

To: Parents of Student Leaders
From: Rotary District 5280 RYLA Committee
Subject: Invitation to Attend 2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly (RYLA)

Congratulations! Your teenager has been chosen to attend the 2019 Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly sponsored by Rotary International District 5280, to be held on April 26-28, 2019 at Alpine Conference Center in Blue Jay, California.

WHAT IS ROTARY? Rotary International is the oldest service organization in the United States, having been founded in 1905. It currently has approximately 1.25 million members worldwide, comprised of local business men and women in the various communities where there are Rotary Clubs. Rotary is dedicated to the advancement of world understanding through peace and service projects and provides assemblies like the one to which your child has been invited as a means to help young people develop their leadership skills as part of that goal.

The rotary clubs are spending hundreds of dollars teaching your children leadership skills. If your child is signed up and cannot go, you must let us know before March 22, 2019. If you do not let us know before that date, you will be financially responsible to reimburse the rotary club that sponsored your child.

WHAT HAPPENS AT RYLA? Each year, between 180 and 200 high school students from Rotary International District 5280 meet for 2 days and participate in a variety of activities, including active leadership workshops, team building activities, an Olympics and talent show. Many friendships develop at these assemblies, some of which are carried forward as the students grow and mature. This conference offers your child an opportunity to learn and express leadership skills and to accept individual responsibility as the basis for personal success, community involvement and group achievement.

The center is comprised of cabins and dormitories, segregated by gender, all of which are fully enclosed and equipped with a full complement of restroom facilities. The program includes all meals and there is no need for money other than that needed for the gift shop and coffee bar. Set high in the San Bernardino Mountains, the setting of the camp is breathtaking and completely private, giving the students a peaceful environment in which to learn to know themselves and each other better. Each year's assembly is staffed by approximately 30 male and female adults, most of whom are Rotarians, with the occasional spouse or teacher, who is assigned to the cabins and dormitories and provide supervision of the students at all times.

As always, this year's RYLA has a full agenda of excellent speakers and motivators, as well as many activities, all designed to challenge the students and help them develop their leadership skills, for their benefit and the benefit of their communities. The students will be transported to and from the camp by bus, (see attached schedule) with an early-morning departure on Friday, April 26, 2019. The assembly ends at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, 2019 and the students will be returned to the designated locations at approximately 4:00 p.m. Transportation to and from the pick-up points will be your responsibility. You will receive confirmation of your student's transportation location approximately 10 days prior to the assembly.

(If you do not receive confirmation 10 days prior, please contact Krislyn @310-930-0715, krislynpomeroy@gmail.com)

Attached for your information are the following:

1. What to bring list
2. Directions to Blue Jay and camp phone number (emergency only)
3. Preliminary Agenda
4. "RYLA's Got Talent" Flyer

The cost is **\$200.00** per student and is usually paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club. The Rotary Club will notify you if the cost is to be shared in any way.

Please return the registration form with your consent portion signed by you, together with the Student Medical History and Consent to Treatment form signed by you, to the sponsoring Rotary Club as soon as possible and, again, congratulations. We look forward to your student's participation and are available if you have any questions.

PLEASE NOTE CELL PHONE SERVICE IS UNRELIABLE AT CAMP; YOUR CHILD MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTACT YOU BY CELL PHONE WHILE AT CAMP.

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Please give your completed registration forms to your Rotary sponsor or RYLA contact. ***Keep all other pages for future reference.*** All applications are to be returned by **March 22, 2019**. They should return the forms to:

Rotary District 5280
RYLA
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2618 Vargas Way
Redondo Beach, CA 90278 or
emailed to: krislynpomeroy@gmail.com



Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly

What to Bring List

Use as a checklist to ensure you have each item

****It can get very cold in the mountains, send your child with a snow jacket, gloves, snow hat, etc., in case of cold weather****

- o WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING-CAMP CLOTHES- NOT NEW CLOTHES, WE ARE OUTDOORS A LOT!!!!
- o Sleeping bag or sheet with two blankets
- o Pillow
- o TOWEL
- o Warm jacket
- o Gloves
- o Tennis shoes
- o Extra pair of shoes
- o Comfortable clothes for athletics
- o Personal toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, towel, washcloth, deodorant, Hairbrush, etc.)
- o Sunscreen
- o Refillable Water bottle
- o Props, costumes, musical instruments, tapes, CD's for Saturday night RYLA's Got Talent Talent Show (optional participation as performer)
- o Camera
- o **FLASHLIGHT!!!!** There are no streetlights and it gets darker than you might expect

****WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF YOUR BELONGINGS (INCLUDING CELL PHONES, I-PODS, ETC) AT ANY TIME****

DO NOT BRING

Marking pens

Pocketknives or other sharp instruments (scissors, razor blades)

Flip flops – dirt/gravel roads only

**PROHIBITED ITEMS – YOU WILL BE SENT HOME AT YOUR PARENTS EXPENSE
IF YOU BRING THESE ITEMS TO RYLA**

Illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia or cigarettes

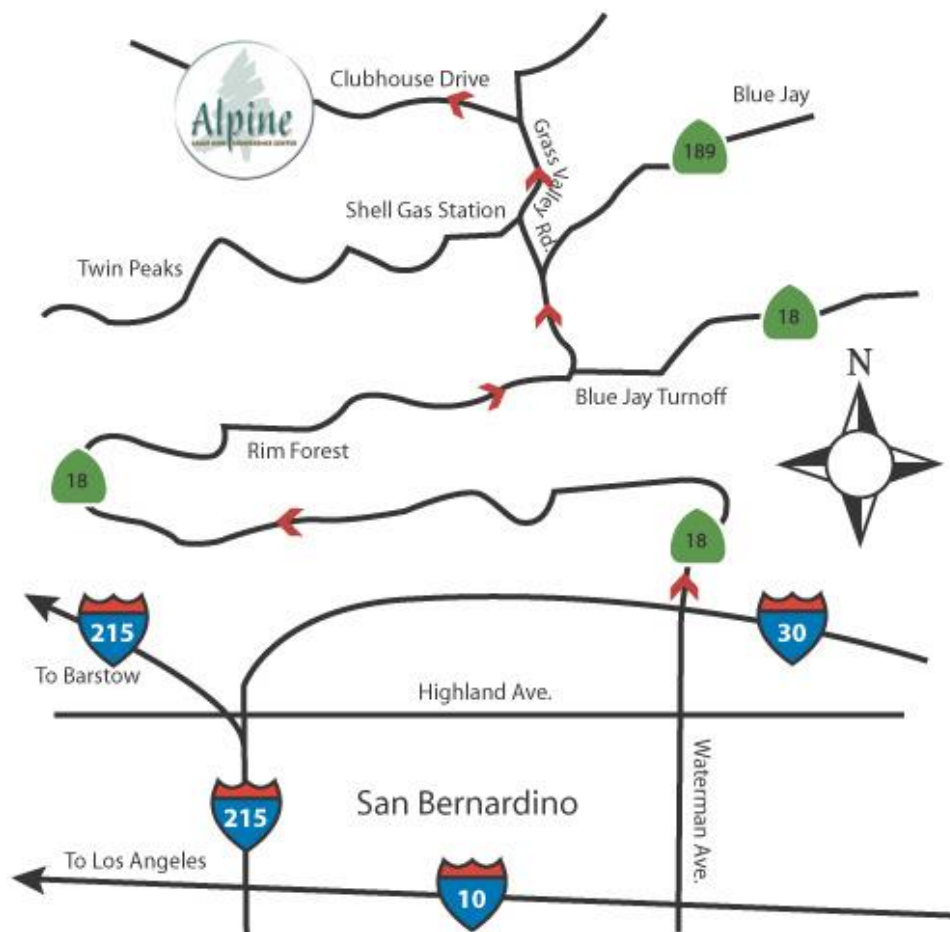
*Look like a leader***Talk like a leader***Act like a leader***You are a Leader*

Directions to Alpine and Camp information

The telephone number at Alpine Conference Center is 909-337-6287

Directions to Alpine conference Center:

- From the 10 Fwy. Go north on I-215 towards San Bernardino.
- Bear right at "Mt. Resorts" onto Hwy. 30, east.
- Exit at Waterman Ave. (Hwy. 18) and turn left (north) go up the mountain.
- Proceed on Hwy. 18 towards Lake Arrowhead.
- Continue 1/2 mile past the town of Rim Forest.
- Turn left onto Daley Cyn. Rd. at the "Blue Jay" turnoff sign.
- Turn left onto Hwy. 189 at the stop sign.
- Turn right onto Grass Valley Rd. at the Shell Station
- Bear left at the immediate intersection.
- Turn left onto Club House Dr. (3rd left).
- Registration is in the Redwood Lodge, the red building which is the second building on the left. Parking is available on both sides of the street.



