

# RYLA STUDENT SELECTION AND SCHEDULE

The RYLA leadership camp targets students who have completed their junior year in high school and have been identified as leaders in their high schools and/or communities. Once selected students are awarded a full scholarship to attend this week-long event. The program challenges students' in the areas of leadership, interpersonal skills, personal reflection and discovery, and service-focused application while offering opportunities to create new relationships with other students from Western Pennsylvania. This camp is sponsored by Rotary District 7280.

Each day, student leaders experience workshops that challenge them to sharpen their skills. Programs, workshops, and hands-on activities are presented by RYLA staff members, members of the Rotary community, and reputable speakers from the region. A daily small group discussion, facilitated by trained RYLA counselors, allow participants to grow as an individual and as a leader. Teens will also enjoy structured social activities each evening that allow them to get to know their peers on a social level.

The week ends with a final program highlighting the week and accomplishments of the RYLA participants. Parents/guardians and family are welcome to join this celebration.



# MEET THE RYLA CO-DIRECTORS



*Colleen Wilson and Ira Campbell*

Ira was a RYLA participant in 1997 and has been involved as a counselor since 1999. This will be his fifth year as co-director of the program.

Ira earned a bachelor's degree in education from Baldwin Wallace University and a master's degree in school counseling from The University of Akron. He is currently a high school guidance counselor at Streetsboro High School, in Streetsboro, Ohio, where he resides. Ira is married and has three daughters, who keep him busy with their various activities and interests.

Colleen has been connected to the RYLA program for 18 years. She attended the program as a participant in 1992 and then became involved as a counselor and co-director.

Colleen graduated from Westminster College with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, her master's degree in education from Slippery Rock University and is a certified Reading Specialist. Currently, she is employed at DICK'S Sporting Goods in Corporate Philanthropy where she is involved in community outreach and corporate hospitality. Colleen resides in Cranberry Township with her two dogs, Daisy and Emmet.



# Rotary Youth Leadership Award



*Developing strong, responsible leaders*

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# WHAT IS RYLA?

RYLA is an international leadership program developed by Rotary International in 1971. This program is designed to demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth; provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders; encourage leadership of youth by youth, and to recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.



*Leadership workshops allow teen leaders to continue to develop their leadership skills and enhance their strengths and talents.*

## DISTRICT 7280

### *WE BELIEVE*

- *Leadership ability is a potential in every student*
- *Leadership strength can be developed*
- *Leadership development occurs when a person recognizes their unique design*
- *Leadership service is a necessity in all communities*
- *Leadership learning can be fun*

### *MISSION STATEMENT*

*We will engage our students in meaningful, applicable, and active learning experiences that promote personal development, personal actualization, and personal responsibility. We will mentor the students in a variety of leadership opportunities and ignite their enthusiasm for service leadership.*

## RYLA TESTIMONY

*"I came to RYLA to learn how to become a better leader. Instead, I learned about myself and the leader came out in me." –Emmy Hagan*



*"I have discovered things about myself and others that I hope most can discover in their lifetime." –Caleb Gnage*



*"This was definitely a life-changing experience and I am very inspired."*