

**RYLA 2011 District Committee:**

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Dear Student,

Congratulations! You have been selected by the _____ Rotary Club to participate in Rotary District 6780's 19th Annual **RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)** program on **Saturday, September 24, 2011**. District 6780 is comprised of sixty-six Rotary Clubs, which encompasses Eastern Tennessee.

You will be joined in this unique hands-on leadership experience by high school juniors from throughout our District who have also demonstrated leadership qualities and are being sponsored by one of our other District Rotary Clubs. Last year, Rotary clubs within our Rotary District sponsored 145 students.

This one-day program is designed to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth, and to provide an effective training experience for selected young leaders and potential leaders. The program encourages leadership of youth by youth and publicly recognizes young people who are rendering service to their communities.

RYLA will be held at CAMP NAKANAWA, located at 1084 Camp Nakanawa Road, Crossville, TN 38571-2146, (931) 260-8244 or 260-6061. The proprietors are Rotarian Pepe Perron and his wife Ann. Your registration fees and transportation to and from the event are the responsibility of your sponsoring Rotary Club.

Sign-in and Breakfast will be between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Central Time. The leadership program will begin promptly at 8:15 a.m., and end at approximately 5:30 p.m. Central Time. Breakfast and lunch are provided as part of the registration fee.

RYLA, A ONE-DAY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Rotarians in conjunction with other career professionals will help nurture the leadership abilities you and other High School Juniors from the Class 2012 have already developed, while introducing tools to aid in building additional leadership skills. Among the leadership activities planned are indoor and outdoor workshops with motivational speakers, and **ADVENTUREWORKS** team building interactive assignments incorporating the use of a "trust" course, climbing walls, giant swing and zip line.

Darren Johnson: Darren is founder and managing director of "InsideOut Learning." Mr. Johnson has been sharing his passion for positive growth and development from the inside out for over twenty years, and we are privileged to have this interactive motivational speaker, trainer, consultant, and facilitator. Additional speakers and workshops will be announced the day of the RYLA seminar.

Non-Perishable Food Items: Every RYLA student is asked to bring **no less than four (4) items of non-perishable food** which will be donated to local food banks dedicated to feeding the hungry.

Transportation: Your sponsoring Rotary Club will arrange for your transportation. **Attendees will not be dismissed from the leadership seminar until it has concluded at approximately 5:30 p.m. Central Time. Please plan accordingly.**

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 weather or mishaps.

Web Site: Please visit our District's web site to learn more about RYLA www.rotary6780.org/RYLA.cfm or the RYLA 6780 Facebook Page.

If you are interested in participating in this exciting and fun program, please Contact Me Immediately at

Ph # _____

So I can provide you with the necessary registration forms and provide you more detailed information.

Your Rotary Club, RYLA Coordinator. Rotarian _____