Rotary District 6900 | RYLA

RYLA Chair Checklist

☑ Decide on Club Participation

✓ We would like EVERY club in the district sponsor at least one student… or two. Or ten. 😊 How many students will you be sponsoring?

If you know how many students your club has budgeted to send to RYLA – great! If not, your first job will be to talk with your President and Board to make that decision. The cost for each participant this year will be $500. We will again provide a bus from the Atlanta area to Americus for the camp at a cost of $50 per student.

*RYLA is limited to the first 144 nominations with payment and bus seats are limited to the first 65 paid seats on a first paid, first served basis.

*RYLA reservations will only be secured with full payment.

*RYLA dates for 2027 are June 5-9.

✓ Complete and Submit the "Club Commitment" form as soon as possible – no later than **MARCH 1, 2027**

☑ Know Your Club's Responsibilities

✓ Club Responsibilities include:

- Selection of Students
- Payment of Student Tuition = $500 per student
- Payment of Bus Fee (if applicable) = $50 per student
- Ensure completion of student registration materials (will be emailed to you and to student)
- Transportation of student(s) to/from RYLA (Americus, GA) – or –
- Transportation of student(s) to/from Atlanta area charter bus

Pay Student Fees

✓ Submit Payment for your reserved number of students by **MARCH 1, 2027**.

- Reservations are not confirmed and secured until we receive full payment.

*In past years we reached our maximum limit students quickly and had to deny reservations, so please pay early. It also helps the RYLA District Committee to have your registration fee early in order to pay certain expenses that occur before camp.

Select Your Students

✓ Each Rotary Club is responsible for the selection of its sponsored students. You may choose to appoint a committee of Rotarians to interview and select candidates – completely up to you. Here are some options and tips for finding interested students:

1. Contact the local High School Administrators/Counselors and ask for a list of potential students, usually more than you will send. You may allow the schools to name the students for you or you may obtain nominees and select yourself. If you sponsor an Interact Club, you can select from club members.
2. Connect with your local Boys & Girls Club or YMCA. These organizations have a focus on youth and will likely have many qualified students who will be interested in attending but might not otherwise be aware of RYLA.
3. Reach out to friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors. Club members very likely know someone with a student who would be qualified and interested. Children of Rotarians are also eligible for RYLA.

✓ Students should ideally be completing their 10th grade year in high school*, and they should also have good character, a reasonable scholastic record and a willingness to commit themselves to attend the entire program.

*RYLA does accept student who have completed their 9th or 11th grade year in high school – the best RYLA students are those who have leadership potential.

Submit Names of Sponsored Students

✓ Submit the names of the selected students on the attached RYLA Selection Form (RYLA Brochure) to Susan Ruckman no later than **APRIL 1, 2027**. It is important that you work to meet these deadlines – many times the first student selected has conflicts and you must find a replacement student – and this schedule gives you adequate time to do so.

✓ Make sure your student understands that he/she is sponsored by your Rotary Club. Supply them with contact information for your local RYLA Chairperson so when questions arise there is a source of local help.

Submit All Required Forms

✓ If you have submitted all required information by **April 1st**, we will send instructions and forms (preferably by email) to be completed by the students and their parents. These forms will give the RYLA staff important information on each student, and they will also explain what to bring to RYLA along with addressing any questions the student may have. We will also send a copy of all of this information to you.

Get Your Students to RYLA on June 5th & Back Home June 9th

✓ Transportation to and from RYLA (or to/from the Atlanta charter bus) is a club responsibility. If your students are not riding the charter bus from the Atlanta area, please arrange transportation to and from Americus for each student.

- ✓ Make sure that your candidates know when and where to catch the bus if they are riding it. Appoint a Rotarian or a parent to be at the bus stop and see that they get on. The bus schedule is carefully planned and delays will interrupt the scheduled camp program. A copy of the bus schedule will be sent to you well ahead of the camp dates.

Double-Check All Instructions

✓ As RYLA Chair, you will be copied on all communications sent to your student(s) and parents. Please check carefully and be sure your student understands the instructions. These instructions will be emailed as soon as the Student Selection forms are received by the April 1st deadline.

Ask Questions

✓ CONTACT us at any time if you need help!

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