

Become, Discover, Be Challenged

Winter Camp - Overview

The motto of **Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)**, which emerged from the first seminar in 1980, is “**the Cultivation of Youth**” and after comprehensive review, we define that we do this through supporting participants to **Become, Discover and Be Challenged**. RYPEN aims for the average student and not for the outstanding few, if your young person has qualities worth developing, qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity, and application in everyday life, and deserve a further development opportunity then they are suitable for RYPEN. They do not have to be the leaders in the school or up at the top of their year, they simply must show qualities that would be worth further development and nurturing.

RYPEN is aimed at the young people aged between 14 and 16 year; must be minimum 14 at the start of the camp and in years 8 to 10 at school. The aim of camp is to challenge participants to become and discover through a series of sessions on goal setting, problems solving and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, and to broaden their horizons culturally, socially, and academically. Participants will be given an opportunity to learn from achievers in the worlds of business, law enforcement and more. Presenters will speak at workshops and share their experiences with participants, while emphasizing the need to dream big, work hard and stay focused. At the same time, participants are interacting with peers from different backgrounds and improving their leadership, teamwork, and communication skills. All this is done in an informal atmosphere, where questions and debates are facilitated and encouraged. In addition to camp activities, participants receive suitable instruction and play an active part in introducing and thanking guest speakers, leading group activities, and assisting in camp chores.

The cost is only \$350.00 per student but this will be funded by a local Rotary club seeing no cost to schools or families. Our rules are simple and are consistent with civilised behaviour; breaches may result in the student being sent home. We accept participants from a diversity of backgrounds, genders, and schools.

If the participant cancels within the 7 days prior to camp, without an unavoidable reason the family *may* be liable for the cost and no refunds will be given if participants are sent home for a breach of rules.

It is advised that the participants do not go with friends. If the participants do not know anyone at the start of the seminar, they will leave with 60+ new friends when it finishes on Sunday afternoon, it allows them to leave behind perceived personas and pushes them out of their comfort zone in a safe environment, where the most growth can occur.

Participants are accommodated in dormitory style rooms for up to eight people and meals are provided in a communal dining room. Special dietary requirements can be catered for by the camp chefs. The District RYPEN committee provides the organisation and planning; Rotarians, their Partners, and Youth Facilitators (Mentors) live-in for the duration of the camp, as counsellors and mentors and we also have a camp Nan and Pop just in case.

PLEASE pass on *Caregivers and Schools Information* pack [LINK](#) on to your school's year advisers for year 8, 9 or 10 and/or the school's Head of Welfare.

RYPEN Winter Camp Rotary District 9685
14th – 16th June, 2024
BLUE GUM LODGE Springwood

Information for Clubs

WHEN: 14th – 16th June, 2024

WHERE: Blue Gum Lodge Springwood

COST: **\$350** per participant – covered by sponsoring Rotary Club

NOMINATION CLOSING DATE: 18th May, 2024

It is the caregivers' responsibility to ensure their participants are transported to and from the seminar and arriving between **11-11.30am on Friday 14th June** for Registration and Lunch, and collected around **3:00pm on Sunday 16th June**. If needed this job should be pre-arranged with the sponsoring Rotary Club, not the camp committee. Please consider this early and make plans to bring them or discuss this with your participant's caregivers.

It is not satisfactory for the student to miss any of the Seminars; if your participant cannot attend the camp in full, please do not apply; the camp costs the Rotary club \$350 per participant so full attendance is expected.

Please contact the camp Director Amanda Barnes winterryphen@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Relevant Links:

[RYPEN facebook page](#)

[Caregiver and Schools information Package](#)

[Application form for Clubs](#)

[Application form for Participants](#)

[Graduation Lunch RSVP form](#)

Please only use these links only, DO NOT use previous forms

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Rotary Club Check List

	Action	Completed By	Dated Completed
1.	Find at least, 2 suitable participants.		
2.	Complete the online <i>Club Form</i> (one form per club; can list multiple participants)		
3.	Ensure participant's caregiver has completed the <i>Participants form</i> (one per participant).		
4.	Once you receive the acceptance confirmation- Make payment \$350 per participant to: <i>Account Name D9685 RYPEN(Winter)</i> <i>BSB 633000</i> <i>A/c number 163889959</i> Please include "RYPEN" and your Club Name in the transaction information, please forward receipt by email to Camp Director: winterryphen@gmail.com as confirmation.		
5.	Check if "Acceptance Instructions" have been received by the participant.		
6.	Invite Participants and caregivers to attend at least 1 Rotary Meeting PRIOR to the camp.		
7.	Confirm transport of participant has been arranged: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To the camp • From the camp • Who is providing transport 		
8.	A driver arranged to bring the participant home if an emergency arises. Phone number must be given to the committee. (Caregivers are best for this)		
9.	Arrange to have participants speak to sponsor club after camp		
10.	Organise for the press to be at the meeting or take photos and send to paper		