



CAMPER INFORMATION

June 7-11, 2010

WHAT IS CAMP RYLA?

Camp RYLA is one of the many youth programs of Rotary International. This camp is sponsored by Rotary District 5730. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Award. Each district that participates in RYLA selects a location for their RYLA conference. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

To accomplish the goals set for RYLA, the local district arranges for speakers and activities. These activities include programs and activities such as: fundamentals of leadership, ethics of positive leadership, communication skills in effective leadership, problem solving and conflict resolution; building self confidence and self-esteem, elements of community and global citizenship, sportsmanship and competition; spirituality, and character as vital ingredients in youth and adult leadership. The young people participating in this program are carefully selected for their leadership qualities and potential and for their scholarship and excellent moral standards. Campers learn the responsibilities for being a citizen of a free society. Campers also are taught the responsibility of service as a leader. It is not all work and no play. There are many fun activities along the way to build "better friendships" a goal of Rotary.

The counselors are leaders from the various communities in District 5730. They represent many business backgrounds. The campers are placed into small groups led by these individuals for an opportunity to discuss and share ideas.

Where Do We Go and What Do We Do?

Camp RYLA is held at Lone Tree Bible Ranch in Captain, New Mexico. It is an outstanding facility and is the perfect place for a youth leadership camp. The camp day will provide a variety of recreational activities, including the following: basketball, volleyball, mountain bike riding, ping pong, rappelling, rock climbing,

rifle range, high and low ropes courses, a mechanical bull, and a water slide. If you want to check it out the web site is [www. Lonetree.org](http://www.Lonetree.org).

Getting Ready for Camp

See the sheet entitled Suggested Clothing. Relax and be ready for a fun adventure. A lot of people have gone to a lot of hard work to make this a fun adventure. You need to sit back and enjoy.

You will need to complete three things and return them to me. They are the first several pages included with these information sheets.

1. Camp RYLA Registration Form. – Due April 1
2. Code of Conduct Form – Due May 1
3. Medical Form – Due May 1

All these forms must be signed by you and your parents. The medical form must be signed by your physician. You cannot go to camp without these forms. The return address is below. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

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Approximately two weeks before camp you will be contacted about the bus schedule. Please include an email address if you have one or a phone number where I can contact you. The busses leave from Amarillo and Odessa. They leave at approximately 7:00 a.m. We will arrive at camp at about 4:00 p.m. Monday. We will leave camp on Friday at about 9:30 a.m. and the first drop offs for campers will be about 1:00 p.m.