



## **ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

September 28 – October 1, 2017

### **Team Leader Information**

The primary responsibility of the RYLA Team Leader is to help the students receive the greatest benefit from the RYLA program in a safe and healthy environment. As whatever a Team Leader does will be perceived as being OK by other Team Leaders and students, it is nothing less than being a role model 24 hours a day during the weekend starting on Thursday afternoon thru Sunday at 3PM.

RYLA'S definition of leadership: "A Leader is one who compels others to positive action by the power of their own positive actions." An important function of the Team Leader is to pass information on to their teams. The teams need to be kept informed and on track as to scheduled activities. The students need to be reminded, frequently, that they are to wear their name tags and be on time to all activities. Most importantly, they represent their community, their school and sponsoring Rotary Club.

The Team Leaders' main role will be that of a facilitator: for team discussions, helping to develop a team identity, and fostering creativity and leadership in the teams' designated activities. Team Leaders MUST NOT dominate the discussions, they are in place to facilitate and draw all members of the group into discussions and activities. It is also helpful on each activity, to designate different team members to lead the group.

Team Leaders are to be a friend, a confidant, and a resource for the students as they explore new ideas as well as a source of help to find answers to questions that might arise. Team Leaders also have a responsibility to observe, remind and encourage the students to abide by the rules and fully participate in all activities of the conference. Actions such as rise and shine or lights-outs sometimes require persistence by the Team Leaders in keeping the schedule. Adequate sleep is a must to gain full benefit from the program. Enforcing the lights-out and rise-and-shine schedules is the Team Leader's responsibility.

The students, for the most part, are cooperative. If there are problems, they are usually minor and are resolved with a little attention.

We insist that students attend all sessions and conduct themselves with dignity. This sometimes means a gentle reminder of what constitutes appropriate behavior. The Team Leaders are expected to know where their students are at all times and see that they are in attendance at the various activities. Team Leaders should be with their team at all times unless it is for certain that that they are being looked after by another Team Leader or Staff Member.

When in the barracks, the group is the Team Leader's first concern, not their team, because of the separation of genders an individual's Team Leader may not be present to get them moving in the morning or to bed at night.

**EMERGENCIES: IF ANYONE IS HURT OR INJURED, THE TEAM LEADER NEEDS TO CONTACT COL. FRED BATES, JOE McWILLIAMS, OR GAIL STORY AND KEEP EVERYONE CALM.**

We know that volunteering for this weekend is a great commitment on the part of you and your family. We appreciate it greatly and guarantee that you will enjoy this more than you can imagine. And more importantly, you will make a difference in some young person's life that they will remember forever.

**Thanks for Volunteering,  
RYLA Planning Committee**