

# RYLA 2006

August 23, 2005

Dear Rotary Club President,

We had great participation with more than ninety students attending RYLA 2005! We look forward to planning for RYLA 2006. The first commitment we need is a volunteer in each Rotary Club who will be the RYLA Chairman and will be the point of contact for all questions from students sponsored by your club. I have attached a job description. Please send me the contact information for your club chairman – including e-mail address, work telephone, and home telephone. **Please send the contact information to Bob Kelley 319 Lapsley Street, Selma, Al. 36701 or to [4rjkelley@bellsouth.net](mailto:4rjkelley@bellsouth.net).** Bob's telephone number is 334-872-0115. Please make sure to provide your RYLA Chairman with this packet of materials. The Chairman for your club will need to duplicate the information as necessary for your applicants.

The dates are set for **March 2-5 2006** and the location is Gunterl Air Force Base in Montgomery. My contact information is [4rjkelley@bellsouth.net](mailto:4rjkelley@bellsouth.net). Sponsorship is \$200.00 per student which includes housing, meals and all activities.

We will need approximately 10 Chaperones for RYLA. The Chaperones help with supervision and coordination during the camp weekend. This year Chaperones must make a commitment to stay during the entire RYLA event. RYLA picks up all expenses for Chaperones. Please contact me if you have a member who is interested in volunteering as a Chaperone or if you have any questions or suggestions for this year's program.

Thank you.

Bob Kelley  
RYLA Chairman

## ROTARY CLUB RYLA CHAIRPERSON RESPONSIBILITIES

Please review the entire packet of information. You will need to fill out some of the information on the student's application. **Please include the RYLA Fact Sheet and the Project X information sheet with the application packet.** Make sure to review both of these along with the transportation plan when you schedule your meeting. If you decide to contact school counselors, please explain their role is to assist in helping recruit qualified candidates. The Rotary Club Sponsor, and specifically the RYLA Chairperson for the Rotary Club, should be the primary contact for the students that are selected. My contact information is Bob Kelley 319 Lapsley Street, Selma, Al 36701. My home phone is 334-872-0115 and my cell phone is 334-327-0712.

1. Recruit RYLA students
  - a. You may ask for nominations from your club. You might want to consider requesting a letter of recommendation from a teacher or principal. You may also include any specific criteria – such as a minimum grade point average of 2.5.
  - b. Students may be children of Rotarians.
  - c. You may contact your local schools for referrals. A sample letter is enclosed. Please be sure if you send out this letter to add your name, address and telephone number for the school and student. Also, fill in the date that you need to receive applications in order to meet your Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> deadline.
2. Once the selection is complete, mail the completed applications to Bob Kelley. **The deadline to receive completed applications (and check) is January 28th. The application packet includes: 1.Application 2. Medical Release 3. Project X Release 4. Transportation Plan 5. RYLA Participant Agreement. (Make sure to make a copy for your records and for the parent's records.)**
3. Checks should be made out to RYLA 2006 and the checks should be mailed to Bob Kelley 319 Lapsley Street, Selma, Al. 36701 along with the applications. The cost to the club is \$200.00 per RYLA student. Make sure you have a cover sheet with your check that includes your club's name, the RYLA chairperson, and the name of the participants you are sponsoring. **Refunds will not be available for any cancellations after February 15<sup>th</sup> since final room reservations are required by that time.**
4. Select one or two alternates in the event a student must cancel.
5. Your committee should meet with the RYLA students and parents at least three weeks prior to RYLA. The purpose of this meeting is to insure that everyone has all the necessary information including: RYLA fact sheet, the explanation for Project X, the final agenda and contact information for you. Also, double check the transportation plan and then e-mail Jamie to let her know if you have any problems. Each year we pay for some rooms that are never used. Some of the students prefer to stay in the same room. Unfortunately, all the rooms have one double bed. If the parents agree and if two students choose to stay in one room, please notify me ASAP! Make sure families get a copy of the fact sheet, etc.!
6. Make sure to announce the need for RYLA Observers within your club. Also, RYLA picks up all expenses for Observers.
7. Invite your RYLA participant to give a program at your club on RYLA!

