



Good Morning NYLT 19!

The time has come, and we are now just one week away from our NYLT course at Sand Hill Scout Reservation! The staff has been busy preparing and is excited to see each of you for an exciting NYLT experience. Here are some items to help you make your final preparations:

- NYLT 19 will be at Sand Hill Scout Reservation from December 26 – December 31
- Check-in on the 26<sup>th</sup> will begin at 12:30pm and we will open the gates at Sand Hill beginning at 12:00.
- The first meal on course will be dinner, that means eat before you arrive
  - When you arrive you will be met at the gate by one of our staff members who will direct you to the parking lot by the Hagerty Pavilion
  - Upon arriving at the parking lot, you will need to unload your gear and move to the pavilion
  - There will be three stations for check-in
    - Station 1 will verify you are registered for the course and paid in full
    - Station 2 will collect your medical forms (You will need forms A, B, and C - which must be signed by a medical professional)
    - Station 3 will give you your patrol assignment, name tag, water bottle, and course T-shirts
  - Once you have completed the check-in process you find your Troop Guide and your parents are ready to leave camp
- When you are packing remember to bring the following:
  - Your field uniform (neckerchiefs are optional and merit badge sashes are not needed)
  - Activity uniform parts / clothing for 6 days (Check the weather, we are looking at colder weather at the beginning of the week)
  - Bring some rain gear
  - Close-toed shoes or boots are required in camp
  - You will need a tent and sleeping gear (again pack warm for the colder weather!)
  - A scout is clean so make sure to pack your toothbrush along with soap/shampoo and a towel
    - You will have the opportunity, and are encouraged to take showers!
  - Pack a flashlight – it gets dark early!
  - Bring some pens/pencils to take notes
  - You may bring your phone to camp, but it must remain in camp and can be used before or after course activities each day. NO phones are allowed during course presentations or activities!
  - All meals are provided so you do not need to pack any additional food.
    - If you have any food allergies and you have not let us know, please reach out to me ASAP so we can plan accordingly.



- Make sure to bring your excitement to learn! We will be working to give each of you some top-notch leadership skills to bring back to your home unit!

Part of the NYLT experience is an “outpost” night - to prepare for the outpost night participants will be packing up their gear on day 5 and hiking to the outpost for the night. Please keep this in mind when packing your gear. Backpacks and smaller tents work best for the experience.

- On December 31 we will be closing the course with a graduation ceremony for participants and families!
  - The ceremony will begin promptly at 3:00PM on the 31st at the Sand Hill Council Ring.
  - We will open the gate at 2:00PM to allow families time to get into camp, park at Hagerty, and walk to the council ring
  - At the ceremony, participants will receive their NYLT acorns, the course Council Patch, an NYLT trained patch, and certificate of NYLT completion

If you have not done so, please join our Facebook page so you can follow along with your scout through the course. We will be posting regular updates and pictures from the course.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/g/1DvSMqFwdJ/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

While at NYLT, as well as all scouting activities, we expect all participants and staff to conduct themselves according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Creating a safe and fun environment for everyone will be a top priority and violations of youth protection or acts of bullying will not be tolerated. I do not anticipate any issues, but any scout violating these rules will be asked to leave Sand Hill and NYLT.

We have great program all set and ready for each of you. December 26<sup>th</sup> will be here before we know it, so now is the time to prepare! If you have any questions between now and the start of the course, please reach out to me! You can email me at [Christopher.perry@baycare.org](mailto:Christopher.perry@baycare.org) or call/text me at 813-245-6990.

See you soon!

Yours in Scouting,

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