6220 RYLA Rotary Club Guide:

RYLA Process for District 6220

- 1. Rotary Clubs interested in participating in RYLA should first identify a RYLA officer/club contact. This club member should be the liaison between your club, your source for participants, and your District RYLA Committee.
- 2. Determine how many participants your club is willing to sponsor for RYLA. Once this is decided your club contact should download the <u>Club Commitment Form</u> fill it out and send it to <u>ryla6220@gmail.com</u> to reserve your spots in this year's event.
- 3. Find your participants and get them to the <u>Registration Form</u> so they can register for RYLA!! Clubs can and do find their participants in many different ways:
 - a. Form a partnership with a high school counselor, teacher, or have a contact in your area school district to help you out.
 - b. Utilize your area Interact Club and sponsor their members.
 - c. Poll your club members and send deserving students they know or know of.
 - d. You can select your participants however you choose, all we ask is that you determine they are deserving, would benefit from some leadership training, and that they could be a good Rotarian some day!
- 4. Arrange for transportation to and from camp for your participants. We encourage clubs in the same area to work together and carpool. Please do not ask your participants to drive themselves, especially if they are under 18. If you are having trouble arranging for transportation contact us and we will help you coordinate with other clubs and willing drivers as best we can.
- 5. Ask your participants to come and speak at your club after their RYLA experience. I have no doubt they will impress you with their poise, gratitude, and stories from camp.

FAQ's:

What should we be looking for in participants?

We like to target sophomores and juniors in high school so they are mature enough to handle the camp experience, and so they can bring their lessons and talents back to their schools and communities prior to beginning their next chapters in life. These students should be those that show the potential or propensity toward leadership and should be in good academic standing. (this does not mean they need good grades, just that they have proven responsibility at their school)

How do we know when our participants are registered?

Your participants will need your club contact name and email address for the registration form. Please provide that and you will get an e-mail confirmation once they have registered. (this is of course assuming your participants enter your information correctly...) To be certain you will get your confirmations, just send us a list of your participant names and we will watch for them and send confirmations as necessary.

Can Rotarians participate?

YES!!! One of the very unique things about our RYLA is having Rotarians participate side by side as peers with our student participants. It not only shows Rotary's dedication to youth, but also provides intergenerational perspective to leadership, problem-solving, and experiences. This is impactful and invaluable!!

As always if you have any questions e-mail us at ryla6220@gmail.com or call Mike Kaster, RYLA Committee Chair at 920-639-6905!! We hope to see you at RYLA Next Year!!!!