



“Training Youth for Leadership Tomorrow”

Attention: 6780 Club Presidents and RYLA Coordinators!

The Rotary Clubs of District 6780 will again show our commitment to the youth of District 6780 by hosting our 29th annual RYLA.

RYLA registration forms and all other applicable materials are available for downloading from the “Youth/Young Adult” section of the District Web Site at:
<http://www.rotarydistrict6780.com/RYLEA.php>

Be sure to “Like” the RYLA 6780 Facebook Page!

RYLA is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth in a one-day, hands-on, leadership skills development program open to **outstanding High School Juniors** with demonstrated leadership qualities, selected by your Club from High Schools in your community.

RYLA leadership enhancement activities include:

Motivational speakers and leadership skills development exercises lead by **ADVENTUREWORKS**. *ADVENTUREWORKS is returning for their nineteenth year with a wide variety of enlightening and fun exercises. These exercises include the climbing wall, giant tree swing, zip line and low rope activities. Student evaluations raved about last year's program, and this year should be bigger and better than ever!* **Note: Parents and Rotarians may not participate in Adventureworks led activities.**

Dr. Ming Wang, a Harvard and MIT graduate (MD, magna cum laude) who grew up in Communist China will be our **RYLA** keynote speaker. Dr. Wang is one of the few cataract and LASIK eye surgeons in the world today who holds a doctorate degree in laser physics. He has performed over 55,000 procedures, *including on over 4,000 doctors!* Dr. Wang has published 8 textbooks and holds several U.S. patents. He founded the Wang Foundation for Christian Outreach to China and the Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration, two 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, which to date has helped patients from over 40 states in the U.S. and 55 countries around the world. All Wang Foundation sight restoration surgeries were performed free-of-charge. Dr. Wang delivered a highly engaging, inspirational, and educational program at the 2017 RYLA program and has agreed to return for 2020! ***Parents are welcome to attend Dr. Wang's RYLA presentation.***

- **COST: \$120.00 per student – Registration is open to High School Juniors.** Rotary clubs are encouraged to send **4 to 12 students** to this **RYLA** leadership development experience. *We do have a limit of 180 students total so register early!* All meals, snacks, drinks, and workshop materials are included in registration fee. **Late registrations - \$30.00 per student** (fee applies to registrations received after Friday, September 18, 2020 - No Exceptions! We need time to prepare the student's materials!
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Each Sponsoring Rotary club is responsible for arranging the transportation for their attendees. **All attendees and RYLA chairpersons MUST be prepared to stay until the RYLA program concludes!** Those providing transportation for attendees **MUST** provide contact information to the RYLA Committee prior to their departure and make the RYLA Committee aware of whether they or someone else will be responsible for picking up students at the conclusion of event. If another Rotarian will be responsible for the return trip, that Rotarian's contact information **MUST** also be provided to the Committee. **NO STUDENT MAY LEAVE RYLA WITHOUT CHECKING OUT!**
- **DRESS:** CASUAL – SHORTS, JEANS, KHAKIS, TENNIS SHOES. Layering would be appropriate to accommodate “unpredictable” weather conditions, as well as an *extra outfit and shoes* for “possible” unforeseen mishaps.

REGISTER EARLY! Selecting your students **prior** to the end of the school year (sophomore year) will ensure every attendee is fully prepared for this unforgettable leadership experience. It will also allow the **RYLA** planning committee to prepare attendee work materials and name tags.

To avoid a \$30 late fee, registrations must be postmarked by Friday September 18, 2020.

We prefer that you snail mail registrations with the registration fee. Checks may be mailed after registrations are sent to avoid a late fee.

Please let us know who your Club RYLA Coordinator will be via the RYLA Club Acknowledgement form as well as how many RYLA students your Club anticipates sponsoring.

RYLA 2020 District Committee:

Don Randolph, Sparta – Chair
Holly Hanson, Crossville – Vice Chair
Donna Fare, Sparta – Treasurer
Cindy Kraus, Farragut - Secretary
Linda Shults, Seymour – Advisor & Past Chair
Ken Jones, Cleveland -Advisor
John Cheney, Mt. Juliet – Advisor
Edna Varner, Chattanooga - Advisor
Pepe Perron, Crossville – Advisor & Event Coordination

**RYLA 2020 will be on
Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 at
1084 Camp Nakanawa Road
Crossville, TN 38571**

*Proprietors: Rotarian Pepe & Ann Perron
(931) 260-8244 or 260-6061*

**REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
BEGIN AT 7:30AM
(CENTRAL TIME)**

SEMINAR BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 8:15AM!