

CAMP ROYAL INFORMATION GUIDE

WHAT IS CAMP ROYAL?

Camp Royal - **RO**tary Youth And Leadership - is a four day intensified leadership program for outstanding 11th grade leaders who will be Seniors the year following the Camp.

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF CAMP ROYAL

Rotary conducts Camp Royal as a reward for outstanding youth by recognizing them as leaders and offering them incentives to further their leadership ability in order to build a better school, community, and country.

WHEN WILL THE CAMP BE HELD?

After school is out in June, boys and girls attend different 4 day sessions.

WHERE IS IT LOCATED?

Camp Royal is located at the 5,000 foot elevation YMCA facility at Sequoia Lake, which is on Highway 180 about an hour and fifteen minutes east of Fresno.

HOW MANY ATTEND THE CAMP?

The Camp Royal training program is planned for 96 boys and 96 girls from high schools located throughout Central California. Each school has a quota of one or more depending upon the size of the school.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION?

Young leaders are selected on the basis of *leadership, personal values, intelligence, and integrity*. **Rotary asks for the best leader the school can provide.**

HOW ARE THE STUDENTS SELECTED?

The selection process may vary, but each school is asked to nominate several outstanding Juniors. The sponsoring Rotary club appoints a screening committee for making the final selection.

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES ARE CONDUCTED IN CAMP?

Each student is assigned to a SAS (Small Assembly Session) group. No two students from one school are in the same SAS group. The SAS group, with an outstanding counselor, will do everything together - critique the speakers and report the consensus of the group, live in

one cabin as a unit, compete in athletic events, etc. A real bond of friendship will be developed through the SAS group.

The camp features *outstanding* keynote speakers who talk about their fields of work and what they do in their communities. In addition there are small group discussions. Besides the excellent food, the evening campfire is one of the highlights. Because of the selective and talented group of students, the Camp is able to have a band, a choir, dramatic groups, a daily paper, a yearbook, and all sorts of special events. Water sports are particularly popular since the Camp is in a mountain lake setting.

HOW IS THE CAMP SUPERVISED?

The Camp is well supervised with a Director, counselors, assistants, and numerous volunteer Rotarians from nearby clubs. A feature of the Camp is the selection process for providing outstanding counselors who know how to guide youth without being verbal, placing much responsibility on the campers to learn how the democratic process works and learn the value of good planning and follow-through.

WHAT IS THE COST TO PARTICIPANTS?

There is no direct cost to the participants invited. Transportation, food, lodging, and all other activities are provided by the Rotary Clubs of District 5230.

COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTENDED THE CAMP

"Camp Royal is the most extraordinary experience that I have ever been through in my life."

"I learned invaluable things about leadership and came to many realizations about myself."

"I've grown and strengthened tremendously as a person in just four days. It's great."

"Camp Royal has taught me courage, a belief in myself, and the realization that my goals aren't farfetched."

"It was a growing and maturing experience . . . a time of learning about ourselves and the people around us."

"It's great that you trust us enough to give us the responsibility to plan our week and look after ourselves. The staff is great."

"I think this has been one of the best experiences of my life"

"The speakers were very influential on me. I feel I have a much better attitude and better leadership ability."