



# **RYLA 5170**

## **Camper's Guide**

**ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD**  
**EXPERIENCE 2019**



# **June 23 – 28, 2019**

Mission Springs Camp and Conference Center  
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Scotts Valley, CA 95066

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## **Dates to Remember**

June 23, 2019 - June 28, 2019.... CAMP RYLA 2019

## **Congratulations! You've been chosen**

We are so excited that you are about to take part in this opportunity! RYLA has been running for 30+ years and the learning, development, and joy continues to create a community that embodies Service Above Self. You will be surrounded and working with all types of leaders of all ages from across District 5170. You have been selected to attend Camp RYLA because you are a leader and your Rotarians want to provide you with more tools to add to your toolbox.

## **You have agreed to these terms:**

1. To abide by all camp rules as outlined in the online registration.

### **Camp Etiquette**

- 1. All campers are expected to arrive and depart camp via the arranged buses. Drop-offs and early departures/tardy arrivals will not be accommodated. Extenuating circumstances may be reviewed by Support Staff. Vacation plans are not considered extenuating circumstances.
- 2. Remain on Mission Springs campus at all times.
- 3. Lanyards must be worn and visible at all times, including free time.
- 4. RYLA apparel (shirts and sweatshirts) must be worn at all times, excluding free time, and cannot be altered in any way nor covered by other clothing. Dress for SPARC while at camp.
- SPARC stands for:

- Safety- Dress for Safety.
  - Part- Dress the Part.
  - Appropriately- Dress Appropriately.
  - Respect- Dress Respectfully.
  - Comfort- Dress for Comfort.
- 5. While cell phone use is encouraged for engaging with RYLA social media platforms and learning, please be considerate of presenters and fellow campers when using your cell phone.
  - 6. Be respectful of other individuals' personal belongings and space.
  - 7. Quiet hours begin at 10:30pm and end at 7:00am. Windows and doors must be closed to limit noise.
  - 8. Ensure that behavior and materials at camp are kept RYLA-rated, as we seek to foster an inclusive and welcoming environment for all. Behavior and materials which may be offensive to others should not be brought or accessed at camp.

## Safety

- 9. Make sure to use the buddy system and notify a Counselor of your whereabouts at all times including outside of programmed activities. Campers should never be alone.
- 10. Notify the RYLA Nurse of any health concerns or problems immediately.
- 11. All medications must be in their original packaging and will be collected by and kept with the camp nurse during the course of the week. The ONLY medications that may remain with campers are inhalers, EpiPens, and birth control.
- 12. Rooms must have clear pathways to exit in case of emergencies.
- 13. Follow all emergency protocols outlined by Staff.
- 14. All Camp RYLA Staff are state mandated reporters. By law, they must report any suspicion of minors being harmed, at risk of harm, causing harm to oneself or others.

Immediate Expulsion from Camp (At Parent/Guardian's Expense)

- 15. Boys are not allowed in the girls' areas of camp and girls are not allowed on the boys' areas of camp. If you violate this rule, you will be sent home IMMEDIATELY.
  - 16. Absolutely no kissing, sex, drugs, smoking/vaping, or alcohol. You will be sent home IMMEDIATELY.
  - At all times, keep the Rotary 4 Way Test in mind:
    - Is it true? Is it fair? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
2. You must be at RYLA the entire duration of camp. You cannot show up late or leave early. All campers must take the buses to camp as it is an integral piece of the RYLA experience; no exceptions. Parents/Guardians cannot drive you to Mission Springs due to the problems it creates for staff.
  3. Your parents/guardians/caretakers accept responsibility for drop off and pick up of campers from the bus locations provided by Camp RYLA.

## **What, When, Where and How of RYLA**

**What:** A five day Leadership Experience designed to bring out the leader in everyone. RYLA teaches participants appropriate ethics skills, starting with the fundamentals of our “Four Way Test.” Most of our counselors are former campers; typically in college or early in their careers. Counselors and staff are truly dedicated to RYLA and aspire to become future Rotarians. All of the staff are volunteers and spend a week of their vacation time because they love and believe in this program. Their passion shows to campers the value that Rotary brings to our communities and the world. We owe our volunteers a huge thank you for their time and commitment.

**When:** June 23<sup>th</sup> – June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Where:** Mission Springs Camp & Conference Center, Scotts Valley, California.

**How:** All expenses & transportation are paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club.

# What to Expect at Camp

Each year of camp is unique and special to the campers and staff participating. The lessons learned and development achieved is up to you. Camp RYLA will give back as much as you put in as an individual. There are many team building and group setting activities- be comfortable with being uncomfortable. It is encouraged that you bring you and all that you are willing to achieve.

