

RYLA Plus - Focus on your abilities, not your disabilities!

Be the Leader and Teammate you can be!

RYLA Plus is a **leadership** training program, fully developed and sponsored by Rotarians in the Rocky Mountain Region and designed especially for teenagers who have **physical disabilities** that might make their full participation in other RYLA programs challenging. Prior to the COVID-19 epidemic, this camp was held at Easterseals Colorado's Rocky Mt. Village camp in Empire.

Because of the current COVID-19 situation, we created an alternative to hosting RYLA plus at RMV, by developing a "virtual" RYLA plus conference that will enable participants to have this **life-changing experience** through daily speaker sessions (e.g., Paralympians) and group activities using on-line meeting technology. This daily program will motivate conferees to understand basic principles of leadership and teamwork, while making new friends. The 2020 RYLA Plus session will be held from **July 19 through July 24** (Sunday through Friday). Just as online learning has replaced classrooms this spring, this will create a unique opportunity to grow your leadership and teamwork skills, while having fun!

RYLA Plus leadership development camp is **FREE** to all conferees through sponsorships provided by Rotary clubs in our area. Conferees need to have access to a **computer device with camera** capabilities and **high-speed Internet** access. If you don't have this equipment, we can help you obtain the equipment for the conference. Prior conferees have said this program gave them the **motivation and self-confidence** to pursue goals beyond their original expectations. Parents of conferees have seen changes in their teenagers, and Rotarians who participate as counselors are inspired by the courage and positive attitude to overcome obstacles that these conferees exhibit. Some conferees will also become future Junior Counselors or even the Head Jr. Counselor, who runs the program of activities. Conferees have told us that this experience has changed their attitude about what they can achieve in life!

How you can apply: To apply for RYLA Plus click here: <https://www.rylaplus.org/ryla-plus-application-form/>. The deadline for applications is **June 15, 2020**. Space is limited, so apply today! If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Karen Loeb at Ryla.Plus@gmail.com or call at 303-475-5796 (cell). More information about RYLA is here: <https://www.rylaplus.org/>. Watch two short **YouTube videos** from prior RYLA Plus camps at <https://comcast.app.box.com/s/27u8c1cgfx2i2cvk4kofmbapz9i6kcg> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNCUcwY2Ylw&t=13s>. We will take health and meal breaks throughout each day. **Don't miss out on this life-changing opportunity!**



RYLA PLUS 2018 Campers and Counselors

