

Yankee Clipper Council, BSA

National Youth Leadership Training



Sunday August 17, 2008 (8 AM) – Saturday August 23, 2008 (11 AM)
Lone Tree Scout Reservation, Kingston, NH

Course objective:

To teach the Participants the leadership skills necessary to be effective leaders in their home units, while helping them experience the fun and challenge of Scouting at its best.

Cost: \$225 per participant
Space is limited, so sign up early!

For more information and application forms, contact the Course Scoutmaster or Course Registrar.
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What is NYLT?

This is an intense weeklong 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 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 able to be 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. Because they are all complementary, the order in which they are provided is of less importance than that they are offered.



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. As a result the adults will be able to spend more of their time doing those things they should be doing with the Troop. 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?

No. As stated above, Troop and Scoutmaster training sessions were designed to be shorter and introduce the Youth Leader to his new leadership role. They were not designed to teach leadership skills per se but to “jump start” a Scout in his new leadership position in the Troop. NYLT builds on and enhances the skills and ideas introduced in the other sessions. 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 relationship with his Scoutmaster.

What will the Scouts 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 will also be presented. These tools are the ones that will get the job done. Your Scout will have a chance to see them in action and practice them himself. Scouts are challenged through various Patrol activities that 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?

No. 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. The skill requirements for participant activities at NYLT will not exceed those of 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 Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead will. 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. National Youth Leadership Training is a weeklong outdoor experience for boy leaders in support of the Scoutmaster's responsibility for the training of Troop youth leaders.

NYLT is a fun, intense and challenging week of activities and training. It should be clearly understood by the participant, parents and Scoutmaster that it is not simply a "week at summer camp".

How many scouts do we send?

Send the Scouts who are now in leadership positions or soon will be. They are the ones that can put these leadership skills to work for the benefit of your unit and themselves now. This would include the positions of Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant 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. Remember, this is not "just a week at camp", it is a fun, but challenging and intense training experience.

"Helping to build America's leaders of tomorrow..."



...one Scout at a time."

(PLEASE NOTE: A SEPARATE CHECK IS REQUIRED FOR NYLT!!! DO NOT COMBINE WITH YOUR SUMMERCAMP PAYMENT)

National Youth Leadership Training Reservation

To: Buddy Whittle
2008 NYLT Scoutmaster
Yankee Clipper Council
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Haverhill, MA 01830-2802

From: Troop # _____

Please enroll the following Scouts in National Youth Leadership Training to be held at Lone Tree Scout Reservation, **August 17 to August 23, 2008**. It is understood that the Scouts listed are currently serving as troop senior patrol leader or assistant senior patrol leader, or have the potential and are at least of First Class rank and 13 years of age.

Name _____ Telephone _____ Age _____

Address _____ Position _____

City, State, Zip _____

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(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____ as a \$100.00 deposit for each of the applicants. We understand that this is transferable but not refundable after June 13 at which time the balance of the \$225.00 fee for the conference is due. Applications, personal resource forms, medical forms, and other information will be sent to the Scouts listed above.

Scoutmaster _____ Troop no. _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City, State, Zip _____

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