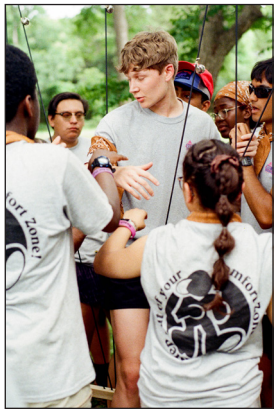
Camp RYLA provides you with an opportunity to exchange ideas, opinions and beliefs with other students like you in a relaxed, retreat style setting. At camp, you'll be involved. You'll develop new friendships and become a more effective role model, team player and leader.

What is a typical day at camp?

Days begin early with aerobic exercises to get the body moving. Throughout the morning, you'll attend speaker sessions, educational workshops and discussion groups.

Afternoons are filled with team sports and competitions designed to build teamwork and spirit.

Evenings are split between social activities and speaker events that allow you to interact with other campers. Your day isn't complete until you return to your cabin for group discussion. This time allows you to reflect on the day's experiences and what you have learned.



Who will I hang out with?

You are assigned to a 10 to 12 person group made up of approximately 10 campers, an assistant counselor (who has been a previous camper) and an experienced lead counselor. You will be in a group of diverse student leaders in your cabin representing high schools from throughout North Texas.

Teamwork, communication and "consensus building" develop as your cabin faces the week's challenges together. You will find you have many things in common with your cabin mates - the source of many of your camp memories.

What is Rotary and who are Rotarians?

Rotary International is a worldwide service organization comprised of business and professional men and women dedicated to the concept of "Service Above Self" and developing "Tomorrow's Leaders." Over 1.4 million individuals from over 200 countries are Rotarians.

How are participants selected?

RYLA campers are high school juniors who have excelled in one or more areas of high school involvement and who have proven leadership potential. Typically, camp participants have good academic records, hold offices and are involved in other student or community activities. Each year, more than 1500 students from 80 North Texas high schools compete for camp scholarships.

If you are interested in RYLA, talk to a high school counselor, student council coordinator, coach, principal or one of last year's RYLA campers at your high school. They will assist you by providing a Camp RYLA application and may coordinate student interviews with the local Rotary Club's RYLA chairperson. Interviews are usually conducted by early February and are important part of the competitive selection process. Applications should be completed fully and include a student photo and parental signature.

Don't Procrastinate!

APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE SUBMITTED THROUGH A ROTARY CLUB.

LOCATION OF CAMP:
CAMP HOBLITZELLE, MIDLOTHIAN, TEXAS.

Located only one hour south of downtown Dallas, this facility provides a unique and productive atmosphere for Camp RYLA activities. Facilities include air-conditioned cabins organized in separate villages surrounding meeting spaces, and a large lakeside dining hall for meals and events. Amenities include a swimming pool, volleyball courts, athletic fields, fresh air and sunshine (usually).