



...CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS (10)

REACH YOUR POTENTIAL



...BEKAH SCOTT (12)

Q What did you do on the Reach mission trip?

A "There were about 10 people in a group, and every group had a neighbor. The neighbor was the person whose house we fixed. So, we built a deck from scratch, and put it up. The serving was a big part of the trip, but the connection I made was also a big part of it. You got to talk with your neighbor and connect with them." ...**CHARLOTTE REYNOLDS (10)**



...TAYLOR BRADSHAW (10)

NEW YORK NEIGHBORS... Reach is the name of the 2019 summer mission trip sponsored by the Eaton Community Church. A group of EHS students flew to New York in hopes of impacting people's lives and making a difference. For one week, they worked with people from all over the country to repair houses and help their neighbors rebuild their lives. Taylor Bradshaw (10) said, "Seeing how bad people's lives can be, and how much we have, I feel like I take it all for granted."



...AINSLEY ROSS (9)



Photos courtesy of Reach participants

"When I came back from the mission trip, I was changed. I was on a God high, and genuinely happier."

...**ABBEY HAYS (11)**

"I wish more people..."



MIGUEL LOPEZ (12)... *I wish more people would like mullets.*



ABBY COPELAND (9)... *I wish more people would see me for me and not what I look like.*



AVRIL RODRIGUEZ (9)... *I wish more people would be happy with the way they are, and know that they are enough.*



MAREK BOOTH (11)... *I wish more people realized that Chick-Fil-A is the superior fast food chain.*



EMMA HOLTE (9)... *I wish more people could just chill.*



MELISSA BRENING... *I wish more people would demonstrate respect for each other despite our differences. We are all fighting our own battle.*



KERI GERKIN (10)... *I wish more people would understand that no one is perfect.*



TOBIAS HARPER (11)... *I wish more people cared about the planet.*



LEYAH SCOTT (9)... *I wish more people would have something to strive for, a wish or a dream, so they don't count the minutes or assignments, when they could be accomplishing something grand.*



MARIAH NOONAN (10)... *I wish more people were more accepting of everyone.*

Question

What is your favorite energy drink?



AUSTIN SUTTON (10)... "I've been drinking [Monster Drinks] since 6th grade and it helps me to wake up. My favorite flavor is the fruit punch or the regular base flavor."



ROWDY CULBREATH (12)... "Redbull is my favorite because of the hill bombing races they hold. I've been drinking them since 6th grade because I wanted to stay up as late as my brother."



JADYN WAGNER (11)... "Monsters keep me energized, and they are the only thing that makes me happy."

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KLARA CORDOVA (12)...
 "RYLA was always on my radar. It helped me meet the best people on this planet and it helped me learn a lot. I really miss it."



BEN WILLIAMS (11)...
 "My first initial feeling was nervousness. But once you met everyone they became your family for a week."



HALEY RIDDLE (11)...
 "[RYLA] just really changed my mindset and brought out aspects of myself I never would've imagined."

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership training camp that is intended for juniors and seniors. The main focus of RYLA is to provide young men and women **leadership skills** that are enhanced in an **atmosphere of positivity and trust**. The program is organized and coordinated by Rotary clubs around the globe. The main mission of Rotary is to **bring business and enhance professional leaders to provide goodwill and peace around the world**. It is a week long retreat that is held in the YMCA in Estes Park, Colorado. The retreat encouraged **students to discover their inner selves and unlock certain leadership traits** that might not have been opened if it was not for RYLA. The retreat is **built on the foundation of team bonding** in order to allow the students to engage. One activity called Spider Web, included a web built from rope and tied around trees for sturdiness. The object of the game was for every team member to make it through the Spider Web without touching the web. If someone touched the web, the whole team had to **start over again**. Every hole in the web must be used and the team must use every strategy possible until they're successful. "It was a little nerve wracking because I didn't know anyone there, but it **allowed us to get closer** and put **everyone's ideas together** in order to come out successful. I couldn't imagine my life without RYLA. It was truly was life-changing," said Grace Smith (11).

Photos courtesy of RYLA participants

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards - RYLA



CONNECTED FOREVER... Jon Brantner (11), Sarah-Cate Ogden (11), Mackenna Dalton (11), Grace Smith (11), Ben Williams (11), Haley Riddle (11), Ari Luna (11), Klara Cordova (12), Essence Orosco (11), and Leslie Apodaca (11) gather to take a group photo as a remembrance of RYLA.



2... UNFORGETTABLE Ari Luna (11) participates in the Color Blast. Dance while wearing her RYLA shirt after attending the summer conference in Estes Park. "RYLA is my second family and there are no words to explain the experience. [Wearing] the shirt is just a way of remembering the positive words and love everyone showed," said Luna.



3... WE BOND HERE Sarah-Cate Ogden (11) completes a difficult challenge blindfolded in a RYLA bonding activity. The point of the activity was to have trust in others to lead you to different destinations. "You can take everything you learned from RYLA and apply it to your life. I learned a lot about my own confidence and trust in others," Ogden said.



1... FLIP THE MAT!
 Jon Brantner (11) participates in a team bonding activity called, "FLIP THE MAT!" during the RYLA conference at the YMCA Rockies. The object of the game was to work with your team to find a constructive way to flip the entire mat over without anyone stepping onto the floor. "I am better at voicing my thoughts and feelings because of RYLA," said Brantner.



...PHILIP LAWRENCE (10)



...GABRIELA MORALES (12)



...COLT EMMERT-KUEHNE (9)



...ESSENCE OROSCO (11)



...LIBBY SCHELICH (10)



...LESLIE APODAC (11)



...SOPHOMORES ADDIE BURKE & KAITLYN GOMEZ



...ARIA DANIELS (10)



...FRESHMEN CARLOS VIELMAS, AURORA AYERS, GABE ESTRADA, & DOMINIC LOPEZ

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