



RYLA

2024
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

STUDENT
REGISTRATION
PACKET

Return Forms by

Friday, May 3, 2024

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**DISTRICT 6900
2024 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA)
REGISTRATION PACKET**

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IMPORTANT

THE FOLLOWING FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED
By Friday, May 3, 2024.

Checklist:

- _____ RYLA PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM (page10-11)
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- _____ GSW RELEASE OF LIABILITY (page 18)
- _____ **CURRENT PHOTO OF YOURSELF - if you don't have one printed, email one to susanruckman@gmail.com or text me one to (229) 942-6618 - (be sure to include your name)**

Make a copy for your records and Mail/Fax/Email Originals to:

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2024 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA)

Congratulations on being selected to represent your school, community, and local Rotary Club at the District 6900 RYLA program in Americus, Georgia. You were selected because you have demonstrated leadership qualities - a rare gift to be prized and cultivated.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) experience is designed and programmed especially for your age group. Your selection to be a member of the 2024 RYLA offers you an opportunity to share an interesting and valuable learning experience with an outstanding group of your peers. RYLA will challenge you physically and mentally. Accept the challenge and participate fully. If you do so, you will return home a stronger and better leader because of the experience you gain from this camp.

Included in this packet is information from your local Rotary Club about RYLA. This packet includes forms, which need to be returned fully completed by Friday, May 3, 2024. You can fax, email, or mail the original in to us. If you do mail a copy, please make a copy (just in case your packet gets lost in the mail) and mail the completed forms to

RYLA 2024
ATTN: Susan Ruckman
P. O. Box 1547
Americus, Georgia 31709.

Please note that you should arrive at the parking lot of Southwest Oaks I at Georgia Southwestern State University between 11:30 am and 12 noon on Saturday, June 8, 2024. ***Please eat lunch*** prior to your arrival at Georgia Southwestern. If you are riding the bus from Atlanta, you will receive an email closer to camp about what time you are meeting the bus to ride to camp, but usually we pick up North of Atlanta at Perimeter Mall in front of the Rooms To Go around 8:00 am and we pick up South of Atlanta near Southlake Mall at the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot around 9:00 am. Please be sure to bring a sack lunch for the bus ride to camp.

As a reminder, you should be sure to:

- ❖ Bring bed linens (Twin XL sheets if you have them, if not, a sleeping bag or 2 flat sheets will work), a pillow, at least two towels, washcloths, and a blanket with you to RYLA.
- ❖ Bring extra tennis shoes and extra clothing for some recreational activities.
- ❖ If you haven't done so, make certain you contact your local Rotary Club's RYLA coordinator or President to confirm transportation details. The ***local*** Rotary Club is to provide transportation for you. Some of you will be riding a bus from Atlanta. Details about the bus will be forwarded around the end of May.
- ❖ You may want to bring along a small amount of money for minor purchases such as purchasing drinks and snacks from the snack machines that are located in the dormitories.

We, the Rotarians of District 6900, are proud of you. We guarantee that RYLA will be rewarding to you and that it will enhance your leadership skills. Again, congratulations on your selection! We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus for District 6900 RYLA 2024.

Sincerely,

André Marria
District Governor, Rotary District 6900

Susan Ruckman
RYLA Co-Chair

Jaclyn Donovan
RYLA Co-Chair

Answers to some common RYLA Participant questions

What is RYLA?

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD (RYLA) is a program for young people, which was officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971. The RYLA program is conducted on the District level by Rotarians to provide young people of their communities an opportunity to take part in developing qualities of leadership and good citizenship.

What will the District 6900 RYLA program be like?

The District 6900 RYLA program will consist of a five-day leadership education experience. Participants will learn to identify their leadership styles and improve their leadership skills through a variety of experiences including indoor and outdoor activities. Some are “Survivor” style group challenges - problem-solving using limited resources, which will help each leadership style learn how groups interact and succeed. The group will learn about international volunteer organizations and activities, which offer unique opportunities in developing leadership skills. Keynote speakers will inspire and challenge you as a future leader.

When is the District 6900 RYLA Program?

The RYLA Program will begin at 12:30 pm (arrive around noon) on Saturday, June 8, 2024 and will close at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, June 12, 2024. **Please eat lunch before you arrive at Georgia Southwestern. Pack a lunch if you are riding the Charter bus.**

When should I report to RYLA?

