



National Youth Leadership Training

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A Short Program Overview

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a council-run, intensive six-day course designed to teach key team-building and leadership skills that can be applied in Scouting, school, and other youth group settings. The course is youth-led and taught by youth staff members from prior NYLT courses, under the supervision of adult Scoutmasters.

A Month in the Life of a Unit:

The NYLT Course models one month of activity for a typical Scouting unit.

- The first three full days of course represent the planning stages of Leadership council meetings, Unit meetings, and Planning for larger event
- Participants use the full range of BSA resources for planning and conducting meetings that are interesting, lively, and relevant
- Youth practice skills and games they can take back to their home units.
- Participants then put their preparations to the test during an outpost camp, symbolizing the major event that culminates a unit's activity cycle.

Stages of Team Development:

Participants experience the four stages of team development, learning how each stage pairs with an effective leadership and teaching style:

Forming • Storming • Norming • Performing

Toolbox of leadership Skills:

Presentations are designed to provide a practical toolbox of leadership skills, drawing from respected resources such as Stephen Covey *"The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People"* and Kenneth Blanchard *"One Minute Manager®"* series.

- Vision-Goals-Panning
- SMART Goals
- Planning and Problem-Solving Tool Assessment Tool
- Teaching EDGE
- Stages of Team Development
- Leading Edge
- Conflict Resolution Tool Making
- Ethical Decisions Communication
- Valuing People

Staffing NYLT:

Youth who demonstrate excellence in leadership and Scouting values may be invited to return as staff in future courses, where they can further refine their leadership and teaching skills.



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Participant Application Instructions

Parent Informational Meeting:	Participants MUST attend Mandatory Orientation:
➤ Date: May 2, 2026 (9 am - 11:30 am)	➤ Date: June 6, 2026 (9 am - 11:30 am)
➤ Location: IROEC (Leadership Center)	➤ Location: IROEC (Leadership Center)

ALL Participants MUST meet the following requirements:

- Be present for the **entirety of course**, including the Mandatory Pre-Course Orientation
- Must be a registered member of a Scouting unit.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C.
- Must have basic camping and outdoor cooking experience.
- Have the Unit Leader's approval to attend NYLT.

Scouts BSA members:

- Must be at least 13 years old.
- Must be First Class Rank by the start of course.
- Must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops.
- Complete a week-long Summer Camp

Venturers and Sea Scouts:

- Must be between 14-20 years old (or 13 and have completed eighth grade)
- Must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships.
- Recommended that they have had at least one year of camping experience.

Application Process: All application materials must be fully completed and submitted together. Incomplete applications will not be held. Waitlist priority is based on the date complete paperwork is received.

Step 1: Complete & Email Application Forms:

Email all completed participant application forms to:

OCBSA NYLT - ocbsanyltcd@gmail.com

Your application must include:

- Participant Application. Fully completed and signed by the Unit Leader
- Code of Conduct. Signed by the Scout and a parent/guardian (Parent signature not required if the Scout is 18 or older)

Step 2: Submit Course Payment:

- Course Fee: \$395
- Pay online: <https://scoutingevent.com/>
- Payment does NOT guarantee a spot until all required forms are received and approved.
- Scholarships: Contact Marie Becvar at Marie.Becvar@scouting.org

Step 3: Approval & Welcome Letter: Once all documents are reviewed and approved, participants will receive a Welcome Letter with additional course details.

Step 4: Mail Medical Forms: Must be received by June 6 at the Pre-course Orientation

- Required forms: BSA Medical Form ABC, Health Insurance Card (both sides), and Request for Medication (if needed)
- Mailing Address: OCBSA NYLT Attn: Kevin Do - 3318 Columbus Grove Dr., Tustin CA 92782
- **DO NOT EMAIL MEDICAL FORMS! THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

PLEASE NOTE: If a participant is absent from the mandatory pre-course orientation without prior approval from the Course Director, their application will be withdrawn and no refund will be issued. Participants who do not submit Medical Form C by the required deadline risk losing their spot and may be placed on the waitlist.



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Participant Application

Participant Information:

Last: _____ First: _____ MI. _____ BSA ID# _____

Preferred Name: _____ Gender: Male Female

Scouts BSA: _____ Rank: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(must be 1st Class and 13 years old before pre-course orientation)

Attended & Completed a Week-long Summer Camp: _____

Venturing / Sea Scouts / Explorers: _____ Date of Birth: _____
(must be between 14-20 before pre-course orientation)
Latest SYT Date of Completion: _____
(If 18 yrs. old before the start of course. Provide a copy of SYT certificate with application)

How did you hear about OCBSA NYLT? _____

Parent/ Guardian Information:

Parent 1 / Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Parent 2 / Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Unit Leader Information

Unit Leader Name: _____ Current Position: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____ Unit: Troop Crew Ship

Council: _____ District: _____ Unit: # _____

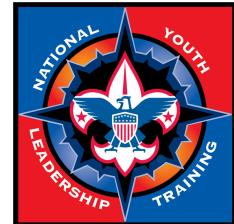
By signing this, you are confirming that this participant meets the requirements to attend NYLT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PARENT/ GUARDIAN REQUEST FOR MEDICATION (IF NEEDED)

Scout Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Patrol: (Determined by NYLT Staff): _____

I request that medication be administered to my son / daughter in accordance with the written prescription on the medication container.

