

**2012 Club
Camper Commitment
Rotary District 5520**

—THIS PAGE DUE WITH PAYMENT BY JANUARY 31st—

Date: _____

Rotary Club of: _____

RYLA Chair Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

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Mobile: _____

Email: _____

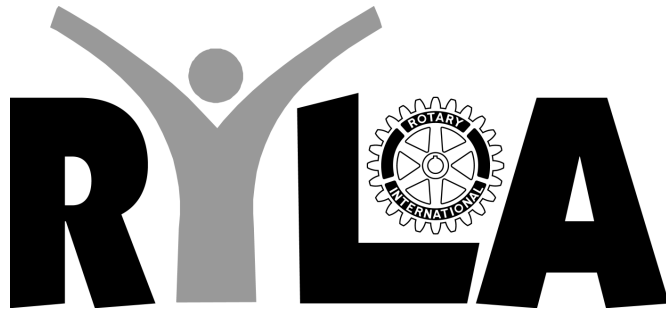
Our Rotary club commits to the following participants for RYLA:

	#		TOTALS
Girls' RYLA		@ \$500.00	\$
Boys' RYLA		@ \$500.00	\$
			\$

Make check payable to: RYLA—Rotary District 5520

Mail check with this commitment form to:

Loren Kuehne—RYLA (Phone: 575-522-3763)
3265 Arrowhead Rd. Ste 200
Las Cruces NM 88011-4786



RYLA 2012

Responsibilities of Local Rotary Club

<u>Date Done</u>	<u>Timetable</u>	<u>Action</u>
_____	October 1 – March 1	<p>1. Promote RYLA to qualified area youth through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. high schools—public and private b. area youth organizations c. Rotary sons, daughters, and friends <p>Prepare press releases and radio spot announcements for the search for candidates. With other members, visit principals, counselors, Ys, Scouts, etc. Spread the word. Show the RYLA video to contacts.</p> <p>Determine number of participants your Club will sponsor.</p>
_____	During January	2. Complete the Club Camper Commitment form and mail with a check for \$500 per camper to Loren Kuehne, 3265 Arrowhead Rd. Ste 200, Las Cruces NM 88011-4786. Please make checks payable to “RYLA—District 5520”
_____	Deadline: January 31	
_____	February, March, & April	3. Contact schools to collect completed student applications.
_____	Final Mailing Deadline	4. Interview all candidates and select your participants. <u>Also select alternates on a standby basis.</u>
_____	May 1	Mail entire completed RYLA Applications (8 pages each) to Shane LeMon, 2420 Midtown Pl. NE Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87107 for District Review. All applications must be received by May 1.

Responsibilities of Local Rotary Club (Continued)

<u>Date Done</u>	<u>Suggested Timetable</u>	<u>Action</u>
_____	May 15	5. Insure that your campers are fully informed about RYLA—when, where, what to bring, how to be transported. Prior to RYLA , sponsor a family night with their parents where the RYLA video is shown and RYLA explained.
_____	July	<p>Clubs are responsible for transportation for campers to arrive at the campground by noon Sunday, July 15, 2012, for girls, & by 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012, for the boys.</p> <p><i>PARTICIPANTS MAY NOT COME TO RYLA IN THEIR OWN CARS.</i></p> <p>Clubs are also responsible for participants' transportation back home after the program: Girls—10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 21, 2012 Boys—10:00 a.m. Friday, July 27, 2012</p>
_____	August through October	Have participants attend a club meeting to report on experience and present certificate provided by RYLA to each Participant. Provide feedback and criticism to District Chairman to improve RYLA program.

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING YOUR PARTICIPANTS

1. The school should present your Club's Committee with two or three times the number of qualified candidates you plan to select. Your Committee should then interview and choose the best-qualified students who are juniors going into their senior year. If you have any questions contact Jackie Morgan at 915-751-4831 or jmorgan@whc.net.
2. The following considerations are offered as possible criteria to be used in your selection process:
 - a. **Leadership Potential:** Does the student demonstrate those qualities, which might make him or her an effective leader?
 - b. **Questioning Thought:** Does the student have the ability to think through and arbitrate conflicts of value? Does the student have the ability to identify problems and seek creative solutions?
 - c. **Citizenship:** Is the candidate open to different ideas, cultures, races, religions, and values? Tomorrow's leaders will be a part of a multi-racial, multi-cultural, multi-religious society strongly influenced by the global information revolution.
 - d. **Ability to Relate with Peers:** How easily does the candidate get along with others?
 - e. **Openness to this Experience:** Will the candidate be open and adaptive enough to embrace the opportunities and challenges of life in a free and democratic society?
 - f. **Leadership/ Work Experience:** Has the student had opportunities to practice leadership skills in real-life situations? (Look for officers of school organizations, class officers, athletic team captains, and extracurricular leadership experience in Scouts, Church groups, etc.).
 - g. **Extracurricular Activities:** Has the candidate been involved in extracurricular activities? Emphasize quality of involvement rather than quantity. Has he or she had a job after school, evenings, or on weekends?
 - h. **Representative of Your School.** Is this candidate going to make a difference when he or she goes back to school with his/her peer group? We need to make an impact with all of the groups represented in a school and choosing candidates from different races, cultures, and values will enrich the others at the school when these young leaders return.
3. **Your Club would be wise to select "alternate candidates"** who will be prepared to attend the Camp in the event that any of your primary candidates could not attend. Last minute cancellations, and the problems that they cause, could thus be eliminated.

