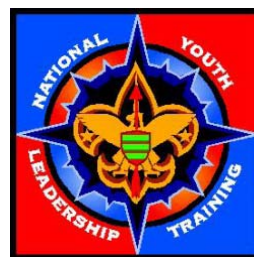


***“Helping to build the leaders of tomorrow....***

***One Scout at a time”***



## What is NYLT?

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*This is an intense week- long leadership training course for Scouts. As the third step in the Boy Scout program for Youth Leader development, this course provides your Scouts with the Leadership skills they need to be truly effective. It is the most advanced Youth Leader Training that Scouting offers.*

- The first step in Youth Leader training is the “Introduction to Leadership”. This is the individual counseling that the Scoutmaster does with a youth when he undertakes a new position. It is the training in the specific functions of his new position.
- The second phase of Youth Leader training is “Troop Youth Leader Training”. This is training at the troop level to help the youths to do a better job of working together. It addresses many very practical situations a Youth Leader may encounter. This training can only be effectively carried out at the Troop level.
- The third type of training is the “National Youth Leadership Training” (NYLT). The interaction among Scouts from all over the Council is a major ingredient in the course. That is why it is not provided at the Unit level alone! NYLT supports the training done by the home Troop Scoutmaster.
- All three types of training are necessary to develop the Scouts' potential fully.

### **We've never sent anyone before... Why should we now?**

Sending Scouts to NYLT helps them develop their leadership potential. This results in a smoother running unit. If your Troop is committed to having a true boy run Troop, your youth leaders need the skills presented in this course.

### **Isn't the Troop or Scoutmaster training enough?**

NYLT builds on and enhances the skills and ideas introduced at the other levels of training. NYLT is not designed to replace the training done by the Scoutmaster, it is designed to provide additional leadership skills and enhance the Youth Leader's ability to lead within the troop.

### **What will the Scout learn?**

The Scout will learn the fundamentals of good leadership. These include the skills of motivating people and getting the job done. They are presented in a form that encourages the Scout to practice these skills as they are learned. The Scout will learn the importance of forming a group into a unit that is working together because they want to. The tools of communications, identifying and using resources, representing the group and dealing with problems will all be presented. Your Scout will have an opportunity to practice these skills while learning the kinds of results they can bring. The skills related to planning, effective teaching, and sharing leadership also will be presented. These tools are the ones that will get the job done. Scouts are challenged....

....through various Patrol activities to provide practical, hands on, experience in the use of these skills. The Scout leaves with a "Leadership Toolkit" to aid him in applying his newly acquired skills back in the Troop.

### **Does NYLT teach Scoutcraft skills?**

Our focus at NYLT is on the leadership skills and providing an opportunity to use and strengthen those skills. Participants must have achieved the rank of First Class or higher prior to attending NYLT. It is presumed they possess skills in the areas of cooking, fire building, camping, knot tying, safety and first aid required by the First Class rank

### **How is the course organized?**

The course is set up to represent a month in the life of a Scout Troop. Patrols experience the stages of team development. Scouts discover that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning and learn how to define a vision, set goals for achieving it and plan for accomplishment of those goals. Built on the legacy of past youth leader-training courses, NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions and audiovisual support NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well. A wide range of activities, events, games and adventures will cause the NYLT participants to work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The National Youth Leadership Training Conference is a week- long outdoor adventure. It is fun, intense and challenging.

### **How many Scouts do we send?**

Send the Scouts who are now in leadership positions or will be soon. This would include the positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide to name the most obvious. The real answer to the question of who and how many Scouts to send is more a question of who you think is mature enough to take part in a week long intensive training course and who you believe the future leaders of your unit will be. It is always best to remember the benefits of the buddy system in Scouting and send two or more Scouts to share the information and support each other upon returning to the troop.

### **Are camperships available?**

Many units sponsor youth to attend NYLT by paying all or part of the course fee. Limited camperships are available. Please contact our Course Scoutmaster directly.

### **Scoutmaster Minute:**

Some may think that a week isn't long enough to teach a youth how to become a leader. Others believe a week is just too long. Both are incorrect and both right! Becoming a leader is an evolutionary process. The more practice they get using their leadership skills the better leaders they become. At the NYLT course we get the Scout started on the right path by presenting leadership skills, help identify and strengthen the skills they already possess and give them an opportunity to try them out and hone them in a controlled, training environment. The Scout REALLY learns leadership by applying the skills he learns back in his home Troop under the guidance of his Scoutmaster. The training of youth leaders is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster. NYLT is designed to support, not replace, the Scoutmaster's role in the training process. Each scout who attends will do so as a representative of his home troop and will wear the uniform and insignia of his home troop.