

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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2004 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL WESTERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Rotary District 5470, Lamar Rotary Club, Lamar Community College, and The MASTER Teacher, Inc., are pleased to announce the twelfth annual Rotary International Western Leadership Conference for High School Students. June 13-16, 2004, is the scheduled date for this exciting conference that will be held on the LCC campus.

All high school students who want to be good leaders in their school and community will benefit from this conference. This includes, but is not limited to, students who are class officers, sports team captains, club officers, and yearbook or newspaper editors. The leadership methods, techniques, and skills these students will learn not only apply to current situations but also have a lifelong purpose. Students will learn the following:

- **Respect** for other people, including peers, teachers, administrators, parents, and community members.
- **Responsible decision making** in daily school challenges.
- The **control, conflict, and caring** aspects of leading people.
- Effective and creative **planning and problem solving**.
- **Communicating** effectively with individuals and large groups.

Each year, a professional staff made up of educators and business people leads the conference. The staff members are selected for their ability to relate to students and for their achievements and expertise in the fields of leadership and management. The staff will treat the students like business executives who are being prepared to manage their own companies. Therefore, the material taught will not be watered down; the students will be asked to rise to the occasion.

Local Rotary Clubs or Service Organizations are encouraged to sponsor students to attend the conference. We recommend sending at least 2 so they can share ideas. In any case, the club usually pays the tuition and travel expenses for the students who attend the conference.

The conference is open to any student *currently* in the ninth, tenth, or eleventh grade. Your schools and your community will benefit directly since each participant will be returning for the 2004 school year and will be able to put into practice what he or she has learned at the conference.

In order to keep the quality of the conference at the same level as in past years, we must limit the conference to 130 participants. These openings will be filled using the following criteria:

1. Rotary club request.
2. Prior participation of each Rotary club.
3. New clubs participating.
4. Date of submission of the Reservation for Participation

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The cost of the Leadership Conference is \$285.00 for each student enrolled. This fee covers room and board at the LCC residence hall, conference tuition, a leadership notebook, and a conference T-shirt (conference participants will be under adult supervision 24 hours a day). Although it is not necessary to submit names until **May 15th**, Reservation for Participation forms (enclosed) for the conference require a deposit of \$100.00 and should be returned by **Dec. 31, 2003** to guarantee your students' attendance. The balance of \$185.00 is due by April 30th.

The deadline for cancellation of a reservation is April 30th. Prior to that date, all paid registration fees will be refunded less a \$50 non-refundable administration fee. Any Reservation For Participation forms or fees received after April 30th will be assessed a \$310 student fee. For any student (registered and paid) who does not attend the conference, we will apply \$260.00 to next year's conference (keeping the \$50 non-refundable administration fee).

This packet is prepared as an aid and guide in the selection of students for the conference. We have included information for you to follow after the student has been identified. Also included is a **RYLA Planning Timeline**. This form provides useful information regarding the timing of the entire RYLA process. We do not have all the answers for student selection, but we have shared some ideas about that process with you in this material.

With the volume of students attending the conference, registration deadlines have become much more important. Please send us your Reservation for Participation form or have the school call us and send a deposit of \$100 by **December 31, 2003**. Because many student organizations choose officers in late spring, the names of the students attending are not required until **May 15, 2004**. For a more effective administration of the conference, these dates will be enforced more closely than in previous years. We understand there may be last-minute changes. If you have any questions or need further information, call or write:


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We strongly encourage you to register your students online. That can be done at www.lamarrotary.org and follow the links or go directly to www.lamarrotary.org/regryla.htm.

We invite you to please read on to find out more about the 2004 Rotary International Western Leadership Conference for High School Students and how it can benefit your students and club. Our web site is www.lamarrotary.org/ryla.htm. We promise an experience that these students will benefit from for a lifetime.

Respectfully,


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