Plan to arrive between 11:30 am and 12 noon on Saturday, June 8th, and no later than 12:15 p.m. **Allow time to eat lunch** prior to arrival and time to check in.

Where will the District 6900 RYLA program be held?

The District 6900 RYLA program will be held on the beautiful campus of Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia. The school is located approximately two and one-half hours from anywhere in District 6900.

How do I get to and from Americus on June 8th and June 12st, 2024?

Your *local* Rotary Club is responsible for assisting you with transportation to and from RYLA. Some clubs make arrangements to transport the students themselves, have parents take them, or allow students to drive cars to and from Americus. A bus is provided for students that live in the Atlanta area and Columbus area. We have two pick up locations for the Atlanta bus. One is North of Atlanta near Perimeter Mall at the Rooms to Go parking lot; the other is South of Atlanta near Southlake Mall, at the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot in Morrow, GA. If you, your parents, and your local Rotary Club do decide that you will drive, we ask that you turn in your keys as soon as you arrive at camp. We will return your keys to you at the end of camp on Wednesday. You must park the automobile in a designated area and not utilize the automobile until Wednesday when you leave for home. Parking space is limited, however. If two students are being sent from your local Rotary club, you should car pool. PLEASE DO NOT INVITE FRIENDS TO VISIT YOU AT RYLA, they will be asked to leave.

Who attends RYLA?

Rising high school Juniors, and some Seniors, from throughout West Georgia will be attending RYLA. Students who have shown superior leadership potential and who have been actively involved in their schools and communities will be sponsored by Rotary Clubs in District 6900. We have around 130 students at RYLA each year.

What is required of me to attend RYLA?

You must agree to abide by the rules of the program as contained here and explained by the leaders of the camp and be at camp the full five days. You will be able to do this by participating in all the activities and group problem solving initiatives. All of our activities are “Challenge by Choice,” which means that if you are concerned about a specific activity, speak with your group counselor about this activity. Additionally, upon completion of RYLA, you may be asked to return to your local Rotary Club and talk to the club about the RYLA leadership experience.

I know that the Rotary Club has paid the “award” for my tuition for RYLA. What does this cost and will there be a need for any additional money?

Your local Rotary Club has paid the \$475.00 “award” or tuition for RYLA. This covers the entire cost of RYLA including dormitory space, food, snacks, supplies, as well as all aspects of the instructional and activity program. Any additional money is optional. Vending machines are available on campus for soft drinks and snacks. (Attached is a list of items you may want to bring to RYLA.) Also, there is no type of scholarship attached to this “Award,” your attendance at RYLA is the full award. Please keep in mind that a club has paid this fee on your behalf and you should be mindful of their funding for you to attend. If you decide you cannot attend, please notify us as soon as possible to allow time to find a replacement student because we cannot refund money to the clubs if you back out at the last minute.

Who will be working with my student? Will my student be safe and is there adult supervision?

During the day, we have approximately 40 adults on staff. The students are put into groups of 10 to 12 students each and each group has at least 3 adult Counselors that lead the students in all the activities and are with them all day. These Counselors are former RYLA students that are returning to “give back” to the program. We also have about 10 to 15 staff that either lead group activities or work behind the scenes. Our guest speakers that lead several aspects of the camp are Robbie & Patty Robertson from Virginia, AJ Kooti from Georgia, Nabil Oudeh from Canada, Camper Bull from Pennsylvania, and Jeremy Scroggs from Maryland. Robbie & Patty have assisted with RYLA since the early 1990s. Camper has been with us since 2005. AJ has worked with our RYLA program since 2007. Jeremy Scroggs was a former RYLA Student and has been volunteering with our RYLA since 2009. Nabil has been with our RYLA program since 2012.

During the night, we have about 15 male and 15 female adults that stay in the dorms with the students. Each student will be assigned a dorm room with another student of the same gender, but the adults stay in dorm rooms on the hall with them. All staff members are required to have back ground checks and training each year.

What Covid Precautions are we taking?

