



"I now have the confidence and knowledge to lead groups."

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"I learned many valuable lessons that will help me in understanding myself and how to interact with others."

goals

- To learn and incorporate new concepts of leadership and citizenship.
- To have opportunities to express ideas and concepts.
- To feel and give acceptance of and to each other.
- To experience the joy of learning teamwork.
- To become comfortable in expressing opinions in a supportive group environment.
- To meet new friends and learn how to reach out and make new friends without the usual conventions (cliques, etc.).
- To be challenged to "Return to Serve" your community.



Leadership
Team Building
Communication
Presentations
Discussions



Sean Nelson

My name is Sean Nelson and I am the Volunteer Chairman for the RYLA weekends. I am a proud Rotarian with the Crystal Lake Dawnbreakers Rotary Club.



RYLA is a Not-for-Profit Leadership Conference presented by the Rotary Clubs throughout Rotary District 6440. We hire group facilitators to work with the students on a 1:8 ratio. We have exclusive use of the Edwards Camp & Conference Center and have quite honestly the best speakers they might ever hear! 2013 will be my eleventh year as the Volunteer Chairman and the speakers and staff lined up for 2013 are by and far the best ever!

Student Participants are chosen and fully sponsored by Rotary Clubs in District 6440. Those who are not sponsored by their local Rotary Club who are still interested in attending RYLA, may contact me directly. Cost to attend the conference \$350.00. (Rotary pays 100% for those selected) This will include lodging, food, staff, speakers and transportation by coach bus from eight suburban pick-up and drop-off sites. The program is very popular and very highly rated by participants yearly.

For more information please feel free to contact me at the number or email below.



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RYLA

leadership conference for high school students

Session 1
March 7 thru 10, 2013

Session 2
April 4 thru 7, 2013



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT #6440

what is RYLA?

"This trip gave me much more confidence in myself... It was a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone"

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards—or RYLA—is a not-for-profit training program for leaders and potential leaders (Freshman–Senior). As a RYLA participant, you will attend an all-expense-paid, three day camp. You will be joined by talented young people like yourself from other communities in your area.

The sponsoring Rotary clubs involved in organizing the event determine the specifics of each RYLA program. All programs emphasize leadership skills, personal development, and citizenship. RYLA events often include recreational and cultural activities.

"This was an incredible experience I will never forget. The people here were awesome, both students and facilitators. Thank you Rotary."

specialevents

- *Outdoor Problem Solving*
- *Abe Lincoln/Teddy Roosevelt Appearances*
- *Dance*
- *Skits*
- *Campfire*
- *Team Building Activities*
- *Low Ropes Courses*

featuredspeakers

Rick Metzger

Rick's high energy, fast-paced presentations will enlighten, entertain and empower all who hear him. His motivation, inspiration and special kind of humor make for a captivating program. He helps those in his audience understand that overcoming a challenge is very simple . . . if they want it to be.

Because of his diverse background, it's very easy for Rick to work with groups of all types and ages. Rick's programs consist of practical and common sense approaches to every day life. He uses good, clean humor, as well as real life examples, so audiences are left with a thought provoking and positive outlook they can apply to everyday life.

Mia Fontaine

Bestselling Author, "Comeback"

Mia Fontaine is the author of *ComeBack*, a tandem memoir she wrote with her mother chronicling her tumultuous teenage years. It was voted April 2006 favorite new biography by Barnes & Noble Online, and chosen by Target as their Winter 2007 Bookmarked Book Club pick. She has appeared on Good Morning America, The Montel Williams Show and the O'Reilly Factor. A graduate of Georgetown University, she has worked with the Special Olympics, the Smithsonian Institute and the National Geographic Society, and written for the New York Times.

A talented sculptor who finds inspiration in her travels, Mia has recently finished her second book.



Rachel's Challenge

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Her acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for one of the most life-changing school programs in America.

Powerful video/audio footage of Rachel's life and the Columbine tragedy holds students spell-bound during a one hour school presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others.

Teddy Roosevelt

Mr. Derek Evans as President Teddy Roosevelt.

Additional Speakers

Motivate and challenge yourself as you hear the inspiring stories from these additional speakers.

- **Tom Carroll**
- **Kendal Ceismeyer**
- **Erin Cahill**
- **Gigi Woodruff**

