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Dear Robin,

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD CAMP (RYLA) - 2018

I am writing to schools and selected voluntary youth organisations in Perth and Kinross, inviting them to encourage their pupils/members aged 15 to 18 (at the commencement of the camp) to apply for places for the 2018 RYLA camps, which are being held at the Abernethy Outdoor Centre, Nethybridge from Saturday 07 July to Saturday 14 July for the girls camp, and Saturday 14 July to Saturday 21 July for the boys camp.

The RYLA experience is run as a leadership development course so will be of huge value to participants in their future lives. Successful applicants will need to demonstrate some leadership potential which will be further developed during the camp. The interviews will identify those candidates who would benefit the most from this opportunity, as opposed to those who may already have developed and demonstrated these skills to a high level.

The week is fun, intensive, competitive and challenging, combining intellectual and physical activities for youngsters from a range of different backgrounds. Activities include practical problem solving, hill walking, canoeing, rock climbing, and sports and team building. Each day there are prominent speakers who have achieved success in a variety of fields.

There is a web page for schools, youth organisations, parents and potential candidates to find out more about the RYLA programme. The web page link, or URL is:

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/districts/page.php?PgID=257210&DistrictNo=1010&Mp=255573>

Around 60 young people from Central and Northern Scotland attend each camp. All costs are paid for by Rotary, transport is provided and candidates need only provide pocket money. All attendees in the past have very much enjoyed the week, and have benefited greatly from it.

Your specific involvement as a supporting organisation would be to publicise the offer to those of your pupils or members who might benefit from the opportunity and to encourage likely candidates to apply for a place. I would be happy to meet those of your pupils/members showing an interest in applying and tell them more about the opportunity.

The 3 Perth based Rotary Clubs are prepared to sponsor up to 5 candidates for the camps at a cost of over £500 a person. Potential candidates must live either in Perth or its immediate surrounding area. This offer is not available to those in Auchterarder, Blairgowrie, Kinross or Crieff as these towns are covered by their local Rotary clubs. If you have any questions regarding this aspect please contact me.

The candidate application form is enclosed. This must be completed by candidates and returned directly to me at 4 Church Road, Methven Perth PH1 3PG by the end of January 2018 or e-mailed to me at thekirks51@gmail.com

We will aim to interview all candidates before the end of February 2018 and selection will be completed soon afterwards.

Thank you for your help in this venture.

Yours faithfully,

Chris

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