

**RYLA 2008 District Committee:**

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To: District 6780 Club Presidents, President-Elect's, and RYLA Coordinators

The Rotary Clubs of District 6780 will again live our motto “Service Above Self” while showing our commitment to the District’s youth by hosting our 16th annual **RYLA**. This is 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 SATURDAY, October 4, 2008

Will again be held at

Camp Nakanawa, Crossville, TN, Proprietors: Rotarian Pepe & Ann Perron (931) 260-8244 or 260-6061
Registration/Breakfast 7:30 – 8:00 Central Time
Seminar starts promptly at 8:15 Central Time

Planned **RYLA** leadership enhancement activities include motivational speakers and leadership skills development exercises lead by **ADVENTUREWORKS**. **ADVENTUREWORKS** is returning for their fourth year with a wide variety of enlightening and fun exercises, including the climbing wall, giant swing, zip line and low rope activities. Participants critiques raved about last years program, and this year should be even better.

Darren Johnson, Interactive motivational speaker, trainer, and consultant will be returning. Additional speakers and workshops will be announced prior to the **RYLA** seminar.

Cost: \$80.00 per person – Registration is open to High School Juniors. Rotary clubs are encouraged to send as many students as possible to this **RYLA** leadership development experience! However, we have a group size limit of 144 students. All meals, snacks, drinks, and workshop materials are included in registration fee. **Late registrations - \$100.00 per person** (applies to registrations received after Wednesday, September 24 -- No Exceptions!)

Canned Green Beans: Every **RYLA** student is asked to bring **four (4) cans of green beans** which will be donated to America’s Second Harvest food bank. Second Harvest is a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding the hungry.

Transportation: Each Sponsoring Rotary club is responsible for arranging the transportation for their attendees. All attendees must be prepared to stay until the **RYLA** program concludes.

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 ending of this school year (sophomore year) will ensure every attendee is fully prepared for this unforgettable leadership experience. It will also allow the planning committee to prepare attendee work materials, name tags, and include the personal data of your attendees in the annual printed RYLA Program. **To avoid a late fee, registrations must be received by September 24, 2008. However, by May 15, please let us know, via the attached RYLA Club Acknowledgement form, who your Club RYLA Coordinator will be and how many students your Club anticipates sponsoring.**

Registration forms and all other applicable materials are available for downloading from the District Web Site at <http://www.rotary6780.org/ryla/index.html>.