

ROTARY DISTRICT 6200 RYLA PROGRAM

RYLA DATES

Online: 06/12/2025

: 06/15-18/2024

Location: Stillwater Catholic Retreat Center

13407 Junius Rd Abbeville, La. 70510

The district 6200 Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program is a Youth Leadership program that is built on the principles of Rotary. The basis of the program is to build future service leaders to improve our communities, state, country, and world.

Our RYLA program is designed so that young adults (14-18 years of age) are placed on a 10-to-15-person team. These teams will meet online for the first three days, getting to know their teammates and begin learning team building and communication skills. They will then meet in person and be given tasks to complete over the next three days that are in competition with the other teams. These competitions are designed to allow all RYLA participants to show off their leadership talents with activities that challenge their physicality, creativity, problem-solving, intellectual ability, public speaking, Rotary knowledge, and, most of all, their ability to work together as a team. The core of our RYLA program is a D.I.S.C. personality test that each young adult takes. Throughout the program, they will be discovering in depth their own personality strengths and weaknesses as well as the strengths and weaknesses of the other personality types. During the competition process they will be taught and coached on how to use this knowledge to lead their team and how to support other leaders in a team environment.

Our RYLA Program is a great resource that clubs have to enhance the youth in their communities. It is also a must for any Interact Club future leaders. The cost per student is estimated at \$4,500.00. Because of the great generosity of our Rotary Clubs, who donate food and cook the meals along with all the volunteers who take time off to mentor and model Rotary to our RYLA participants, the cost to the clubs is less than 10% of that at \$425.00 per student for the five day program.

This year will be our first year of return Rylarians called "Trail Blazers". These are a select group of students who have completed the RYLA program and are returning as helpers and learning management skills while working alongside our Rotarians. These students are charged \$150.00 to return. They are asked to raise their own money. We expect they may request donations from local Rotary Clubs, and we encourage you to support them however

you see fit. Just know they are not RYLA students who your club sponsors. They are the “Trail Blazers” returning to participate as helpers.

The following are links to the forms your club needs to participate in RYLA.

[RYLA Club Participation Form](#)

[RYLA Student Participation Form](#)

The RYLA Team is always looking for high-quality Rotarians to help mold our future leadership. If you have a passion for helping our youth, please consider volunteering to help out at RYLA.

[RYLA Volunteer Application](#)

Please give RYLA your consideration.

Thank you,

Tim McNabb and the RYLA Team