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### For Immediate Release

SANFORD, ME – Sanford Springvale Rotary Club is sponsoring five local high school students to attend RYLA 2022, the 32nd annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards outdoor leadership camp. This year's RYLA outdoor leadership camp will be held June 26-29th at Camp Hinds in Raymond, Maine.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is an experience that allows students to develop leadership skills, enhance personal strengths, all while learning to apply high ethical standards. The program uses a wide range of experiential activities and challenges.

Camp life is alive and fun with time for swimming, camp fires and more. Inside their Leadership Exploration Group, students will find themselves motivated to learn more about their individual leadership style, and how to apply it to their lives.

Sanford-Springvale Rotary Club will sponsor the full financial cost of five students to attend 2022 RYLA. Each scholarship is valued at over \$750.

Rotary Clubs select and sponsor talented, promising rising juniors (students finishing their sophomore year of high school), to attend. Students who have a desire to increase their confidence as a leader and as an individual, while also being challenged to grow personally, are encouraged to apply.

Many alumni and former students report back years later that it was one of the most influential experiences of their lives, in which they gained lifelong friendships, increased confidence, and a willingness to continually be challenged to achieve positive growth.

Students finishing their sophomore year of high school can apply by contacting Andy Orazio at [aorazio@sanfordymca.org](mailto:aorazio@sanfordymca.org) or 207-324-4942.

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