



“Walk a Mile in My Shoes”

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Re: **RYLA 2011**
May 12-15, 2011
University of Calgary Campus

The theme this year for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (**RYLA**) program is

Walk a Mile in My Shoes

Young people who are chosen for their leadership potential attend an all-expenses-paid camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice.

RYLA 2011 aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth; and
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.
- Empower the Youth Leaders to take action

Our goal for **RYLA 2011** is to have **100** students attend this year's high energy high impact program. **RYLA 2011** will be held on the University of Calgary Campus May 12-15, 2011.



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We have been able to hold our costs this year to **\$500** per student. This cost includes accommodation, meals, a dynamic **RYLA 2011** leadership program, social activities, and all supplies. Your club will be responsible for transportation to and from the University of Calgary Campus.

We have established the following timeline to ensure a successful **RYLA 2011** program, with maximum District involvement.

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| January 30 th , 2011 | Clubs Commit to the number of Student Leaders |
| February 28 th , 2011 | Clubs Submit Student Names and contact information |
| April 15 th , 2011 | Deadline for applications |
| May 12-15 th , 2011 | RYLA 2011 |

We encourage each club to decide as quickly as possible the number of students they wish to fund in order to help us organize and finance another great **RYLA** program.

We look forward to your support for **RYLA 2011** and for our youth leaders.

Yours in Rotary,

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Outcomes of attending *RYLA 2011*

RYLA 2011 (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a three day program for student leaders or up and coming student leaders. The program is designed for high school students in grades 10 and 11.

The overall aim of *RYLA 2011* is to show students how to take control of their own lives and to use this understanding to positively affect the lives of others. In order to teach and deliver the foundation of self fulfillment and destiny the following subjects and speakers will be utilized in the *RYLA 2011* program.

- Hearing outstanding speakers on subjects such as:
 - ✓ How to appropriately handle some financial aspects of life
 - ✓ Peer pressure—being one of the gang, is it worth it?
 - ✓ Leadership attributes—what are they and how can you obtain and utilize them.
 - ✓ Alcohol and drugs—what are the downfalls, and how can you avoid them.
 - ✓ Teenage stress—When is stress good for you and when does it cause problems.
 - ✓ Rotary's International student exchange—what is it and why should you consider being an exchange student.
 - ✓ How to live life without getting bent out of shape.

- Meeting other great students, who are searching for some answers to sometimes hard questions about life and living
- Taking part in discussions about life and living that are facing teenagers today and learning how to cope with tough life decisions
- Learning about **ROTARY**, what it is and what it does both locally and around the world
- Be prepared to take back ideas about you might help your student peers, and your school, address student life issues
- Learn what it takes to have leadership responsibility and thrive on it

Above all *RYLA 2011* is a program to enhance student leadership skills by helping high school students become versed in the issues facing them and their friends and school mates in today's complex, sometimes confusing, world.



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Rotary International District 5360
University of Calgary
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RYLA 2011
Award Winner Registration Form

RYLA Club Contact (please print)

Club Name: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____

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Award Winner Personal Information (please print)

Name: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Age: _____ Gender: Male/Female
School: _____
Grade: _____
Current Leadership Role: _____

Special diet needs (if any): _____

Signature of Award Winner: _____

Important Travel Information:

Please note that each sponsoring Rotary Club is responsible for transportation arrangements and costs to and from the camp.

Please forward registration fee of \$500 per Award Winner to District 5360 RYLA 2011 by April 15, 2011 to:

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Candidate Selection Process

RYLA 2011 is for young adults with proven leadership experience and potential leaders from diverse backgrounds. The ***RYLA 2011*** experience prepares young people to be leaders in their community and other facets of everyday life.

To assist us in making this year's RYLA camp the best experience possible we would like to recommend the following in making your candidate selection. Candidate will:

- Submit an application including a resume and an essay of approximately three hundred (300) words about "Leadership" such as "In my view, a good leader is someone who ...". Candidates should be encouraged to utilize the Rotary Four Way Test in their essay content;
- Be prepared to attend an interview;
- Know about Rotary and what we do (understand that this is a Rotary event and they are being sponsored by a specific Rotary Club);
- Possess the following traits:
 - Leadership experience or potential (extra curricular activities at school, community involvement, etc.)
 - 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
- Be in grade 10 or 11 (will accept grade 12 if unable to secure someone in grade 10 or 11); and
- Be prepared to come to their sponsoring Rotary Club after the RYLA camp for a brief presentation.



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