

Unite For Good
Rotary Youth Leadership Academy 2026
April 10-12 , 2026 | Lake Williamson, Carlinville, IL

The Rotary Youth Leadership Academy program in District 6460 is a one-time leadership development academy for high school students who make an impact on their school and community. The program develops leaders and encourages them to build connections and teamwork skills with peers from both in their community and in other countries. Facilitators will be young Rotarians from District 6460.

We need your club to sponsor outstanding high school sophomores from your community to attend this event. The goal is to have two or more sophomores from each Rotary Club in District 6460 attend the RYLA weekend, ideally sending one female and one male, if possible. The cost per student to attend is **\$250**.

Recruitment: You have 2 options when recruiting students for RYLA.

- Your club members can nominate students that they know.
- You may contact your high school's guidance counselors or other administrators to recommend students for the event. Future Interact Club leaders will benefit greatly from this program. It is not essential that the high school has an Interact club. In fact, sending a student to RYLA is a great first step to getting an Interact club started at your high school!
- ***Please contact us if you are considering sending more than 2 students.***

Registration: Register your students by **April 1, 2026**. That is a hard deadline with **no exceptions**.

The registration links can be shared with the students via email for them to complete. Please ensure the student has the **name of your Rotary club** to be used on the online form and note that there are separate forms to be filled out by the student and parent/guardian.

- **STUDENT:** Complete student registration online at <https://tinyurl.com/369t5w4s>.
- **STUDENT:** Complete Eaglecrest Adventure Intro To Team Challenge course waiver at <https://tinyurl.com/5n6n5dam>. This is sent to the student after the registration form is completed. ***This is required for the student to attend and failure to complete this form will result in the student sitting out on the low ropes course.***
- **PARENT/GUARDIAN:** Complete parent form online at <https://tinyurl.com/mh87h6zs>. This permission form will be sent to the parent/guardian email provided by the student.

Payment: The cost is **\$250** per student. If you plan to send students to RYLA in April, here is the process for making a payment:

- Checks can be made out to **Rotary District 6460** with a memo note to RYLA and the number of students you are sending.
- Please send your check to **Mike Robson at 841 Knox Road 2200 N, Wataga, IL, 61488**.

Drop-Off + Important Notes:

- Please note that **students should not drive themselves**. This is to ensure the safety of the students attending. The sending club should facilitate drivers. Students are required to stay the **entire** duration of the event. Students need to be dropped off at 4 pm. **Please do not arrive early**. We are still preparing the event and allot designated time prior to the event to do so.

We are here to help every step of the way!

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