# RYLA 2006

TO: School Principals & School Counselors

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ Rotary Club

RE: RYLA 2006 – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar in  
Montgomery

Our Rotary Club seeks your help in identifying and nominating qualified and interested candidates for selection to attend RYLA 2006. There is no cost to the student. See the attached Fact Sheet for additional information.

RYLA 2006 is an opportunity for young people to focus on leadership and decision making skills in a seminar setting with approximately 100 other young leaders across Alabama. We are seeking student applicants (male & female high school juniors) who have demonstrated a desire and some ability as responsible leaders of others. These students do not necessarily have to be student body president or those who hold other student body leadership positions. What we do suggest is that those recommended as applicants are of strong character with positive attitudes that will benefit from and contribute to the seminar.

Please help by contacting qualified students within your school and giving them an application. Please assure that parental permission is included. Completed applications for selection must be mailed to your local Rotary Club representative by \_\_\_\_\_. Your Rotary representative will let you and the students know who has been selected to attend. Additional information regarding RYLA 2006 will be sent to the finalists.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
RYLA Chairman

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Telephone Number and E-Mail Address

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## RYLA FACT SHEET

**What :** RYLA 2006, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, is an intensive leadership training and conference for high school juniors and seniors. The program will include lectures and discussion periods with skilled and prominent leaders, as well as group activities, recreation, good food and fellowship.

**Who :** High School Juniors - Participants are selected and sponsored by their local Rotary club. Rotary members are business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, promote high ethical standards and strive to build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotarians act as chaperones for the entire experience. In addition to the Rotary Observers who stay on site at the base, Military security patrol during the night.

**Where :** RYLA 2006 will take place at Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery. Participants will stay on base and activities will take place there and in the Montgomery community. Participants are housed in hotel type rooms. Some students may share a common bathroom between two rooms. **The rooms are fully furnished with bedding and towels, TV, small refrigerator, etc.**

**When :** March 2 - 5 Participants will arrive Thursday, March 2nd by 5:00 p.m. Registration will be held between 3:00 and 5:00. RYLA concludes on Sunday morning, March 5th at approximately 10:30 following breakfast, an ecumenical prayer service, and final session.

**Why :** RYLA 2006 is an activity sponsored by the two districts of Rotary in the state of Alabama. This means that approximately 100 young people from Alabama will meet in a setting to focus on leadership and decision making skills based on the Rotary Four Way Test of things we think, say or do:

- Is It The Truth?
- Is It Fair To All Concerned?
- Will It Build Good Will And Better Friendships?
- Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

**Applications :** Applications are available through your local Rotary clubs. Parental or Guardian permission forms will be required for all participants. Selection of participants will be completed by 7<sup>th</sup> January 2006 so applications will be received by the 28<sup>th</sup> deadline..

**Expense :** There is no cost to any youth. You may bring individual spending money for incidental expenses. The local, sponsoring Rotary Club pays registration fees. **All students should coordinate their transportation arrangements through their Rotary sponsor.**

**Questions :** Clothing: casual for day meetings - blue jeans/t-shirts are fine, 50's Night/ 50's. - For questions or for additional information, you may contact your local sponsoring Rotary Club.

**WHAT IS PROJECT X?**  
(One of RYLA's group activities)

Project X is a training exercise developed for military leaders to help strengthen group leadership skills. The team is presented a challenge and the goal is to complete the challenge with the entire team within the allotted time. The facility is outside and there are walls between the different exercises. Groups of 10 will be assigned to go through the various exercises. Most of the exercises involve some type of water hazard – which means you can get wet (no more than 3 feet deep)! Experienced, military leaders supervise each team.

You will need to dress appropriately for Project X. Bring some old jogging or exercise clothes with layers. We will have towels in the event you should get wet! Project X is one of the highlights of the RYLA experience. The base requires the following release form to be signed in order to participate. You do not have to be in great shape to participate in each exercise.

A release form for Project X is included in the application packet.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete the following application, make a copy and mail to the RYLA Chairman listed.