4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

We are looking for interested, sincere, well-rounded, potential leaders. The selection of good candidates by Rotarians is a critical element in the success of the RYLA program. See [Interview Rating Chart](#))

Any young man or woman – regardless of race, creed, or color:

- A. who will be a high school senior in September, 2012,
- B. who has demonstrated leadership potential in school, church, or community service, and
- C. who has a desire to develop his or her leadership potential, and
- D. who will contribute to making RYLA a meaningful experience for others,
- E. who will make every effort to attend RYLA.

5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

Nominations will be accepted from school guidance counselors, teachers, administrators, student councils, youth groups, social agencies, community leaders, and Rotarians. Final selections, however, are made following interviews by the sponsoring Rotary Club. **WHEN SELECTING STUDENT PARTICIPANTS, PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO STAY FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM WITHOUT ANY OTHER COMMITMENTS. THE PROGRAM IS VERY DEMANDING AND YOU SHOULD BE VERY CAREFUL IN YOUR SELECTION.**

6. FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact your RYLA chairman, president of your local Rotary Club or one of the District Committee members. If they are not available, phone Jackie Morgan at 915-751-4831 or write to Jackie at 5232 La Taste, El Paso TX 79924, or email jmorgan@whc.net.

Rotary District 5520 web page: www.rotary5520.org/ryla

(Sample News Release to Announce Search for Candidates)

For Immediate Release

For More Information, Contact

Name _____

Phone _____

The Rotary Club of _____ is searching for candidates to attend its annual District 5520 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference at Manzano Mountain Retreat this summer from July 15 through July 21, 2012, girls camp and July 21 through July 27th, 2012, for the boys camp.

_____, local committee chairperson, said that participants will be selected from young men and women who have exhibited leadership abilities and who will be entering their senior year of high school in the fall. The Rotary Club is now contacting high school principals, guidance counselors, youth organizations, and other sources for nominations of RYLA participants.

Aimed at developing the leadership potential of young men and women, RYLA will feature many challenging activities including workshops, speakers, discussions, sports, music, and news reporting. Topics will focus on decision-making, critical thinking, communicating effectively, ethics, public service, contemporary problems, and career development.

The participants will live, work, study, and play together in a democratic setting under the guidance of professional counselors and educators. In addition, guest lecturers and discussion leaders will present a wide variety of vocational and community interests.

Anyone interested in obtaining further information should contact:

_____ at _____
(address or phone number)

or any other member of the Rotary Club.

(Sample Letter to School Principals, Guidance Counselors & Others)

Dear

The Rotary Club of _____ is interested in community leadership, not only for today, but for tomorrow as well.

The students in your school will, in a very few years, be assuming some of your community's leadership roles. We know you are training them for the task. Rotary would like to help also.

For this reason, the sixty-eight Rotary Clubs in District 5520 will conduct their twenty-eighth annual Youth Leadership Conference at Manzano Mountain Retreat July 15 through July 21, 2012, (Girls) and July 21 through July 27, 2012 (boys). It will be staffed by carefully selected counselors and teachers. Our objective is to offer the challenge of accepting the responsibility of leadership. Much of each student's time will be structured with programs such as group discussions, guest speakers, career guidance, group sports and newsletter. Perhaps the greatest benefit will come from sharing this experience with the approximately ninety other outstanding young men and women from high schools in this District.

Our Rotary Club is asking you to nominate young men and women who have already displayed leadership abilities and who will profit most from this experience. We suggest they be selected first for leadership potential, second for good citizenship, third for desire to attend RYLA, and fourth for scholarship. These characteristics are listed in that order so that latent leaders are not overlooked because of grades. The only other requirement is that they must be students who will enter their senior class in September.

The nominations should be made and the names given to _____ no later than _____. Our Rotary Committee will then conduct interviews and select the campers.

It is our hope that the selection for the Youth Leadership Conference might become a regular part of your award system, and an honor that students can work for and achieve.

Thanks for your assistance in this project for the advancement of youth.

Sincerely

RYLA Committee Chairperson
Rotary Club of _____

PHOTOCOPY FOR CLUB USE

Candidate Rating Form Rotary Youth Leadership Award

Candidate Name: _____

School: _____

Date: _____

Confirm that candidate is currently a Junior in High School

RATE FROM LOW OF 1 TO 10 HIGH 

Character Traits	Score
Academic Standing (GPA and/or class rank)	
School Activities (clubs, Student Council, etc.)	
Community Involvement (church, volunteering, work)	
Awards & Recognitions	
Leadership Experience (class/club officer, ROTC, team captain)	
Sports Activities	
Hobbies (music, collecting, wood working, reading, cars, etc.)	
Sociability (likeable, personable, engaging)	
Communications Skills	
Overall Presentation	
TOTAL SCORE	

Additional Notes/Comments/Impressions: