



Spring is coming soon, and so is the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend at Bradley University on April 16 – 18. RYLA is Rotary's training program for young leaders, emphasizing leadership, citizenship and personal growth. These skills are reinforced with games, competitions and team-building activities to make this an enjoyable as well as enriching weekend for the participants.

The Bradley Rotaract Club, Bradley Fellows and Peoria Rotarians will provide everything to make this a successful weekend, with one exception. They need your club to sponsor outstanding high school sophomores from your area high school(s) to attend this event. The goal is to have two sophomores from each high school in District 6460 attend the RYLA weekend. Your club members can nominate students that they know, or you can contact your high school's guidance counselors to recommend students for the event. Interact members who have not attended this event in the past might also benefit from RYLA. Participants are dropped off between 5 to 6 pm on Friday the 16th and picked up at 11am on Sunday the 18th.

An application form and a club instruction sheet are enclosed. You can also access these forms and more information about RYLA on the District website www.rotarydistrict6460.org. Applications must be received by Friday, March 19 so that we have time to mail the information packets to the participants. Your club sponsorship is \$100 per participant. All Inbound and Outbound Rotary Youth Exchange attend free.

For further information on the RYLA weekend, please contact RYLA 2010 Chair, Kristen Anthony at 815-919-0035 or at kanthony@mail.bradley.edu. For registration questions, please contact RYLA District Chair Ron Riggins at (309) 208-3515 or at ron@copsincorporated.com.

We look forward to completed applications from your club, and a great RYLA weekend.

Sincerely,

Larry Thompson
District Governor



RYLA Instructions for your Club

Announce the upcoming RYLA weekend at your next few club meetings and ask members to suggest students who could attend. Attendees should be sophomore high school students that meet the following criteria:

- Leadership experience or potential
- Cooperative nature and willingness to participate in a group
- Awareness of current events
- Strong communication skills
- Good performance in school, and
- Enthusiasm for sharing new-found skill with others

These are students that you would consider to either start or participate in an Interact Club in your local high school(s). Having two students (or more) from a school is ideal. If your club members do not provide enough recommendations, consider reaching out to your high school guidance counselors for prospective applicants.

Please send your completed applications with payment (again, all Rotary Youth Exchange students attend free but must submit an application) by Friday, March 19 to:

Ron Riggins

Cops Inc. Security Solutions
3318 N. University St.
Peoria, IL 61604
Fax (309) 682-2990
E-mail to ron@copsincorporated.com

Applications must be accompanied with payment of \$100 per participant. You can send checks made out to Rotary District 6460 or include a VISA or MasterCard number, expiration date and CVV/Security Code with each application.

Students and clubs will receive confirmation when applications are received.

Packets will be sent to the participants with schedule, map, directions, list of items to pack and more. This information will also be available at www.rotarydistrict6460.org.

FAQ's:

Q: Where will the participants sleep?

A: We have reserved off two separate sleeping rooms, one for the girls, and one for the guys. There will be constant supervision. If possible, please send a blow up mattress or something to sleep on.

Q: Will I be able to contact my son/daughter throughout the weekend?

A: Yes and no. In order for the participants to get the most out of the weekend, we will be keeping their phones during the day, but they are more than welcome to have them in the morning during breakfast and at night during free time. Should you need to contact your son/daughter, any of the team leaders will be more than willing to give you their phone number upon check in.

Q: Can I arrive late?

A: Yes, if necessary. Please inform the RYLA Chair ahead of time so we know not to expect you until a certain time and where we should meet you.

Q: What kind of activities will be taking place?

A: There will be team building activities, some involving sports/running/etc. Please make sure your child has the proper shoes and clothes to enable them to participate. They will also have the opportunity to go swimming and rock climbing.

Q: Can I register late?

A: We set the cutoff date for a reason; t-shirts need to be ordered, we need to have a correct count of people in order to determine how much staff is needed, and food needs to be bought and ordered. Please stick to the cutoff date.

Q: My son/daughter has already attended, can they attend again?

A: We encourage new students to participate, as most of the activities are very similar to the year before, however if they loved it so much that they can't stay away, then of course!

Q: What kind of food will be eaten?

A: Please fill out the allergy/dietary portion of the registration form to give us a better idea if certain food needs to be ordered. We typically have bagels/muffins/fruit for breakfast, sandwiches for lunch, a pasta and pizza for dinner, and then chips and snacks later in the evening.

Rotary District 6460 Youth Leadership Conference (RYLA) Registration Form
Bradley University Campus – Peoria Illinois
April 16-18, 2010

Please print

Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ High School _____ Grade _____

Contact Person _____ Contact Person Phone # _____

Sponsoring Rotary Club _____

Person Responsible for your Transportation (including phone #) _____

T-shirt size: (circle one) S M L XL XXL

Circle if applicable: Vegetarian No Red Meat No Poultry

Please list any known food allergies _____

Parental Permission and Medical Release

_____ (Student) has my permission to participate in the RYLA Conference. I understand that neither Rotary International, Rotary District 6460, nor the sponsoring Rotary Club shall be, in case or under any circumstances, liable for any illness, injury, or damage/loss of property incurred by the student during the program. It is understood that the student will attend the entire weekend program.

Should emergency medical treatment be necessary, I understand that every effort will be made to contact parents or guardians of student. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby authorize the RYLA Committee to act on my behalf and secure appropriate emergency medical care for my child.

Medical needs, allergies, medications, etc. _____

Insurance Company _____ Name of Insured _____ Group/Policy# _____

Signature of Student _____ Date _____ Signature of Parent/ Guardian _____ Date _____

Please print name of Parent/Guardian _____ Emergency contact #'s _____ / _____

Registration cost is \$100 per student.

Registration deadline is March 19, 2010

Payment: Check made payable to Rotary District 6460. Credit Card: VISA or MC (circle one)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV2/CID#: _____

(3 digit # on back of card)

Name (as it appears on card) _____ Signature _____

Mail completed form and check to: Ron Riggins, 3318 N. University St., Peoria, IL 61604, or

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