



**4 th Annual District 6860
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program
January 28-30, 2010
U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, Alabama**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for considering allowing your son or daughter to participate in RYLA 2010. The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Program is an intensive leadership training program for high school students. The basics of the program are discussed below. If you have additional questions or concerns, the RYLA Coordinator named on page one of the formal application is available by phone or email. You may also check [http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/RotaryYouthLeadershipAwards\(RYLA\)/Pages/ridefault.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/YouthPrograms/RotaryYouthLeadershipAwards(RYLA)/Pages/ridefault.aspx)

WHAT:

RYLA 2010 is a program sponsored by Rotary International, but conducted by the Local Rotary District on a regional basis. Rotary District 6860 and the Rotary Clubs of Huntsville, Greater Huntsville and Madison, plan and conduct the annual North Alabama RYLA Program in partnership with the US Space and Rocket Center. Individual Rotary Clubs solicit applicants and select those they wish to sponsor. Each participating club plans to sponsor at least two students each year. This application is issued by The Rotary Club of _____ . The three day program consists of lectures and discussions with skilled and prominent leaders, group and team building activities, leadership training, fellowship, good food, and of course a MINI-SPACE CAMP!

WHO:

High School sophomore, junior and senior students may apply and be considered. Participants are selected on the basis of their academic achievements, school and community service activities, their hobbies and recreational interests and a short paragraph about, "Why I want to attend RYLA". Neatness and accuracy matter. The sponsoring Rotary Club will select those who attend. The selected students should not have previously attended RYLA. Rotary members will be present throughout the weekend along with well trained employees and counselors of the US Space and Rocket Center to supervise.

WHERE:

RYLA 2010 will take place at The U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Students will stay at the center in "camp-type" housing with 24 hour supervision provided by staff counselors.

WHEN:

January 28-30, 2010. Participants will arrive on Thursday afternoon for check-in between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., and depart Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. following the graduation ceremony. Thursday evening and Friday, students will focus on leadership training, team building and Rotary information. Saturday consists of the "Mini-Space Camp", Rotary Information and feedback, followed by the graduation ceremony at 3:00 p.m. Visit www.spacecamp.com to see all that U.S. Space and Rocket Center offers.

Applications are due at the Rotary Club above by Monday, January 11, 2010. Please check your son's or daughter's schedule carefully before signing this application. NA RYLA is a three day commitment and all students are expected to attend all sessions. When your Rotary Club agrees to sponsor your son or daughter they agree to pay a non-refundable registration fee of \$260.00.

WHY:

RYLA offers young future leaders an opportunity to meet in an exciting setting to share fellowship, develop leadership skills, and learn decision making skills based on the Rotary Four-Way Test:

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

COST:

There are no fees for the applicant. All costs for RYLA are paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

_____, President or RYLA Coordinator



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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2010 APPLICATION

Student Applicants Name _____ Sex _____
Mailing Address _____ City/St _____
Zip _____ Telephone _____ Age _____
High School _____ Grade _____
E-Mail _____ T-Shirt Size _____

I give permission for my son/daughter named above to attend RYLA 2010 at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama, January 28-30, 2010.

Completed applications must be returned to your local RYLA Coordinator at the address below **not later than January 11, 2010**. Please retain a copy for your records.

Parent or Guardian
Printed Name

Parent or Guardian
Signature

Date

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(This section is to be completed by your local Rotary Club)

RYLA Coordinator: _____

Sponsoring Club: _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____



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EDUCATION: What is your cumulative average? _____

Educational awards you have received: _____

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

HOBBIES AND RECREATIONAL INTERESTS:

COMMUNITY SERVICE: How are you supporting your community?

WHY I WANT TO ATTEND RYLA:

USE AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY.



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MEDICAL INFORMATION & HISTORY

To be filled out by Youth Applicant and their Parents. The health and safety of our students is important for both RYLA and the U.S. Space & Rocket Center®. This information is CONFIDENTIAL.

Name _____
Date of Birth _____ 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: _____
4. Do you have any physical disabilities or conditions that might prevent you from physical activities?
Explain: _____
5. Do you have any special dietary needs?
Explain: _____
6. Are you currently being treated by a physician?
Explain: _____
7. Do you have any other medical conditions?
Explain: _____

Students who have had Influenza-like-illness 7 days prior to the start of RYLA are asked not to attend!

Youth Applicant's Signature Date Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

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ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

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

1. I agree that no alcoholic beverages or drugs be brought onto the premises of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center 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 and every activity.
4. I agree to abide by the curfews set by the team leaders.
5. I agree that for safety and respect, I am not allowed to visit other participants in their rooms.
6. I agree that any photos and video images taken of me may be used as the RYLA sees fit.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Hold Harmless Agreement

I hereby grant permission, as parent/legal guardian, for

(Name of Participant)

to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program to participate in the 2010 activities at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. I further agree to release and forever discharge U.S. Space and Rocket Center officers, agents and/or employees from all liability, claims and demands of whatsoever nature arising from injury or damage the above named person may incur while entering, observing, using or leaving the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. 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)



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Transportation Plan and Driving Instructions

Student Name _____

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.

If arrival or departure plans differ, please provide details: _____

Directions – On Thursday, January 28, 2010

- Take Exit 15 off I-565 – follow signs to U.S. Space and Rocket Center
- After you pass the entrance to the Marriott Hotel you will enter USSRC East parking Lot
- Follow the signs marked RYLA Registration for parking
- Attendees and families will enter through the Red Tower Gate for registration. Rotarians will assist RYLA students with registration and room assignment between the hours of 4:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Graduation – On Saturday, January 30, 2010

- Graduation will be held between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the Educational Training Facility.