



April 17, 18, & 19, 2020

Beautiful Lake Williamson, Carlinville, Illinois

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Spring is coming soon, and so is the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) weekend at beautiful *Lake Williamson in Carlinville, IL* - April 17, 18, and 19, 2020.

RYLA is Rotary's premier training program for high school students, emphasizing leadership, citizenship and personal growth. These skills are reinforced with games, competitions and team-building activities to make this an enjoyable, educational and enriching weekend for participants.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

The weekend begins on Friday, April 17th at 4 PM and ends promptly on Sunday, April 19th at 12 Noon.

- ✓ RYLA is open to High School Sophomores or Juniors who have not attended RYLA in the past.
- ✓ District 6460's goal is to have two or more students from each high school (*not including Youth Exchange Inbound/Outbound students*) in District 6460 attend the RYLA weekend. We need **YOUR CLUB** to sponsor future leaders from your area high school(s) to attend this event!
- ✓ District Rotaract Clubs have been working on programming for several months and will provide a variety of plenary and breakout sessions designed to promote and enhance leadership skills, citizenship, and personal growth.
- ✓ District 6460 Rotarian (trained/experienced) volunteers will be in attendance throughout the weekend.
- ✓ Youth Exchange Inbound/Outbound Students will be sponsored by the Youth Exchange and RYLA Committees. (no charge to the clubs for these students)
- ✓ **Cost for the weekend is \$225 per student *IF* the three-page registration form and checks are postmarked/received *before March 20, 2020.***
- ✓ Registrations received after March 20, 2020 will be \$250/student.
- ✓ **The registration cutoff date will be *5:00 pm, April 10, 2020.***
- ✓ Requests for refunds will be addressed on an individual basis after the event. Refunds will only be considered for those issues outside the control of the student.

The three-page registration form, club instruction sheet, and promotional piece are available District website at <http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org> .

Students 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! Clubs have also had success in recruiting students for Youth Exchange once they have attended RYLA and interacted with the Inbound/Outbound students in attendance. RYLA alums have reported that they look for college opportunities that include Rotaract Clubs after attending RYLA. Rotaract members have been known to join their local Rotary Clubs after college. So many doors are opened and experiences provided through interaction with other students at RYLA!

Remember: early registration applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 20, 2020 and MUST include the early registration fee of \$225 per student. Late Registration fee is \$250.

For further information on the RYLA weekend, please contact:
District 6460 RYLA Chair:
Cathy Jo Littleton-Wahl at 217-883-1155 or wahlcathy@gmail.com

For registration questions, contact:
RYLA Registrar:
Jean Jumper at 217-370-7067 or jumper99@mchsi.com

We have a fantastic RYLA weekend planned and look forward to your club sponsoring future Rotary leaders.

Sincerely,

Cathy Jo Littleton-Wahl
District 6460 RYLA Chair
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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 or junior 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
- Enthusiasm for sharing new-found skills with others

WHERE TO FIND STUDENTS?

1. Your club members can nominate students that they know personally who are leaders, or have leadership potential (what student does not have leadership potential if given a chance?)
2. You may contact any or all of your local high schools' guidance counselors to recommend students for the event.
3. Contact your Interact Club sponsor for nominees.
4. Don't forget the Private Schools and/or home schooled students!

These are students that you would consider to either start or participate in an Interact Club in your local high school(s) and/or who would be good candidates for Youth Exchange. Having two students from each school is ideal!

OTHER ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE:

- ✓ RYLA organizers are committed to ensuring that all students, regardless of ability are provided with the full experience. Please contact the RYLA Chair with any questions regarding reasonable accommodations for proposed attendees.
- ✓ All applications, releases and health forms **MUST BE SIGNED** by the designated signatories! (Parents/sponsors/etc.) and must be submitted to the RYLA Registrar (Either Electronically or By Mail) **ON OR BEFORE** students arrive at Lake Williamson on **APRIL 17. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- ✓ Each Rotary Club is responsible for arranging transportation for their students' trip to, and home from Lake Williamson.

- ✓ Students are expected to attend and participate in all aspects of the weekend. Late arrivals and early departures are strongly discouraged and will be approved on a case by case basis.
- ✓ Students who drive their own vehicle to the event will be required to relinquish their keys to the RYLA Coordinator. (*RYLA coordinators STRONGLY discourage the practice of students driving themselves or other students to the event!*)
- ✓ Students who bring medication to the event will be asked to turn said medication over to the RYLA coordinator who will hold the medication in a secure area for distribution as necessary.
- ✓ Lake Williamson DOES NOT provide bedding. Students will be housed in dormitory rooms (in separate wings) and must bring sheets, blankets/sleeping bags and pillows.
- ✓ RYLA volunteers are not responsible for items brought to, or left at Lake Williamson. Please ask your students not to bring laptops/tablets or other electronic devices. They are not necessary and will be confiscated by RYLA Rotary volunteers, kept in a secure location and returned to the student prior to leaving on Sunday afternoon.

Please provide your completed three-page registration form either electronically or by mail with your check for \$225/student made payable to ROTARY DISTRICT 6460 by Friday, March 20, 2020 to:

R. Jean Jumper
240 E. Vandalia Rd
South Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

Registrations postmarked after March 20, 2020 must be accompanied by a check for \$250/student.

Students 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.

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