

What is RYLA ?

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an intensive training program that brings together youth to further develop character and leadership skills and learn about Rotary. It is a 3 -day camp organized by Rotarians at the club, district, or multidistrict level. Our club participates in a RYLA Camp that brings high school juniors together from the 5220 District which covers Central California.

Participants are interviewed and nominated by local Rotary clubs. These select young people attend an all-expenses-paid camp where they are inspired by a diverse group of exceptional speakers, make life-long friends through fellowship activities, and discuss the ethical and social issues of today.

These activities are conducted in an atmosphere of trust and respect. The result is that these students return to their schools and communities motivated to take on additional leadership roles and to find additional ways to serve. 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.

The RYLA core curriculum includes:

- Fundamentals of Leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of Communication Skills
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Rotary's purpose and service to community
- Building self-esteem and self-confidence
- Elements of community and global citizenship

