



ROTARY  
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LEADERSHIP  
AWARDS

SAVE THE DATE! OUR NEXT RYLA WILL BE

**MAY 12-15, 2016**

AT THE MT. BAKER CAMP IN DEMING, WA

## Our world, our communities and Rotary needs great leaders.

RYLA (pronounced rye-la) helps turn our youth into those great leaders. More than just an award, RYLA is an opportunity for our youth to hear from powerful speakers, to practice leadership skills with like-minded individuals and to develop as a person and a leader.

**\* RYLA IS 100% FUNDED BY THE ROTARY CLUBS SO THERE IS NO COST TO THE PARTICIPANTS YOU SEND**



### About the Program

The RYLA committee, comprised of Rotarians and previous RYLA participants, coordinates the dates, speakers and all other details. The programs at RYLA however are organized and run by previous RYLA graduates that we call Facilitators.

Participants arrive on Thursday and are greeted by the Facilitators. Many participants arrive with some nervousness but we set them at ease right away. Although participants meet as strangers on Thursday, they leave RYLA on Sunday with many new friends.

Going into too much detail would spoil some of the fun of attending RYLA. There are professional speakers who present different aspects of leadership. There are also many fun activities to put leadership skills into practice while building a sense of team and community.

We hope and expect that participants will take the lessons learned from RYLA and apply them to their personal life and their communities.

Thank you for doing your part to ensure the success of the program.

**Jackie Smith**  
Chair, RYLA 2016 District 5050  
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### Candidate Selection

Candidates must be sponsored by a Rotary club. Contact young adults you know, either at a local school, in the community, at work or home. RYLA is one of the few programs that Rotary has where **family members of Rotarians can participate.**

Look for candidates who hold a position of leadership and/or **display leadership potential.** In our experience, pretty well **every youth has that potential.** The problem isn't usually finding candidates but choosing between them.

Candidates represent many different types of leaders – coming from academics, sports, arts or other parts of the community. We have both **verbal** types and **quiet** ones who lead by their behaviour and by example. Candidates can be **male or female, married or single, American or Canadian.**

**We invite clubs to sponsor two candidates – preferably one female and one male. The registration deadline this year is April 27, 2016.**



FIND OUT MORE: [WWW.RYLA5050.ORG](http://WWW.RYLA5050.ORG)

**\* The cost to clubs for RYLA 2016 is US\$395/CA\$475 per participant.**