



## **Information for Future Students**

**And how RYLA might be one of the Best things you do this summer!**

**Rotary**  
District 6900



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## **When**

**Check In: Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM**

**Check Out: Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM**

## **Where**

**Georgia Southwestern State University**

**Americus, Georgia**

## **What**

**Team Building Activities**

**Leadership Skills**

**Ropes Course**

**Talent Show (for PRIZE\$)**

**Group Dance**

## **Who**

**YOU & 143 of Your (Soon-To-Be) Friends**

**Awesome Counselors**

**Incredible Speakers**

# **What is RYLA?**

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth and young adults, ages 14-30, to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. RYLAs often take the form of a seminar, camp, or workshop, generally 3-10 days in length, organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multidistrict level.

Participants are nominated by local Rotary clubs, which often cover all expenses. For these young adults, this recognition offers the opportunity to build self-confidence, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills.

RYLA gives Rotarians the opportunity to mentor promising young leaders serving their own communities and beyond. Rotarians serve as resources for participants on the path to becoming professional and community leaders. In turn, RYLA can bring new energy to a Rotary district, inspire ideas for service, increase support of community service projects, and develop future Rotarians.

Originating in 1959 in Queensland, Australia, RYLA was created as a festival highlighting local youth organized in honor of a royal visit by Princess Victoria. Through Rotarians' constant belief in the potential of youth, RYLA has since become an opportunity to help the next generation of leaders define themselves and expand their skills. Officially adopted by Rotary International (RI) in 1971, this exciting program engages Rotary clubs and districts around the world.

Each RYLA shares the following program objectives:

- To demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- To encourage and assist young people in responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a valuable training experience
- To foster continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth
- To publicly recognize the many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders

# **What is Rotary?**

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Rotary club members provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary's main objective is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world.

## **The Value of RYLA**

RYLA enables every Rotary Club to acknowledge the service to the community of young people.

RYLA excites young leaders and provides them with improved techniques, which are brought back to their community.

RYLA diverts public attention from delinquent elements to those who are willing to serve, thus giving more responsible young people much needed encouragement.

RYLA helps bridge the communications gap between generations and improve relationships with young groups, families, and communities.

RYLA is a complimentary program to other Rotary youth activities and has been instrumental in the formation of Rotary Clubs.

# Why should you attend RYLA?

RYLAs are designed for young adults with proven leadership ability and a commitment to community service. RYLA will help you discover your potential and develop the skills needed to be a leader in your community, career, and everyday life.

A RYLA Conference is unique. Through the granting of RYLA, a number of young people from different social and educational backgrounds, religions and assorted activities are brought together to work, learn, and discuss the problems of their generation.

Through RYLA, you can

- Develop your leadership skills and character
- Gain exposure to a variety of issues and people
- Meet active community leaders
- Learn valuable information and career skills

All the while, you'll also have fun, build friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime.



**WE**  **RYLA** **AND WE THINK YOU WILL TOO!**



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