

# LA MESA



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## RYLA CAMP, CLOSE UP & PERSONAL

*Among the Rotary Club of El Paso Boys RYLA Counselors at last month's RYLA camp were veteran counselor Jim Maxon and rookie, Carey Beamesderfer. Carey sent the following article, entitled simply, "Thank you" to La Mesa that was written by RYLA participant, Thomas Minor, and it is reprinted here with Thomas' permission. Carey tells us that Thomas was the Editor in Chief of the RYLA Camp's daily newspaper called "The Daily Apple". Thomas was a member of the "Prima" team at Camp and Carey was Prima's Counselor. Thomas is from El Paso and is a senior at Coronado High School, with a 4.0 grade point average. He is an Eagle Scout and Youth Leader for local Chapter of Order of the Arrow. He also participates in wrestling and baseball. – Wes Schotten, La Mesa Editor*

### Thank you.



So our week together is finally over, we were

pretty much chucked into a situation where we had to actually sleep next to 7-9 complete strangers then we were expected to actually get along with these strangers. At the beginning of the week, I honestly thought it couldn't be done. I thought that it would be a 6 day long awkward silence between everyone in every cabin. I can't even explain how happy I am that I was completely wrong. I met some guys who I am truly going to remember for the rest of my life. Each of my guys in Prima as well as each member of the Core of the "Daily Apple" has left a distinct impression on me and each one it seems has

taught me something new. The experiences I've had at this place with everyone here will never be forgotten and looking back at the fun I had will always make me smile.

Not only did I have a hell of a lot of fun, but I also learned a lot of really important qualities of being a leader. I learned everything from what the responsibilities of being a leader are to lead by example, but there was one thing that stuck out the most. One of my cabin-mates in Prima taught me something that I really, truly needed to learn. He taught me to put a filter on what I call the "whole brain-to-mouth thing". See I'm a person who tends to speak my mind, a lot. I would just say stuff out there with the

attitude that if you don't like what I'm saying you can simply go bury your head in the sand and leave me and the rest of society alone. This guy taught me to actually take possible affects on team morale and even others' feelings into account before I just shoot my mouth off. I think that will be most beneficial to me when I head home.

For that and all the other awesome things I did and learned here at camp RYLA I just want to say thank you. I want to thank not only the youth who were so influential to me, but the counselors, junior counselors, and directors who made this week happen. Without you guys this really would have been an awkward silence for 6 days. Partly because I'd be

here by myself staring at a wall for almost a week straight, but mostly because all of you are very unique

people and without each and every one of you my experience simply would not have been as good. So thanks guys.

- Thomas Minor,  
Editor in Chief, Prima

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High above the New Mexico Pines, RYLA campers test their confidence and teamwork on the "ropes"



It's all about teamwork!

## Eastside Club Changes Meeting Time

Message from The Rotary Club of East El Paso - The Rotary Club of East El Paso has made some changes. They now meet Monday at noon at the Airport Holiday Inn, 6655 Gateway Blvd West, El Paso, TX 79925. Please let your members know so they won't try to make up at the wrong place. [Maybe if your car breaks down on the Eastside of town at noon on Monday and there's no time to walk to our meeting!! - Editor]

## West El Paso Rotary Announces Upcoming Programs

Note: Some programs are subject for final confirmation

August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mad Science/YMCA Day Camp	Ken Chung
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	United Blood Services	David Veloz
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Wilson, El Paso City Manager	
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	No Meeting	
September 10 <sup>th</sup>	Benefits of Weight Training	Rafa Castanon, Personal Trainer
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gems Gems Literacy Group	
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Franklin Mt. Wilderness Coalition	John Sproul
October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Six Guns and Shady Ladies	
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Zin Valle Winery	Vic Poulus
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Indonesia Ecological Tour	Carey Beamesderfer

## Rotary Websites

**Rotary Club of West El Paso**  
[www.rotaryweselpaso.org](http://www.rotaryweselpaso.org)

**Rotary District 5520**  
[www.rotary5520.org](http://www.rotary5520.org)

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[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**eClubOne**  
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

## The 4-Way Test

Members of Rotary use a simple test to guide their actions in life. Here it is:

**“The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Is it the TRUTH?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Is it FAIR to all concerned?**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER**

**FRIENDSHIPS?**

**4<sup>TH</sup> Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?”**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR TODAY’S MEETING!

Tap into your cookie jar, dip into your mad money, bring loose change, cut back on your beer money and bring your check book . . .

*We need to take up a collection for the back to school supplies for our matching grant at Monday's meeting. We need a total of \$600 to get the match of \$600. I think Carey collected around \$160-180 at the last meeting so we still need \$400 +.*

- Ken Slavin

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