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Dear Student,

Congratulations on being accepted into the Rotary District 6360 Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) program for 2014. **Camp will be held August 15,16 &17 this year.** This is an exciting event that will provide an opportunity to study the elements of leadership with your peers and professionals from various walks of life.

If you have not sent in your application/health release form, please notify your sponsoring club or contact person. You can mail it to the above address. Forms are available on the District web site. Go to "www.district6360.com," click on "RYLA Downloads" and download the "Application/Release Form."

You should be aware of a few simple operational camp rules:

- You are to provide your own bedding (bunks provided) and towels (see additional form).
- Snacks and water are provided throughout the day. No money required.
- The staff will hold car keys during the conference.
- All prescriptions/drugs will be turned in and subsequently distributed by camp staff.
- The camp facility is a smoke free environment.
- No fans, boom-boxes, TV's, etc... Cell phones are only allowed in your room.
- You are expected to register **Friday between 4:30 and 5:30 P.M.** Dinner will be at 6:00 PM. Maps and written directions are available at the District web site (go to "www.district6360.com," click on "RYLA Downloads" and download directions to the Battle Creek Outdoor Center.
- **If you are not at the camp by 6:15 P.M., you will be considered as a NO SHOW and your reservation will be released** for another student unless you have made other arrangements with me.
- The RYLA program will end at 4:00 PM on Sunday.
- If for some reason, you are unable to attend the session for which you are registered, please contact me and your sponsoring club immediately. Attendance at the entire session is expected.
- The application/health release form must be on file with the RYLA Registrar before camp starts.
- Conferees must attend all sessions and meals during the entire conference.

You need to be prepared for a camp experience with outdoor activities. Comfortable clothes for outdoors and participating in group activities. For example, tennis shoes, change of clothes plus an extra pair of tennis shoes in case you get caught in the rain. You might bring a raincoat as well. Outdoor activities are only canceled if there is lightning. The facility is large and activities can be held indoors if there is inclement weather. The essentials like toothbrush, brush and comb, soap, shampoo, etc. You might bring flip-flops to wear in the shower.

Some outdoor activities are at night, so bring a long-sleeved shirt and some long jeans. A hat would be a good idea, as well as some insect repellent. You might bring an extra towel, a flashlight for sure.

Every year we will be hold a Rotary Reflection service on Saturday. While this is not meant to replace church service it is meant to be a time to pause and reflect on the time you have spent learning from others.

Again, congratulations for having been selected by your Rotary Club as a participant for the Rotary 6360 RYLA program, an experience to be long remembered. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Jill Eldred
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