Sample Agenda for RYLA Weekend

Time	Topic	Location	Misc. Information
<u>Friday</u>			
Various	Buses Start Rounds	Various	
10:30-10:45	Buses arrive at camp Registration begins	Cedar Lodge	Everyone Dist. Books/Pens
10:30-11:00	Find Assigned Cabins Name Badge Creations <i>Counselor Meeting</i>	Sports Court <i>Fireside room</i>	Students <i>All Counselors</i>
11:00-11:30	Opening Comments/Rules Staff Introductions	Chapel	Everyone
11:30-12:15	Lunch	Dining Room	Everyone
12:15-5:30	Team Confidence Building <i>Leadership Quest Begins</i>	Sports Court	Students/Staff
5:30-6:15	Dinner	Dining Hall	Students/Staff
6:15-6:35	Group Reflection	Chapel	Everyone
6:35-7:20	Revealing Secrets of a Magical Life	Chapel	Alan Rich
7:20-8:00	Jeami Duncan - Mercy's Village International	Cchapel	Everyone Book and pen Needed
8:00-9:30	Western Line & Square Dancing	Sports Court	Everyone
9:30-10:00	Snacks and free time NO NOISE PERMITTED	Cedar Lodge	Everyone
	Free Time "Respect Local Residents"	Lodge	Everyone
10:00 pm	Everyone in assigned cabins You will be moved BACK!	Cabins	Everyone
<u>Saturday</u>			
7:15-7:45	Optional – Nature walk or Yoga	Cedar Lodge	Andrew/Joe
8:00-8:45	Breakfast of Champions	Dining Room	Camp Staff
9:00 - 10:30	Team T-shirt Designing	Outside Dining Hall	Students Only
	<i>Counselor Meeting</i>	<i>Cedar Lodge</i>	<i>Counselors</i>
10:30 - 10:45	"Fast Break"	Campgrounds	Everyone

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10:45 -12:00	Communication “101”	Chapel	Everyone Dave Harris
12:00 - 12:25	Ethics	Chapel	Everyone Dave Harris
12:30 - 1:15	Lunch	Dining Hall	Everyone in TEAM T-SHIRTS
1:15 - 2:00	Olympics Parade	Sports Court/ Grass field	Everyone in TEAM T-SHIRTS
2:00 - 5:25	RYLA OLYMPICS	Campgrounds/ Grass Field	Everyone
5:30 - 6:15	“Four C’s” Dinner	Dining Room	Camp Staff
6:15 - 6:55	<i>FREE TIME- “RYLA IDOL”</i>	Practice-Practice-Practice	
7:00 - 8:30	Personality Profiles	Redwood Lodge	Joe Harding
8:45 -11:00	“RYLA’s Got Talent “ The Greatest Talent Show in the World-RYLA Style	Chapel	Hosted by Ryla Nick
11:00 pm	<i>Snacks</i>	<i>Chapel Patio</i>	<i>Warm clothing !!!!</i>
11:00 -11:59	The “Coolest Universe”	Fire Circle <i>Warm clothing !!!!</i>	ALL RYLARIANS
<u>Sunday</u>			
7:00 – 7:30	Optional Motivational Wake UP	Lodge	Joe
7:30 - 8:00	Clean up camp, dorms, pack	Campgrounds	Everyone
8:00 - 8:30	Power Breakfast	Dining Room	Hospitality Staff
8:45 – 10:45	VISIONEERING	Chapel	Donn Cottom
10:45 -11:45	Alien Invasion	Chapel/Patio	Everyone
11:45 -12:45	Evaluations / Awards Closing Comments	Chapel	Everyone
12:50 -1:30	Farewell Lunch	Dining Room	GO RYLA!!!
1:15 – 1:30	Group Photo	Main Lodge	Everyone in shirts
2:00 pm	Buses Depart from Alpine	Sports Court	
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Buses start to arrive at designated locations		

"RYLA's Got Talent" TALENT SHOW

- *Saturday Night*
- *Prizes awarded in these categories:*
 - *Singing*
 - *Lip - Sync*
 - *Dance*
 - *Drama*
 - *Comedy*
 - *Instrumental*
- *Individual and Group for all categories*
- *Be sure to bring your instruments, props and costumes!*
 - *Bring your own Music, CD or iPod.*
- *Microphone, video projector also avail @ Camp*
 - *Sign up at the conference*

Make your plans to enter now!!