

## WHAT:

Participants hear from several local Rotarians, do a self-assessment of their leadership, engage in civic responsibility activities, and work in small groups on thought-provoking and challenging projects. Most of all, participants have fun making lifelong friendships during games, social time, and more.



Rotary International is a global network of 1.2 million members in more than 30,000 clubs spread throughout 162 countries. Founded in 1905, Rotary is dedicated to humanitarian service, high ethical standards in business and personal life, and promotion of world understanding and peace. RYLA was created more than three decades ago to carry out Rotary's deep commitment to youth leadership development. Each year, thousands of youth participate in hundreds of RYLA experiences all around the globe.

## QUESTIONS?

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**May 31 - June 4, 2026**

University of Kansas



A week-long leadership camp for high school students who will be sophomores, juniors, and seniors next year, and are ready to implement their leadership potential.

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## WHO:

RYLA will best benefit those who are seeking ways to develop themselves as leaders. We encourage participants who are in the early stages of leadership self-discovery, yet are ready to put leadership into practice by serving their schools and communities. We focus on leadership, community service, and civic engagement. While RYLA is a Rotary-sponsored program, it is not necessary to have a family member in Rotary to attend.







"I AM MORE LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED WITH ROTARY BECAUSE OF THE CAMP AND HOW POSITIVE OF AN EXPERIENCE IT WAS"  
-2023 RYLA ATTENDEE

## WHERE AND WHEN:

RYLA will be hosted at the University of Kansas, Lawrence campus May 31 – June 4, 2026. Students will stay overnight in Hashinger Hall.

Considered one of the most beautiful in the nation, KU's main campus occupies 1,000 acres on and around historic Mount Oread in Lawrence, a community of more than 80,000 in the forested hills of eastern Kansas. Campus includes a wide range of education and recreational facilities to meet the needs of a diverse student body including:

- The Robert Dole Institute of Politics
- The Natural History Museum
- The Lied Center of Kansas, KU's performing arts venue

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### How do I apply?

1. Fill out the RYLA 2026 application found at [www.Rotary5710.org](http://www.Rotary5710.org)
2. Reach out to a local Rotary club, you can find them at [my.rotary.org/en/club-search](http://my.rotary.org/en/club-search)

Check with your local club for the deadline to apply, but generally in April!

### Who pays for the camp?

Your local Rotary Club pays for the \$400 camp fee and ask for a \$25 agreement fee from delegates.

### Can I leave campus during camp?

No, because of the nature of our camp, we require all attendees to stay for the duration of the camp. Please let other commitments know you will not be able to make it. RYLA is an overnight camp where delegates are required to stay the whole time.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### What's the sleeping arrangement?

Each delegate will be staying in a double occupancy room in a residence hall on campus. You'll meet your roommate at the time of move-in. Each floor shares a communal restroom and showering facility. Rooms come with a twin bed and mattress; however, participants will need to bring their own bedding/linens or sleeping bag and pillow. Our KU facilitators will supervise each floor.

### What clothes should I bring?

Since you'll be spending time both in and outside, bring comfortable and camp appropriate clothes and shoes. You'll need athletic shoes and clothes that you won't mind wearing outside and possibly getting dirty. Also bring a sweatshirt as the residence hall can be cold with the air conditioning, and one business casual outfit for the graduation program.