

District 6880

RYLA 2011



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Dear Club President

Our 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program was a success. 2011 was the sixth year we have held RYLA at Camp ASCCA and we are pleased that Camp ASCCA will be our home for the foreseeable future. The staff at Camp ASCCA does an outstanding job in seeing that our students have an enjoyable weekend. Student feedback ratings continue to be high. So, let's continue to strive to make this event better each year.

The first thing that needs to be done on a local level is for each club to appoint a RYLA Chairman. This person will be the point of contact for all questions from students sponsored by your club. I have attached a job description.

The dates are set for Thursday, March 8th through Sunday, March 11th at Camp ASCCA, near Dadeville, AL (<http://www.campascca.org>). Our goal is for each Rotary Club in District 6880 to sponsor high school juniors and seniors for our program. We can accommodate approximately 85 students.

As usual, our activities include team building exercises, including low and high ropes courses, discussion seminars, and guest speakers. Our speakers for 2012 so far include: (1) Ms. Leandra Celaya, a motivational speaker from Birmingham, (2) Brent Cosby, a youth motivational speaker from Gant Alabama and (3) Dr. John Kline from Troy University.

The cost to your club for sponsoring one student for RYLA is \$200.00. This includes lodging and meals. This is a great bargain considering the great opportunity this provides our students. The RYLA committee in your club may select students in any number of ways. These include contacting your area school counselors, select outstanding Interact students, developing a contest, or judging applications based on resumes. I have enclosed a sample letter that you may use to send to area high school principals and school counselors. Once you make your selections, send the application packets and registration fees to me by February 15th, 2012.

Finally we need approximately 15 Counselors for RYLA. We have three categories of counselors: (1) Team Facilitators-these eight adults are each assigned to a student team become the point of contact for the students on the team for any issues. The facilitators are the “close contact” mentors. (2) Observers-other adults who are safety monitors and general facilitators. (3) Visitors-club members on temporary visit to observe and report back to their clubs. We encourage visitors, but they need to coordinate their visit with the chairman. All counselors will be charged for meals. Clubs should plan this into their RYLA budget. Please contact me if you have a member who interested in volunteering as a counselor or if you have any questions or suggestions for this year’s program.

Thank you,

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