**Sponsoring Rotary Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rotary Chairman Telephone, Address, and e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

(This top portion should be completed by the Rotary Club prior to distribution to students)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Soc. Sec #: \_\_\_\_\_ Tee Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend RYLA 2006 in Montgomery at Gunter Air Force Base, (date).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian Signature Date

**EDUCATION:**

What is your cumulative grade average? \_\_\_\_\_

List any educational awards you have received. \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION:** List any activities in which you have participated and indicate offices held. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**HOBBIES AND RECREATIONAL INTERESTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DO YOU THINK YOU WILL BENEFIT BY PARTICIPATING IN RYLA 2006?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Please use the back of this sheet if you need additional space)

# MEDICAL INFORMATION & HISTORY

To be filled out by Youth Applicant and their Parent  
This information is **CONFIDENTIAL** and is only for your safety.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ (SS# required for entry onto Base)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian to contact in an Emergency-Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Family doctor-Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Company coverage \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Group and Policy numbers \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL HISTORY

1. Do you have any allergies (e.g. Bees, Drugs, Foods, etc)? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

2. Are you taking any medications? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you have any Chronic Illnesses (e.g. Diabetes, Epilepsy, Asthma, etc.)? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Do you have any physical disabilities or conditions that might prevent you from any physical activities?  
Explain \_\_\_\_\_

5. Special Dietary Needs? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you currently being treated by a physician? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have any other medical conditions? Explain \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Applicant's Signature Date

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

# HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant Under 19 Years of Age

## PROJECT X FACILITY

I hereby grant permission, as parent/legal guardian, for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of participant)  
of \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in activities at the Project X Facility at  
(Organization)  
Maxwell AFB, AL on \_\_\_\_\_. I further agree to release and forever discharge  
(Date)

the United States, its officers, agents, and employees from all liability, claims, and demands of whatsoever nature arising from any injury or damage the above named person may incur while entering, observing, using, or leaving the Project X facility at Maxwell AFB, AL. This indemnification shall apply regardless of the standard alleged to have been, or found to have been, breached, which gave rise to a claim or liability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent/Legal guardian)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

# HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Adult Participant (Age 19 and Older)

## PROJECT X FACILITY

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to release and forever discharge the United States, its  
(Name of participant)  
officers, agents, and employees from all liability, claims, and demands of whatsoever nature arising from any injury or damage that may incur while entering, observing, using, or leaving the Project X facility at Maxwell AFB, AL. This indemnification shall apply regardless of the standard alleged to have been, or found to have been, breached, which gave rise to a claim or liability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Adult Participant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local RYLA Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

- Participant will drive own vehicle \_\_\_\_\_
- Participant will ride with Rotary member \_\_\_\_\_
- Participant will ride with another RYLA participant \_\_\_\_\_

If you are carpooling, please provide name of driver and students.

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\_\_\_\_\_

For those participants driving vehicles, please note that you will need to have your vehicle registration information and your proof of insurance in the vehicle and you will also need to show your driver’s license in order to enter the base. You will not be allowed to drive your vehicle on the base during RYLA unless there are special circumstances.

Registration and check in will be held at Gunter at the Senior NCO Academy Complex. Look for RYLA signs along the way, but the guard at the gate should be able to direct you there. For those students coming from South Alabama.... I-65 North continue past the I-85 exit to the second exit – **North Boulevard** (just over the river) take a right and continue approx 6 mi to the **231, 21, Wetumpka exit**. At the Wetumpka exit, take a right. (If you are driving from I-85, take the Wetumka exit and take a left onto Congressman Dickinson.) You will stay on **Congressman Dickinson Drive** for 1 mile to the entrance gate to Gunter . They have blocked the left-hand turn lane at the traffic light, so go just past the light and turn around and then enter the base. They will have a list with your name on it. Also, one of our Rotarians will be there to assist during registration hours, 3:00 – 5:00.

## RYLA PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Participation in RYLA is a privilege and an opportunity. All RYLA participants are chosen because of their leadership and therefore we request that all parties agree upon the following rules.

1. I agree that no alcoholic beverages or drugs may be brought onto the base or consumed by any participant.
2. I agree to a no smoking policy.
3. I agree to fully participate and to arrive on time for each activity.
4. I agree to abide by the curfews set by the team leaders.
5. I recognize that the base houses men and women of the military who may have to begin their jobs early each morning. Therefore, I agree to respect their need for rest and I pledge to be quiet after curfew.
6. I agree that for safety and respect, I am not allowed to visit other participants in their rooms.

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Student

Date

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Parent or Guardian

Date

