



RYLA Rotary District 7780

80 Pine Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

www.ryla7780.org

Sunday, June 21st to Wednesday, June 24th 2026

RYLA 2026 FAQ

When is RYLA 2026?

RYLA 2026 is Sunday June 21st – Wednesday June 24th, 2026.

What time should I arrive?

All participants are expected to arrive at 8:30 am on Sunday, June 21st, 2026.

I have other plans on Sunday morning. May I arrive late?

No.

In the past we have allowed participants to arrive late, but they never really seem to catch up with the group. RYLA is a fast-paced program, and it is not fair to the rest of the group who will depend on you to be there.

What time is RYLA over?

Closing ceremony for RYLA begins on Wednesday, June 24th, 2026, at 5:15 PM.

Parents are invited to attend and are encouraged to arrive just before 5:00 PM to have time to walk to the waterfront (3/4 mile walk). The closing ceremony will be followed by a Barbecue at 6:15 pm. Participants are released to their parents after the closing ceremony so it is estimated that they will leave at 6:30 pm at the earliest.

What is the BBQ?

Closing ceremony is followed by a community barbeque. Campers BBQ fee is paid for. Parents and other guests may purchase tickets.

1 ticket for \$12.00

2 tickets for \$20.00

3 tickets for \$30.00

To pre-purchase mail a check to the mailing address above along with your forms. You can also purchase at drop off, or day of.



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What should I bring to RYLA?

Consult the Equipment List for personal belongings and necessities.

Students need the following items completed BEFORE Camp in order to participate:

- **Photo Release Form:** Signed by Camper & Parent/Guardian
- **Medical Forms:** (Either BSA form by itself or accompanied by a doctor's form). You should have already submitted this form by **June 1st**, but if you have not, bring it with you to camp. You will not participate without it.
- **Required Medications:** Any required medication for the week. Do not pack medication in your luggage. Be prepared to turn it into the RYLA Nurse.
- **Updated Information:** If anything has changed since your application. Students will not be permitted to travel with anybody other than a parent or guardian unless their names are on the registration forms that were submitted for registration.

How should I dress for Camp?

The Equipment List is designed to help you prepare for four days and three nights. Prepare for rain, hot days, and maybe even cold nights. RYLA is an OUTDOOR program and will continue regardless of weather. It is best to dress in layers so you can adjust as needed. Having too many clothes is much better than not having enough. Students should dress appropriately for a coed camping environment.

A good rule of thumb: if your school won't permit you to wear it to Phys Ed class, don't wear it to RYLA.

Is there a telephone on site?

Yes, there is a phone available to participants to contact their parents/guardians only. DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES. They will not be protected from the elements, and you will not be permitted to use them at camp.

RYLA Staff will have their cell phones for emergencies only.



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One of my friends is going, can we share a tent? Or be in the same group?

No.

LEG's (Leadership Exploration Groups) are compiled so that there will be no two people from the same school together. LEG's and campsites are arranged in random order. Our policy gives everyone a chance to start fresh.

Can I bring my cell phone, tablet, laptop, hairdryer, or curling iron?

No.

RYLA is intentionally built to be an outdoor, device free camp. Electricity is limited to the dining hall, camp offices, and bathroom facilities. There will be no use for electronic devices at camp. There will also be no protection from theft or weather damage. We encourage you to disconnect from technology as much as possible.

Do I need money?

No.

Rotary District 7780 and your local Rotary Clubs have given you a full scholarship to attend camp. We strongly encourage you to visit your sponsoring club and thank them for the experience they've given you.

How do I arrange transportation?

Participants are responsible for their travel arrangements. Students are NOT allowed to drive themselves or their friends to RYLA. You may contact your sponsoring Rotary Club to assist you with transportation.

What is Rotary?

Rotary is one of the largest international service organizations in the world, and makes a difference in your community and internationally. There are more than 28,000 clubs in 160 countries. District 7780 consists of 40 clubs in Maine and New Hampshire. Rotarians are dedicated to humanitarian service, high ethical standards in business and their professions and the promotion of world understanding and peace.



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Why RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)?

Strong leaders must continuously work on their practice. Leadership skills and principles are learned, not inherited. Rotary clubs around the world are dedicated to helping young people develop their skills to the fullest. We believe that RYLA will assist young people to realize their potential and to adapt to experiences within their life and their communities. RYLA empowers participants to join other young people from across our District. RYLA participants come together to exchange ideas, plans and opinions with other talented and energetic people in a supportive atmosphere, free from pressure and distractions.

What type of advice would you give to a student attending?

Show up and be open to the experience. The RYLA curriculum expands on Positive Youth Development (PYD) that empowers leaders to find their voice, actively listen, and build on their unique strengths. Just be ready to be you!

What do we do for fun?

We build fun into each and every day. We are out in nature and enjoy a good s'mores at the campfire and have time for enjoying the waterfront of Panther Pond. Waterfront activities and High Ropes Course Challenges are planned for all participants, weather permitting.

What if my parents or I have more questions?

Contact District 7780 Camp Co-Directors

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