



INFORMATION SHEET FOR RYLA PARTICIPANT

Congratulations on your selection as a participant in the 2012 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Seminar! This event promises to be an exciting and unique experience. There will be roughly 110 students from the Vancouver Island and Puget Sound Area that will attend this leadership conference. This is a great opportunity to meet and share experiences amongst other high school students.

The RYLA Seminar will be held **March 1-4, 2012** at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. **Registration takes place upon arrival on Thursday, March 1st between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. in the entrance of Olson Auditorium on lower campus.**

To economize, you will be "camping" inside Olson Auditorium, with separate sleeping and shower facilities for women and men. This housing arrangement will require you to bring the following:

- sleeping bag and pillow
- sleeping pad/inflatable mattress (we will be sleeping on the floor)
- flashlight
- toiletries
- towels
- padlock (some lockers available for valuables)
- alarm clock
- swim suit for locker room showering (if desired)

There will be recreation time available for which you will want proper athletic attire. Dress for the RYLA seminar is casual (not dress-up), the same kinds of clothes you would wear to school. **Please do not bring any items, whether it is clothing, cameras, ipods, cell phones etc. that are of importance to you.** Your belongings are locked up while you are attending the seminars, but they are not locked up during the times you are down in Olson Auditorium for recreation and sleeping purposes. If you bring any items of value, please be advised it is your responsibility for their security. RYLA cannot take responsibility for anything lost or stolen.

Participants are asked to remain on campus during the entire seminar, thus eliminating the need for off campus transportation. If you drive your own car to RYLA, parking is available on the west side of Olson Auditorium. **It must be understood that at no time will RYLA participants be allowed to leave campus.** We also hire 6 college PLU students ("camp counselors") that are with the participants during this 4 day conference.

If at any time during the seminar someone from your home needs to contact you, two phone numbers are available. My home number is 253-770-0716 and my cell number is 253-905-6363. If it is an emergency and none of the numbers work above, the PLU campus safety number is 253-535-7441.

RYLA Seminar has been a special experience for RYLA participants in the past, as we hope it will be for you. Any questions about transportation to and from the seminar should be directed to the president or contact person of your sponsoring Rotary Club. All expenses have been paid by your sponsoring Rotary Club, but you may wish to bring some spending money as the PLU bookstore will be open while you are at RYLA. **Please contact your sponsoring club if you are unable to attend the seminar so that a replacement can be given the opportunity to attend. Also, please let your sponsoring Rotary Club know that you have received this information from me so they know you are all set to come to RYLA.**

Adjournment will be on Sunday, March 4th, at 11:00 a.m. They can be picked-up at Olson Auditorium.

Enjoy RYLA!

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P.S. Paper and pen are supplied for your use at the conference

Please visit www.rylanw.org for a look at last year's brochure and driving direction link to PLU.