Georgia Southwestern State University does not require masks to be worn on the campus, but your student is welcome to wear them. Temp checks may be conducted when getting on the charter bus if the Covid numbers are high, or arriving at camp and periodically throughout camp as needed. If a person’s temp goes above 100.4, we will be required to send them home for the safety of other students. With us using GSW’s facilities, we must comply with the policies and procedures current students, faculty, and staff have to follow. We will also have plenty of hand sanitizer available at all locations.

What are Activities like?

A vast majority of the team building activities do require that you are in very close proximity or are touching other members of your team to accomplish the task. One example is an activity where you balance on a log and may have to hold on to your team member as you step around them on the log. Another activity requires the entire camp to come together and work on a very large project – this may be very loud and chaotic at times. If you are easily over-stimulated, you may want to advise your lead counselor so they know and can assign you a different task in the project.

Other questions and ways to get additional information?

Some cell phone providers do not work well in South Georgia. Verizon is one of the carriers that does work well here. Just keep that in mind if you try to reach your student and they are not answering. You can also call Susan and we will get your student on the phone for you.

We have established a Facebook page for this year’s RYLA event. Updates before camp will be included on this page as well as pictures during the camp and follow ups after camp. Please feel free to get added to this page by going to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ryla2024district6900>

If you still have additional questions, please contact Susan Ruckman at (229) 924-3864 during the day. You can also reach Susan after work at (229) 942-6618, or e-mail questions to susanruckman@gmail.com for more details.

Suggested clothes and items for RYLA

June 8 – 12, 2024

This is a list of things you should **definitely bring** with you to the District 6900 RYLA as well as some optional things you may want to bring. The list is given to help you with packing for the five days at Georgia Southwestern State University. RYLA will be a lot of fun with a variety of activities so bring comfortable clothes. You may want to mark your personal items since you will be sharing your room.

The weather will generally be hot this time of the year in the South Georgia area. However, evenings may be cool. Most meeting rooms are air-conditioned (and sometimes cold) and it may rain. Plan accordingly.

NECESSARY ITEMS (five-day supply)

- Ample supply of shorts or blue jeans or a combination (**girls – your shorts need to be appropriate length or we will ask you to change – Softees are too short when they are rolled at the waist, but some Nike and athletic shorts are ok.**)
- Ample supply of t-shirts or casual shirts
- 1 “Nice” outfit for the talent show/dance Tuesday Night (optional).
- Pajamas/robe or something else to sleep in– you will be sharing a dorm room with 1 person
- Ample supply of underwear
- Ample supply of socks
- **Tennis shoes (2 pairs are preferable and you MUST wear them for all activities) Save flip flops, sandals or chacos for free time or the dance.**
- Bag for dirty clothes
- Bed linens (single dorm beds- twin xl sheets (if you don’t have twin xl sheets, just bring two flat sheets) and a blanket, some of the rooms get really cold).
- Pillow and Blanket or a sleeping bag
- At least 2 Bath towels (the shower curtains sometimes cause leaks on the floor in the dorms.)
- Wash cloths and hand soap for your bathroom sink.
- Soap, Shampoo, hair dryer, toothbrush, toothpaste, razors and other bathroom toiletries
- Sunglasses, sunscreen or a hat (we will be outside in 100+ degree weather for an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon every day)
- Sweatshirts or hoodies – some of the meeting rooms are cold – especially when coming out of 100 degree outside temps.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- 1 lightweight jacket or windbreaker
- Bug Spray (this is really important for those of you that are not accustomed to gnats and mosquitoes).
- **Musical instrument or other required items (phone with your music selection on it) if you would like to participate in the talent show. If the music is on your phone, bring aux cord.**

We would recommend that you **not** bring valuables. We will try to prevent any problems; however, we are not responsible if loss or damage to your items occur.

THINGS NOT REQUIRED

- Cameras – we will take hundreds, if not thousands of pictures, and provide you with a link to view them after camp.
- Valuables. We are not responsible for lost or misplaced items.

RYLA Schedule

Rough draft – schedule may change

Saturday, June 8

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. Check in and Registration: (Southwestern Oaks Dorms)
12:45 - 1:15 p.m. Small Group Introductions – Meet your team - Marshall Student Center
1:15 - 1:45 p.m. Welcome; Overview of Program, Get Acquainted
1:45 - 6:15 p.m. Large Group Activities
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. Dinner
7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Speaker – Camper Bull
9:30 - 10:00 p.m. Small Group Discussions with your team
10:00 - 10:50 p.m. Free Time (plan/practice for Talent Show)*
11:00 p.m. Lights Out

Sunday, June 9

6:30 a.m. Wake Up Call
7:00 - 7:30 a.m. *Optional Non-Denominational Sunrise Worship Service*
7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 - 12:30 p.m. Hour and twenty minute rounds (challenge course & discussion groups)
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:30 - 6:00 p.m. Hour and twenty minute rounds (challenge course & discussion groups)
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Dinner
6:45 - 9:30 p.m. Recreation Night at the Gym – Team Games/Cards/ Racquetball/Basketball/Volleyball
9:45 - 10:15 p.m. Small Group Discussions with your team
10:15 - 10:50 p.m. Free Time (plan/practice for Talent Show)*
11:00 p.m. Lights out

Monday, June 10

6:30 a.m. Wake up Call
7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 - 12:35 p.m. Hour and ten minute rounds (challenge course & discussion groups)
12:35 - 1:20 p.m. Lunch
1:20 - 6:45 p.m. Large Group Activities
6:45 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Rotary Service Project – Jaclyn Donovan
9:30 - 10:15 p.m. Small Group Discussions with your team
10:15 - 10:50 p.m. Free Time (plan/practice for Talent Show)*
11:00 p.m. Lights out

Tuesday, June 11

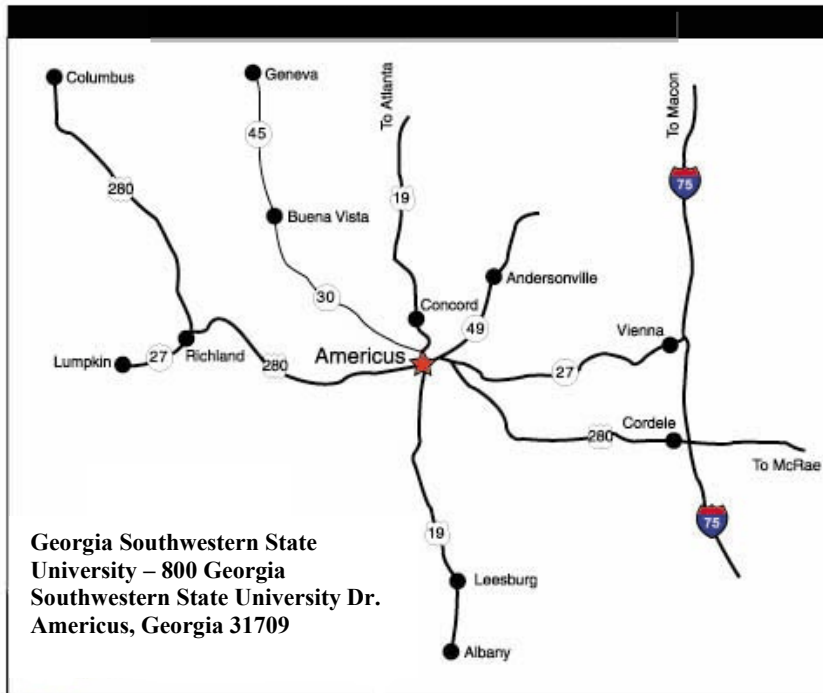
6:30 a.m. Wake up Call
7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 – 11:00 a.m. Fifty minute rounds (challenge course & discussion groups)
11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Lunch
11:45 – 6:45 p.m. Fifty minute rounds (challenge course & discussion groups)
6:45 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 – 7:30 p.m. Prepare for Talent Show
7:30 – 11:30 p.m. Talent Show & Dance****
11:30 – 11:45 p.m. Free Time
12:00 Midnight Lights out

Wednesday, June 12

7:00 a.m. Wake up Call
7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Packing & Dorm Clean up
8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Small group discussions
9:00 - 12:45 p.m. Large Group Activities
1:00 pm Departure

****Talent Show with CASH prizes! (\$150 to first place, \$100 to second and \$50 to third). You can participate as an individual or in a group. If your talent requires equipment, instruments, props, or special clothing, please be sure to bring these items from home. Please remember that this event can be a lot of fun, so please make sure your skit/act/routine is appropriate for the camp and please avoid teasing, joking or being rude to anyone during your act. This will cause your act to be pulled.***

