Club Presidents and RYLA Coordinators,

Enclosed please find registration materials for the 4th Annual North Alabama RYLA (NA RYLA) Program sponsored by Rotary District 6860. Your club is encouraged to select a minimum of two student participants to attend at a cost of $260.00 per student to the club. Your club will be enriched by the reports from NA RYLA Graduates who will return to share their enthusiasm for the Rotary Four-way Test and the Rotary Service Above Self motto.

North Alabama RYLA 2010 will return to a THREE DAY format. Registration will be held Thursday, January 28th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and Graduation will be Saturday afternoon, January 30th at 3:00 p.m. We have continued to provide a seven page consolidated RYLA application along with a list of suggestions for conducting a successful RYLA recruiting campaign. The application and its cover letter have blanks so each club can tailor portions of the application to suit their club. Once signed, please distribute your letter and applications to School Principals and Guidance Counselors and Interact Club Sponsors in your area. The completed applications must be returned to your Rotary Club RYLA Coordinator for evaluation and selection of the students your club will sponsor. Only selected applications should be forwarded to NA RYLA. Please impress upon the applicants that NA RYLA is a three day commitment and all students are expected to attend all sessions! Digital versions of these letters and forms are posted on the web at http://www.ROTARY6860.ORG Click on RYLA.

Once you have completed recruiting and selecting your RYLA Students, please return the complete registration packet for each along with a check for $260/student to:

The Rotary Club of Huntsville
Attn: Debbie Dryer
P. O. Box 814
Huntsville, AL 35804
E-mail: huntsvillerotary@knology.net

The Registration deadline is January 15, 2010. Registration Fees are non-refundable.
What: RYLA 2010, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program, is an interactive leadership training and conference for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The program will include lectures and discussion periods with skilled and prominent leaders, as well as group activities, good food, fellowship, and of course, MINI-SPACE CAMP. See enclosed, “Suggestions for A Successful Recruiting Campaign.”

Who: High school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Participants are selected with assistance from high school principals, guidance counselors and Interact sponsors and sponsored by the local Rotary Club. NA RYLA is not designed to be a progressive program. Therefore, clubs should select new students each year to permit the maximum number of students to benefit from the NA RYLA experience. To avoid last minute cancellations, Rotary Clubs should select and maintain an alternate list of approved applicants. North Alabama RYLA Committee members, coordinators and volunteers present the Rotary portions of the program while the professionally trained employees and counselors at the U. S. Space & Rocket Center direct, lead and supervise the students overnight and during Space Camp activities.

Where: RYLA will take place at the U. S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Participants will stay at the Center, housed in “space camp” housing with 24-hour supervision provided by staff counselors/leaders.

When: January 28-30, 2010. Participants will arrive on Thursday afternoon for check-in between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. and depart Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. following the graduation ceremony. On Friday students will focus on leadership training, team-building and Rotary information. Saturday consists of the “Mini-Space Camp,” Rotary follow-up activities and graduation at 3:00 p.m. in the Davidson Center auditorium. Visit www.spacecamp.com to see all that the U. S. Space & rocket Center has to offer.

Why: RYLA 2010 is designed to foster Rotary values in leadership development activities and provide participants an ethical basis for decision making that will last them a lifetime. Young people meet to focus on leadership and decision-making skills based on the Rotary motto, “Service Above Self”, ethics, and the “Four-Way Test.”

How: Parental or guardian permission forms will be required for all participants. The registration cost to each club is $260 per student sponsored. Payment must accompany the applications. Fees are non-refundable.

Please contact Gary Andrew, District 6860 RYLA Coordinator at garyandrew@bellsouth.net or at (256) 714-0242 for further information and assistance if needed.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Gary Andrew
District 6860 RYLA Coordinator