

# NYLT General Information



## What is National Youth Leadership Training?

**National Youth Leadership Training** is a weeklong outdoor experience for present and future youth leaders. The course is designed to help a Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor train the Scouts in the unit to become better troop leaders and facilitate the goal of maintaining a youth-run Scouting Program.

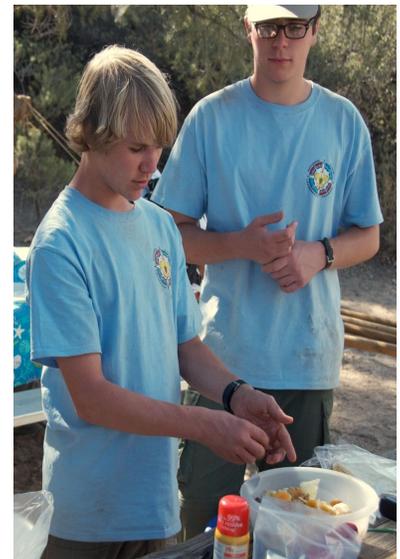


This six-day, action-packed program is designed to provide participants with leadership skills and experience they can take back to their home units and put to immediate use in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The course focuses on teaching advanced leadership skills in a team-building atmosphere based on the patrol method. Participants will be regularly challenged to accomplish activities and projects using the leadership skills taught in the course. It is the intent of the NYLT staff to return participants to their units with enthusiasm and ideas that will improve the troop program and make their job, and that of the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor, easier.

## What is the curriculum?

The NYLT course is delivered primarily in an outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. The six-day course schedule parallels the program month of a typical Scouting unit. A group leadership meeting, followed by three unit meetings (one each day for the first three days), all lead up to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp). Each patrol is challenged early in the week to present to the unit at the end of the week their "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership."

The NYLT syllabus integrates the best of modern leadership theory with traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through a wide range of activities, events, games and adventures, the NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the concepts being introduced. The challenge is designed to have participants go through the four stages of team development to help



individual Scouts internalize the concepts being presented to them along the way.

We set the example with a Youth-led troop as all the teaching is done by a Youth staff. Adult Staff will be present as support. Modern teaching techniques are used throughout the course in a unified approach to leadership that will give participants the skills and confidence to lead well.



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## Major Aims of NYLT

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING has six major aims:

1. To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run their unit's program
2. To teach and practice key leadership skills and relate these skills to the Scout's current responsibilities
3. To give scouts the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other scouts
4. To give each scout a varied experience and new skills, with emphasis on the patrol method, in a fun atmosphere
5. To create an atmosphere where scouts will experience "scouting at its best"
6. To enhance the relationship between the participant and the Scout's home troop or crew.



## Is NYLT the same as a week at summer camp?



No. Although there is an emphasis on fun, **NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING** is a leadership training course primarily in an outdoor environment. There are no rank advancement opportunities during the week. The purpose of this course is to develop leadership skills that Scouts will use in their home units and throughout their lives.

## What are the qualifications for attending NYLT?

### Scouts BSA Participants must:

- Be 14 years old or 13 years old and completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Be a First Class Scout
- Have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills –Troops (ILS-T) prior to the course
- Obtain the Scoutmaster's recommendation for attendance

### Venture Participants must:

- Have completed Introduction to Leadership Training–Crews (ILS-C) prior to the course
- Obtain the Crew Advisor's recommendation for attendance

### All Participants:

- Must Have the enthusiasm and desire to participate in this learning experience
- It is highly recommended that the Scout have attended a long-term (1 week) camp prior to attending NYLT



NYLT is an ideal experience for Youth currently in a leadership position or contemplating accepting a leadership position in the near future.

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