## Before Arrive to Camp

- Eat breakfast before coming to camp. The bus ride can be long and we jump right into activities when you arrive. Our first meal together is dinner.

## A packed schedule

From the moment you get on the bus to when you say your “see you later”, Camp RYLA has something on the schedule. Please remember to hydrate, rest, and take time to relax when you need it. Listen to your body and ask a staff member for help if needed.

2:00-3:00 PM	<b>Brotherhood/Sisterhood Sessions</b> (Review Safety Procedure, Rules, Goals)	Meet in Quad - follow your counselor to your assigned locations!
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<b>Family Meet and Greet</b>	The Quad
4:00-4:45 PM	<b>Activity Workshop Orientation</b>	<b>Break Out Areas</b>
	RYLA Studios	Rec. Center #1
	RYLA Events	Rec. Center #2
	Entertainment	Amphitheatre
	Band & Choir	Leadership Ctr. Stage
	Sports	Sport Court
	Speech & Debate	Leadership Center 1
	Service	Fireside Hall
5:00-6:00PM	<b>Opening Ceremonies:</b> <b>Welcome to Camp</b> Joanne Mansch (Camp Co-Chair) <b>Program Overview &amp; Staff Introductions</b> Jenn Chang (Camp Director) Edfrance Orjalo (Asst. Camp Director) <b>Welcome from Mission Springs</b> <b>Health &amp; Safety Instructions</b> Jean Luong, MSN, RN (Camp Nurse) <b>Magic of RYLA</b> Roy Porfido	Leadership Center
6:00-7:00 PM	<b>Dinner</b>	Dining Hall
6:30-7:00 PM	<b>Staff Meeting</b>	Heritage Lounge
7:00 – 8:45 PM	<b>Leadership Team Opening</b>	Leadership Center
9:00 -10:45PM	<b>Camp Fire Program</b> Presented by: Your Staff	Leadership Center
11:00 PM	LIGHTS OUT! <i>Chuc ngu ngon</i>	

## **Community**

Camp RYLA is a community. From the very first year in 1985 to this year, every person who went through this leadership development shares a bond. There will be times when you work closely with your cabin mates, neighborhoods, and workshops. Have fun, be proud, and represent your community throughout Camp RYLA the way you want to be represented.

## **Growth and Learning**

Camp RYLA is centered on the development of leaders. You are here because someone saw something in you and wanted to help equip you with an experience to develop your skills more. You will be going through Leadership Modules ranging from Social Justice to knowing your Network. Within each of these Leadership Modules you will learn and be asked questions to have healthy discussion on topics at hand.

## **Service Above Self**

Camp RYLA is able to happen because of the sponsorship of Rotary International. Therefore, Camp RYLA abides by the motto of Service Above Self and the 4 Way Test. Please remember this is an opportunity, and you must follow the rules to ensure the safety of yourself and other campers.

## **Make a Checklist**

It's always good to make a checklist before you go on trip. Feel free to add anything else you feel is needed to bring to camp. Please see below for the recommended checklist:

### **CLOTHES**

- All campers will be provided with two camp t-shirts and a camp sweatshirt that you will be wearing during the week of camp. Please consider bringing long sleeves to layer under your camp attire since it gets cold in the mornings and evenings. Regular shirts/tops may only be worn during free time. Remember your RYLA wear should be on top!) When packing, remember SPARC:
  - Dress for Safety
  - Dress the Part
  - Dress for Appropriateness
  - Dress for Respect
  - Dress for Comfort

## LUGGAGE

- Make sure to Pack Light! – All you need is your clothing and the basics so be sure to bring luggage that would fit in one (1) carry-on for an airplane. Luggage will be stored on the bus, so we need to make sure there is enough room for everybody. Please plan accordingly.

## TOILETRIES

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Loofah
- Body wash
- Shaving razor (as needed)

## SLEEPING

- Beds and Blankets will be provided for you
- Pajamas

## DAYTIME/NIGHTTIME:

- Pants
- Shorts
- Undergarments (undies, bras, etc)
- Undershirt or long sleeved shirts– to layer under your camp shirt
- A few regular shirts to wear during free time
- Socks
- Closed toe shoes (sneakers, etc)
- Sandals
- Scarves (in case it gets cold at night)
- Hats (baseball and/or beanies)

## MISC.

- Backpack/messenger bag
- Reusable water bottle
- Cash for Coffee/Smoothie Bar

\*Please note that anything you bring to camp, Camp RYLA is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Putting your names on your belongings can help this.