Directions to Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA Camp) at Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, GA



DIRECTIONS TO GEORGIA SOUTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

1. If coming **from Georgia Highway 27 or U.S. 280 East**, go to the red light at the Intersection of Georgia Highway 49 North. There is a Circle K gas station and a KFC restaurant at that intersection. Turn left onto Tripp Street and stay in the far right lane. The road will lead onto the campus of Georgia Southwestern. At the stop sign, follow the road around to the left, this is the perimeter of the school, and around to the back of the college. The dorm parking lot will have RYLA signs visible.
2. If coming **from Highway 19 South, 280 West or 49 South**, 280 and 49 merge with 19 south of Americus and you will be on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. At the 3rd traffic light (Glady's Kitchen/Days Inn), turn right onto Lamar Street (one-way street). At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto South Lee Street. At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto Glessner Street. The road will dead end into the campus. Turn right and follow the road around to the back of the college. The dorm parking lot will have RYLA signs visible.
3. If coming from **Highway 30 West**, you will come to a red light at Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (US 19). Turn right and go up to the first red light and turn left onto Lamar Street (one-way street). At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto South Lee Street. At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto Glessner Street. The road will dead end into the campus. Turn right and follow the road around to the back of the college. The dorm parking lot will have RYLA signs visible.
4. If coming **from Highway 19 North**, come to the 2nd red light and turn left onto Lamar Street (one-way street). At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto South Lee Street. At the 3rd traffic light, turn left onto Glessner Street. The road will dead end into the campus. Turn right and follow the road around to the back of the college. The dorm parking lot will have RYLA signs visible.
5. If coming **from Highway 49 North**, come into Americus at the red light by Wendy's and veer slightly to the left onto Tripp Street and stay in the far right lane. The road will lead onto the campus of Georgia Southwestern. At the stop sign, follow the road around the perimeter of the school to the left and around to the back of the college. The dorm parking lot will have RYLA signs visible.

If these directions are not clear, please contact Susan at 229-924-3864 or 229-942-6618 and we will fax a map to you.

THE RULES

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2024

1. ABSOLUTELY NO DRUGS, ALCOHOL or TOBACCO. This includes vaping.
2. You are required to have three items on you AT ALL TIMES DURING ACTIVITIES, your name tag, your bandana and your notebook. We provide a bag for you to keep up with your items.
3. You are assigned to a specific dorm room with a specific roommate. **DO NOT SWITCH ROOMS FOR ANY REASON!!** If there is a problem with your room or your roommate, speak with your counselor or Susan about this.
4. Be where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there. **COROLLARY** - Don't be where you are NOT supposed to be any time. The more time you waste during the day, the less free time you have at night.
5. Please keep your cell phones put away during all the sessions. Please show respect to our staff by not being on your phone!
6. We are only allowed to use the Marshall Student Center, Canes Centra, the Southwestern Oaks Dorms and the Challenge Course at Georgia Southwestern during RYLA. All other buildings are off limits to students.
7. During free time, guys are allowed on the girls' floor, but only **in the common area**. Girls are allowed on the guys' floor, but only **in the common area**. Guys are not allowed down the hallway of the girls' dorm rooms and girls are not allowed down the hallway of the guys' dorms.
8. Please do not tear, rip, or otherwise change your supplies you will be given upon arrival, including your t-shirt and bandana. Everyone will wear their RYLA t-shirt on Sunday. You will need your bandana and other items for activities later in the camp.
9. Please dress appropriately for all activities. If your shorts are too short, or your shirt is too short, you will be asked to change. Use common sense because we will be active throughout most of the camp with a mixture of guys and girls. If you can wear it at church or at school, you can wear it at RYLA!
10. If you drove to camp, All keys are to be turned in to Susan the first day of camp!
11. Please clean up after yourself during camp, including your dorm room, at meals, and during activities. This includes throwing away empty water bottles and snack wrappers.

That's all... We expect you to behave as you know you should.
The penalty for violations - you go home.

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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Name To Be Called: _____
First Middle Last

Student email address: _____ Parent Email Address _____
Please list one that IS NOT a school email address since the majority of the emails will come after school is out.

