

Questions about RYLA

Who should consider attending? Camp is open to rising Juniors in high school. If you have a desire to increase your confidence and skill as an individual and leader, you should attend. RYLA provides experiential learning that will challenge you to take ownership of your strengths.

What will I take away from this experience? The answer goes well beyond a resume-building experience. Many RYLA alumni report back years later that RYLA was one of the most influential experiences of their lives, in which they gained lifelong friendships, increased confidence, and discovered the self-motivation to continually be challenged to achieve positive goals.

What is camping like? Camp Hinds is a Scouting facility that Rotary rents for the week. Tents are on a platform and have two cots per tent. The program runs from early morning to evening, meaning we spend little time in the campsite, besides your nightly campfire!

Why is RYLA technology/cell-phone free? We have learned that we need to put the distractions of the world behind us to create an environment of focus and to enhance learning. Campers will have access to calling home from our camp nurse or Camp Directors in an emergency.

Where can I find more information and how do I connect with Rotary? More information, including an overview of the RYLA team, needed forms, and contact information can be found at ryla7780.org.



Application Process

STEP ONE: Obtain an application from your local Rotary club, your Counseling/Guidance department, or online at ryla7780.org.

STEP TWO: Submit the application with a parent/guardian consent that you know you are applying for a scholarship, and that you are willing and able to attend the full camp - Sunday morning at 8:00 AM until Wednesday's closing ceremony at 5 PM.

STEP THREE: Interview or connect with the Rotary Club that is sponsoring you. Many will receive information from their Counseling/Guidance department, but remember that RYLA is a Rotary District 7780 program. Your counselor is a resource, but not part of the RYLA program.



STEP FOUR: When accepted to RYLA, mark your calendars and be ready to receive your welcome package. That will require medical forms and other required forms to be returned by June 1st.

STEP FIVE: Have your parents/guardians bring you to Camp Hinds on Sunday morning of camp week. Come with an open-mind, even if you are nervous. Let the 4-day journey begin!



Parent Information

- The RYLA curriculum builds daily, meaning attending the entire camp is a requirement.
- Welcome Packages are sent directly to students. A copy can be found at ryla7780.org. Please complete all medical forms and required parent/guardian signatures.
- On the final day of camp, we hold a BBQ for campers and guests. The BBQ is covered for campers, but we ask for parents to pre-purchase tickets. There is more information regarding this in the Welcome Package.
- RYLA rents the Scout facility; however, we use the Scouting Medical Form and Venture program form for insurance reasons. The collaboration between Scouting and Rotary allows for RYLA to function.