Diagnosis / Reason for Medication:

Medication / Dose:

Route (Oral, Topical, etc.)

Possible Reactions:

Instructions for Emergency Care (please attach additional page):

Parent / Guardian Name:

Signature:

Date:

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

PERMISSION TO CARRY MEDICATION (IF NEEDED)

Inhaler / Medication:

My son/ daughter has been instructed in the proper use of their inhaler / medication. Their well-being is in jeopardy unless the inhaler /medication is carried on his/ her person; therefore, I request that he/ she be permitted to carry the inhaler/ medication.

I permit my son/ daughter to carry the above listed inhaler/ medication as ordered by his/ her physician. I understand that sharing medication with other Scouts will result in disciplinary action. I also understand the NYLT Staff are unable to monitor the frequency or method of usage of inhaler/ medication when it is being carried by a Scout.

Parent / Guardian Name:

Signature:

Date:



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CODE OF CONDUCT

All Youth and Adult participants of National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) are representatives of the community, family, and local Scouting Council. Therefore, all Scouts and their parents are asked to sign this Code of Conduct as a condition for participating. By signing the Code of Conduct, it is understood that serious misconduct or infraction of behavior rules may result in the expulsion of the participant from the NYLT course. Each Scout must be responsible for their behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a Scout home from the NYLT course.

ALL SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO LIVE BY THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW AT ALL TIMES AND TO USE THEM AS THE FOUNDATION OF THEIR BEHAVIOR.

I promise on my honor as a Scout that:

- I will not participate in cheating, gambling, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, cursing, use profanity, hazing, bullying, sexual misconduct, and/or willful disobedience to Youth or Adult NYLT Staff.
- I understand that if I participate in any of the listed negative behaviors the zero tolerance policy will be in effect and I will be expelled from the course.
- Possession of any of the following are not allowed for NYLT participants and will not be brought to camp: Any type of laser device, pyrotechnic device (fireworks), personal firearm and/or ammunition, alcohol and/or tobacco products, unapproved medication and/or substances of any kind, inappropriate literature, personal cell phones, electronic gaming devices, personal music or movie players (iPod, MP3 players, CD, DVD players, etc.).
- I will respect the Course equipment, camp, and public property and will be personally responsible for its cleanliness and any loss, breakage, or vandalism of said property(s).
- A Scout always respects the rights and property of others. Remember to keep your hands to yourself. The tongue is a vicious weapon, please think before you speak. Remember the Golden Rule - "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You".

I PROMISE, ON MY HONOR AS A SCOUT, THAT I WILL DO MY BEST TO LIVE UP TO THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.

Scout Name:

Signature:

Date:

Parent / Guardian Name:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Date:



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OCBSA NYLT Participant Packing List

WHAT NOT TO PACK:

Items Not Allowed on Course:

- Fire Starting items
- Electronic devices, such as cell phones, mp3 players, laptops, radios, games, etc.
- No food, snacks, or drinks.
- No energy, caffeinated or electrolyte drink mixes

Over-The-Counter Medication Warning:

Participants should **NOT** carry over-the-counter medications unless required for a medical condition. All over-the-counter medications will be administered by the NYLT medic.

WHAT TO PACK:

Clothing:

- Scouts BSA or Venturing Field Uniform
- Scouts BSA or Venturing Shorts or Pants
- Scout Belt
- Scout Socks - 2 pairs
- Hiking Boots
- Underwear - 2
- Fleece Pullover or Sweatshirt
- Lightweight Jacket
- Raincoat / Poncho
- Work Gloves
- Any Scout Appropriate Hat / Cap
- Knit Beanie (optional)

Toiletries:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hand Soap (in a container)
- Comb / Brush
- Sunscreen
- Washcloth
- Chapstick
- Toilet Paper (1 roll)

Sleeping Gear:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping roll pad (optional)
- Pillow (optional)
- Tent
- Tarp / ground cloth
- 1 or 2-man backpacking tent

Hiking Gear:

- Hiking Backpack (**No Duffel Bags**)
- Small day pack
- Flashlight or Headlamp & Batteries
- Backpacking stove & fuel (if you have one)

Miscellaneous

- Personal First Aid Kit
- Insect Repellent
- Folding Camp Chair
- Knife or Multi-Tool
- Pens - 3
- Watch
- Sewing Kit
- Safety Pins - 6
- Shoestrings - 1-pair
- Large Trash Bags

FINALLY...

Everything on this list must be brought to the NYLT Course, except those marked optional. Please label everything with your name in sharpie.

The NYLT Course will provide: NYLT hat, water bottle, notebook, songbook, spirit wear and t-shirt.