Address: _____
Street or PO Box City, State Zip Code

Parent 1 Cell # (____) _____ Parent 2 Cell # (____) _____

Parent 1 Wk # (____) _____ Parent 2 Wk # (____) _____ Student Cell (____) _____
(Or other family member - please list relation _____) (Or other family member - please list relation _____)

Age ____ Birth Date: _____ Male ____ Female ____ Non-Binary ____ T-shirt Size _____

A contact list of all RYLA attendants will be made and given out to participants. Do you want to be included? Yes ____ No ____

Instagram Name Snapchat Name Email Address

High School Attending: _____

Grade in High School: _____ Are you a member of your school's Interact Program? Yes ____ No ____

List involvement in school activities (i.e. honor societies, academic clubs, bank debate, drama choir, school newspaper, yearbook, etc.) _____

List any leadership or officer positions you have held: _____

List involvement in Athletics (i.e., varsity sports, non-school related sports): _____

List any previous work experience (i.e. after school jobs, summer jobs): _____

List any other significant achievements and honors (i.e. Girl/Boy Scouts, church activities, etc.): _____

List hobbies and recreational interests: _____

If we were to call your teachers (or one of your parents or guardians) what would they tell us are your two (2) greatest strengths? _____

Two (2) greatest weaknesses? _____

Where do you want to be five (5) years from now? _____

What are your goals for the next ten (10) years? _____

What is your favorite subject? _____

What is your least favorite subject? _____

If you had to pick the one person that you admired most, who would it be and why? _____

Is there anything you would like to tell us about? (amazing talents, special accomplishments, etc) _____

Are there any songs you would like to hear or suggest for the dance? _____

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RELEASE, WAIVER OF LIABILITY
& COVENANT NOT TO SUE
(READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)

In consideration of the acceptance of this leadership award, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against Rotary International District 6900, the RYLA Program, the local sponsoring Rotary Club, Georgia Southwestern State University, and any representatives, officers, officials, or volunteers from these organizations, or any other sponsors (hereafter referred to as “the sponsors”), for injury or damage from the 2024 ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

The undersigned hereby acknowledges that participation in athletic programs and recreational activities involves inherent risks of physical injury, illness or loss of personal property and assumes all such risks. The undersigned hereby agrees that for the sole consideration of the sponsors allowing the undersigned to participate in recreational programs or athletic activities for which or in connection with which the sponsors have provided or made available any equipment, facilities, grounds or personnel for such programs or activities or to the undersigned while participating in any such programs or activities, the undersigned does hereby release and forever discharge the sponsors, its members individually, and its officers, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, rights and causes of action of whatsoever kind or nature, arising from and by reason of any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries, including damage to property, and the consequences thereof, resulting from my participation in or growing out of or connected with such athletic program or recreational activities.

I understand that the acceptance of this **Release and Waiver of Liability and Covenant Not to Sue** by the sponsors shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or part, of sovereign immunity by said sponsors, its members, officers, agents, and employees.

Covid Release – Under Georgia law, there is no liability for an injury or death of an individual attending camp at Georgia Southwestern State University if such injury or death results from the inherent risks of contracting COVID-19. You are assuming this risk by attending an event on this campus.

I hereby certify that I have read the above carefully before signing.

 Full name of participating student

Participant _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____
(If participant is under 18 years of age)

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PHOTO / VIDEO RELEASE

I hereby grant the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, Rotary District 6900, the local sponsoring Rotary Club, Georgia Southwestern State University, and any representatives, officers, officials, or volunteers from these organizations, or any other sponsors the absolute right and permission to copyright and/or publish images captured through video, photo, or digital camera, of which the participant may be included in whole or part, for news release, art, advertising, trade, or any other lawful purpose whatsoever.

I hereby waive any right that I may have to inspect and/or approve the finished product or the advertising copy that may be used in connection therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to save the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program, Rotary District 6900, the local sponsoring Rotary Club, Georgia Southwestern State University, and any representatives, officers, officials, or volunteers from these organizations, or any other sponsors from any liability by virtue of any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composition form, whether intentional or otherwise, that may occur or be produced in the making of said images, or in any processing tending towards the completion of the finished product.

Participant _____

Date _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Date _____

(If participant is under 18 years of age)

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PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR TREATMENT OF A MINOR CHILD AND MEDICAL
INFORMATION, PHYSICAL CONDITION AND WAIVER STATEMENT

This medical form and health history information must be completed by the parents of each RYLA participant. It must be completed, signed, and returned, along with the other information. Medical information needs to be current (within the past six months). Thank you for your cooperation!

