INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Who is organizing RYLA?

- RYLA is organized and conducted by Rotary District 7670 which comprises 45 Rotary Clubs in the 22 western most counties in North Carolina.
- District 7670 has been offering RYLA for high school students for 45 years.
- We are expecting over 100 students to participate.
- A local Rotary Club near you will be sponsoring your student.

What will your student learn?

- Team building and leadership skills through leadership development exercises.
- How to unlock their potential, and leadership development strategies by professional speakers.

The Facility

- RYLA will be held at Blue Ridge Assembly in Black Mountain, NC.
- For more information, visit their website at https://blueridgeassembly.org/

Safety and Supervision

- There will be one Rotary adult for every 8 to 10 students, and all volunteers have had background checks and youth protection training. They will be housed in the same location as students.
- Information about a student's special needs or medical needs will be available.
- Emergency clinics are nearby, and we have a volunteer healthcare professional on site during the event.

Transportation

- **Parents have the primary responsibility for transportation to and from RYLA**. If you cannot provide transportation for your child, the sponsoring Rotary Club will work with you and your child to arrange transportation. All Rotarians transporting students will have had Youth Protection Training.
- Transportation for each student's trip home is verified before student is released. You will get a waiver packet after your child has submitted an application, including a Travel Release Document on which you must provide us with the names of people authorized to pick up your child at the end of RYLA. We will not let your child get into a vehicle unless it is driven by one of the people you authorized.

Attendee Behavior

- We do not have a lot of rules at RYLA and the ones we do have, have been put in place for your child's safety and for the purpose of maintaining a fun and productive environment for everybody. Your child has read and signed off on their understanding of the rules when they signed the application.
- If, in the judgement of coaches and staff, your child's behavior fails to adequately be guided by the rules, we will inform you and you will be asked to pick up your child and take them home.

Your Rotary contact during the event will be **RYLA Chair Vicki Lawrence** (919-210-8072) who will be present at RYLA.