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RYLA visits GSW

Emphasizes leadership, personal growth



Letting go, breaking through—Pictured above, left, a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program student participates in the “trust fall” at the Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW) ropes course with the assistance of Robbie Robertson, retired Navy Seal and current leadership coach. Above, right, Robertson holds a wooden board while Jeremy Scroggs of West Point, Ga. breaks it with his bare hand. Both activities were geared to enhance overall personal development in leaders of tomorrow. At this four-day event held June 23-26 over 100 young leaders, ages 14-17, from all of west Georgia took part. RYLA, adopted by Rotary International in 1971, was developed to train youth in character, leadership, personal growth and good citizenship. 2007 marked the fourth year that GSW has hosted this program.