Participant's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Parents or Guardians: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State & Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone:(parent 1) _____ (parent 2) _____

Parent 1 Cell: _____ Parent 2 Cell: _____ (Student Cell) _____

In case of emergency and parents cannot be reached, please contact:

Name: _____ Relation _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Name of Personal Physician: _____ Phone _____

We, the parent or guardian, do () do not () have medical insurance coverage.

Name of Company _____ Policy _____

Parent/ Guardian Responsibility

I, the Parent/Guardian, do assume the responsibility for the participant being in good health and duly able to participate in any and all RYLA activities unless stated specifically in the activity exclusion section of this document. I, the Parent/Guardian, understand that in the event emergency medical attention is required for a child at RYLA, the providing of the attention will not be constructed as an admission of liability of the part of RYLA officials and cost of all emergency treatment and extended care must be borne by the parents of the involved student.

Parent/ Guardian Authorization to Treat Minor Child

I, _____, am the parent or legal guardian having custody of _____, a minor child. As such parent or legal guardian, I hereby authorize and appoint a duly authorized agent of Rotary District 6900, as my agent to act for me with respect to my minor child, _____, and in my name in any way I could act in person to make any and all decisions for me with respect to my minor child, concerning my minor child's personal care, medical treatment, hospitalization, and health care and to require, withhold or withdraw any type of medical treatment or procedure, including X-ray examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment which may be rendered to my minor child under the general or special supervision and on the advice of any physician or surgeon licensed to practice in the state in which treatment is sought. My agent shall have the same access to my minor child's medical records that I have, including the right to disclose the contents to others.

In summary, I, the Parent/Guardian, authorize the duly authorized agent of Rotary District 6900 or any other required medical personnel (private physician, Phoebe Sumter Medical Center, or other facility, if needed) to treat my son or daughter for medical problems, which may arise while visiting the Georgia Southwestern State University campus. I also authorize the appropriate medical personnel to admit my son or daughter to Phoebe Sumter Medical Center or other facility, if needed.

I hereby certify that I have read the above carefully before signing.

Participant _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

(If participant is under 18 years of age)

2024 Rotary Youth Leadership Conference
Parent/Guardian's Information Concerning Medical History of Participant

Make certain your shot records are up to date. You must have had diphtheria and tetanus shot within the last ten years and have had the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. Shot records are not required.

Serious Ivy, Oak or Sumac Poisoning: _____

Operations or Serious Injuries: _____

Allergic Reactions: Bee Sting (If so, will you have an epi-pen?) Yes () No ()

Penicillin Yes () No ()

Other Drugs/reactions Yes () No () name(s) _____

Please list all ongoing medical conditions or problems _____

Are you currently taking any medication? Yes _____ No _____

If "Yes", what medication, reason for taking, and dosage? _____

Does your child have any sensory disabilities (i.e. Autism, etc) that may affect his/her overall ability to fully participate and feel comfortable with participation in the activities that may require close physical contact or assistance of/by peers?

Any dietary restrictions? (We do have fruits, vegetables, cereals, and snacks for Vegetarians, but are really limited on other choices) _____

Is there any reason why the RYLA student for whom this information has been completed should not participate in RYLA activities? Any specific activity to be encouraged or restricted at RYLA? Yes () No ()

If "Yes", please specify: _____

Are we allowed to provide over the counter medication to your child if needed? Examples are Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, Tums and any other over the counter medication they may request? Please write YES or NO _____

Important: Please notify the camp if this student is exposed to any communicable disease or viruses during the three-weeks prior to camp attendance.

ATTACH CURRENT PHOTO HERE
or include it in the envelope or text a
picture to Susan at 229-942-6618 with your name
(REQUIRED)

This is for identification purposes. Please try to send a clear selfie
And not a "filtered" photo. We need to be able to recognize you!

