

Iowa RYLA Conference 2026 Rotarian Visit Day

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Grinnell College – Grinnell, Iowa

Thank you for joining us to experience Iowa RYLA firsthand! Rotarian Visit Day provides an opportunity to observe, participate, and engage with our student leaders as they complete the Shark Tank Experience and learn how Rotary values are integrated throughout the week.

CHECK-IN OPTIONS

Option 1: Early Arrival – 8:00 a.m. Check-In at Harris Hall

- Registration and welcome
- Receive visitor badge and materials
- Overview of the day's activities

Option 2: Mid-Morning Arrival – 9:30 a.m. Check-In at Harris Hall

- Registration and welcome
- Receive visitor badge and materials
- Brief orientation before joining student activities

MORNING ACTIVITIES

8:15 a.m. – Morning Kickoff Assembly

8:30 a.m. – Word of Focus Presentation by One of the Team Leads

8:45 a.m. – Introduction to the Shark Tank Experience

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Shark Tank Experience – Part 1

- Students work in small group teams to develop a community service project
- Rotarians will shadow a Team and serve as resources for their projects
- Observe brainstorming, collaboration, and project development

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – RYLA Behind the Scenes with Leadership

- Opportunity to hear how RYLA comes together
- Ask questions of the leadership team
- Provide suggestions and feedback for future Iowa RYLA conferences

LUNCH – 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

- Grinnell College Dining Hall: \$14 per person

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Word of Focus Presentation by a Team Lead

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – Shark Tank Experience – Part 2

- Rotarians will meet as a group and experience first hand the small-group Team Time Activities (TTAs)
- Teams continue project development and preparation of final presentations
- Rotarians continue to serve as project resource contacts and mentors

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Shark Tank Presentations

- Meet with Iowa RYLA leadership to:
- Learn about team-building and leadership development activities
- Discuss sponsorship opportunities and student selection best practices for clubs
- Participate in Q&A sessions with RYLA leadership

WHY ATTEND?

- Experience the impact of RYLA firsthand
- Observe students developing leadership and teamwork skills
- Learn how Rotary's values are incorporated into the program
- Gain ideas to strengthen youth engagement in your club
- Better understand the value of sponsoring students to attend Iowa RYLA

We look forward to welcoming you to Iowa RYLA 2026!

Register Here:

