



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.
 - For the next RYLA we are expecting about 100 students.
 - A local Rotary Club near you will be sponsoring your child.
- What will your child learn?
 - Team building and leadership skills through leadership development exercises.
 - How to unlock their potential and leadership development strategies by professional speakers.
 - Service orientation by peer experience.
- The Facility
 - YMCA's Blue Ridge Assembly is a retreat and conference center in Black Mountain North Carolina which has been in business for 100 years.
 - Your child will sleep in a modern dormitory room shared by three other students.
 - YMCA provides trained staff for outdoor activities.
 - Most meals will be served in a large cafeteria, some may be catered in meeting rooms. Meals can be tailored to meet dietetic needs.
- Safety and supervision
 - There will be 1 Rotary adult for every 8 to 10 students, all have had background checks and youth protection training.
 - Adults will be housed in same dormitory hall as students (well supervised).
 - Boys and girls rooms will be on separate floors.
 - Information about student special medical or other needs will be available. We will have information needed to respond quickly to any emergency.
 - There will be a medical doctor on site at all times.
 - There will be a certified mental health professional onsite.
 - Emergency clinics are nearby
 - **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. Included will be 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. We are showing those rules below for your information.
 - 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 Director Mike Stevenson who will be present at RYLA (828-380-0580)

Rules for RYLA

1. BE A LEADER – show us what a true leader looks like at RYLA!
2. Be present – we will be checking attendance throughout event
3. Participate – you are expected to participate in ALL activities
4. Room assignments – are final, no switching rooms
5. Lights out – be in your assigned room by 11:00PM
6. Sneaking out of rooms – don't do it (or attempt to) after lights out
7. Leaving campus – this is strictly prohibited during RYLA
8. No "purple" – boys are blue, girls are pink, you get the point...
9. Show respect – RYLA Staff and Coaches are volunteers
10. Personal space – respect your fellow leaders' personal space
11. Sick call – check the schedule for designated medical question times
12. Check Out procedures – follow instructions at the end of RYLA