

## Most Frequently Asked Questions

### ***How do I get students from the local high schools?***

Simply forward the information I send to you on to the local schools guidance offices, A call in advance or an in person drop off can and will help you pinpoint exactly who to send/give the information to. Schools familiar with RYLA are very interested in getting the information. Schools who have never sent students may be hesitant to respond, they simply do not know what a great program we have. If you are unable or unsure of what to do or who to contact call me anytime at (630)688-5165

### ***Who is Eligible?***

Any high school aged student in our district, freshman through senior. They do not have to possess any specific qualification or grade point. Most students who attend tend to be heavily involved in their school or community, although this is not the case in every individual. Anyone/Everyone who attends will get a lot out of the conference.

### ***Can I send My Son/Daughter or our exchange student? – Yes!***

### ***How do students get to the camp?***

We provide coach bus transportation. I will send all accepted students a packet of information about the conference including; speaker information, what to bring and wear, what to expect, conduct codes, medical release form and a transportation memo listing bus pick up sites. There is two pieces of information in the packet the student has to get back to me so I know where they are getting picked up and who to contact in case of an emergency.

### ***How much is the conference?***

The cost increased slightly this year to \$325 per student. However when you consider all that is offered and done over the three days and nights it is quite an amazing bargain! Let me emphasize that the speakers are amazing and the quote I hear most often is “life changing experience”!

### ***Where is the RYLA Conference?***

We have exclusive use of Camp Edwards YMCA Camp and Conference in East Troy Wisconsin, (Near Alpine Valley). Camp Edwards is a great venue that allows to use low ropes courses, Separate housing for the boys and girls, great food, lodges and outdoor team problem solving stations and a lot more.

### ***Who is in charge? Who watches the kids?***

We have a ratio of one adult group facilitator per eight participants. We also have a night security person who patrols the camp all night. His security role is twofold. This is in addition to myself, the camp staff and one of the professional speakers who spends the entire weekend with us just helping out. The camp is very isolated and secure.

We have a conflict, can I pick my son/daughter up early or late, can I bring them back?

Absolutely, this is their weekend you may come late or leave early. (They will not want to, trust me!). In the past students have been picked up and returned to the camp there is not problem with this. However, do not miss Friday morning or afternoon if possible. We have honestly the world’s greatest speaker on Fridays and they will not want to miss him.

***Can I come see my son/daughter and observe the camp?*** I would be honored to have any parent or Rotarian come and stay as long as they like. You will be glad you did.