GSW Challenge Course

Medical Information Form

I. General Information *(please print)*

Name _____ Today's Date _____
Local Address _____ Male () Female () Non-Binary ()
Local Phone (_____) _____ Height _____ Weight _____
Smoker _____ Non-smoker _____ Ethnicity _____

II. Medical Information

1. Family Physician _____ Phone Number _____
Address _____
2. Person to notify in case of injury or illness _____
Address _____
Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone(_____) _____ Relationship _____
3. Approximate Date of last tetanus booster _____ (copies of shot records are not required)
List any medication to which you are allergic _____

List any other allergies (food, insect bites, poison ivy, etc.) _____

Are you allergic to bee stings? _____ If yes, do you carry medicine? _____
Name of medicine _____ Nature of reaction _____

III. Medical History

1. Name any illness or condition for which you are now undergoing treatment and list any medication that you are currently taking

2. If you have had any of the following, state the year of occurrence and the location of your body in which it occurred:
Hernia _____ Fracture _____
Dislocation _____ Sprain/Strain _____
3. Name any injury, illness or disability not mentioned and year of occurrence

4. If you have been hospitalized, list below

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name and location of hospital</u>	<u>Illness or injury</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. If you now have, or have had any of the following symptoms or conditions, please circle "yes", underline and describe the problem. If not, circle "no".

- a) YES NO Dizziness, loss of consciousness, recurrent headaches
- b) YES NO Eye, ear, nose, throat, tonsils, sinus symptoms
- c) YES NO Impairment of sight, hearing, or speech
- d) YES NO Chronic cough, bronchitis or asthma, coughing up blood, close contact with tuberculosis
- e) YES NO Chest pain, shortness of breath, palpitation, swelling of ankles, heart murmur, heart disease, high or low blood pressure
- f) YES NO Reaction to bee stings
- g) YES NO Sensitivities/allergies to: Horse serum (tetanus antitoxin), sulfa, penicillin or any other drug
- h) YES NO Symptoms relating to the gastro intestinal tract (ie: diarrhea, recurring abdominal pain, passing of blood, ulcer of stomach or duodenum)
- i) YES NO Severe menstrual cramps or menstrual problems, currently pregnant
- j) YES NO Albumin, sugar or blood in urine; kidney stone, frequency in urinating, bed wetting, or urinary difficulties
- k) YES NO Muscle, joint, knee or back pain, bursitis, arthritis, sciatica
- l) YES NO Benign or malignant growth or tumor
- m) YES NO History of diabetes, thyroid imbalance, hypoglycemia
- n) YES NO Episodes of depression, anxiety, hysteria, nervousness
- o) YES NO Special dietary restrictions, ie: Diabetic, low cholesterol, vegetarian, etc.

Give details in regard to any of the above question (a-o) to which you have circled "yes"

IV. Insurance

We do not provide sickness or accident insurance for participants. Therefore, it is each participant's responsibility to be covered by his/her own hospitalization policy.

- 1. Are you covered by a hospitalization or medical care policy? _____ Yes _____ NO
- 2. If yes, indicate name of insurance company issuing such policy _____
Policy or Certificate Number _____

V. Signature (if participant is under 18 years of age, Parent or Guardian must sign.)

"I fully understand the rigorous nature of the programs offered by the GSW Campus Recreation. In the event of an accident or emergency that renders me unable to communicate, I grant my permission for any medical care, operations and/or anesthesia which might become necessary."

This information is collected for use in the event of injury or emergency. We do not screen applicants for medical fitness, so if you have any doubts about your fitness or ability to participate, DO NOT PARTICIPATE. For medical advice, see your physician. Individuals who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, back problems, emotional instability, pregnancy or acrophobia should not go on high ropes without consulting their physician. Failure to complete all portions of this form could result in injury or compound the damage of an existing injury.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

GSW CHALLENGE COURSE
RELEASE OF LIABILITY
READ BEFORE SIGNING

Individuals who suffer from high blood pressure, heart disease, back problems, emotional instability, pregnancy or acrophobia should not go on high ropes without consulting their physician.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the GSW Challenge Course program, related events and activities, I, _____, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS Georgia Southwestern State University, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law; and,
5. I understand that the use of equipment furnished by Georgia Southwestern State University constitutes an acceptance of said equipment. I agree to pay for any damage done to said equipment, property or property of others.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTANDING ITS TERMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____ Age: _____ Date Signed: _____
Participant's Signature

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18
(UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin. I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____
Parent/Guardian Signature Emergency Phone#(s) Date Signed