

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Update

WE'RE FULL!

JANUARY 2020

To date we have reservations for 22 Rotary Family students to include four Inbound Youth Exchange Students from District 5630 and five from 5650, we have nine reservations for at-large students, and 19 reservations for club vetted students. That's 50 out of 50 spaces – we are full!

Application Deadline is March 2, 2020

PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS. PLEASE FOLLOW UP WITH YOUR STUDENTS. THE EARLIER THE BETTER.

RYLA Fundraising

RYLA is a club and committee-funded activity. Student fees no longer cover all expenses (expect an increase to \$300 for 2021). Additional fund raising will occur. There are Gold, Silver, and Bronze sponsorship opportunities as well as program sponsorship. Doane University has stepped up. Perhaps more Universities would like to – can anyone help with this? All members should have received an email kindly requesting help to identify funding opportunities; [click here](#) for that link.

We're still finalizing the camp curriculum and it is jam packed with self-discovery, lessons in leadership, and fun! Take a peek at some of the weekend camp activities [-click here](#).

Volunteers/Camp Counselors

RYLA is a district activity and therefore benefits from all district members in one way or another. Some of you are on the planning committee. Some of you offered great feedback and suggestions. A few already have volunteered to help at camp. We thank you all.

Ten volunteers will be needed per day of the three-day camp to help it run smoothly. We are taking names now – here is the sign-up sheet: <https://forms.gle/RmnZ8dyfVxqGifBR8>. You may volunteer for as little as three-hours up to the entire weekend. All volunteers will need to complete an application and a background check and will require a bit of camp orientation. Four men and four women are required to stay overnight each night. We are recruiting Rotaract students to be camp counselors and will also accept Rotarians under age 30 to be camp counselors as well. At this point we only need two men for camp counselors. As opportunity remains, volunteers may choose their camp responsibility. Choices are:

Camp registration and orientation – create/develop/implement process to help campers check-in, receive needed materials and information, and be shown to their cabin.

Volunteer coordinator – armed with the days' line up, you make sure volunteers are on time and in place. If needed, you will locate replacements and juggle volunteers to make ends meet.

Sergeant at Arms – to be assigned per programming segment, see to it that the room is set up, all equipment and materials are at hand, the facilitator has all he/she needs, students are settled in, and general keeper of the peace.

Mentor – general oversight for congeniality, helping all students feel included, answer questions, serve as runners, etc.

Medic – we will need one licensed medical professional per day to include overnight.

Camp Counselor – the fifty students will be divided into small groups with one camp counselor. The counselor is responsible for positive small group behavior, leading discussions, and team building. This is an all-three-day camp responsibility. Overnight is elective.

Volunteer At-Large – this volunteer position is basically for extra hands, to act as a floater.

As you can see, RYLA 2020 is coming along and we are looking forward to district-wide participation. PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW – DO NOT WAIT – TIMELINESS IS A COURTESY. ***Applications and background checks take time.*** Perhaps your club could be the volunteers for a half day? It would be remarkable to have a volunteer from each club over the course of the weekend. However it works out, we too will be making new friends, learning new things, and impacting the youth of our district.

SPECIAL REQUEST: We seek a graphic designer ASAP to help with T-shirts and SWAG. Is that you?

Please contact District RYLA Chair Lori Benton, ryla@rotarydistrict5650.org, 404-694-0846 with any question, comment or concern. For the RYLA web page on the Rotary District 5650 Website, [click here](#).



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