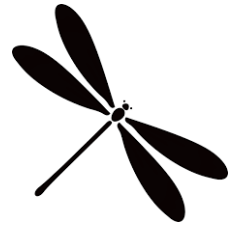


NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2026

Northeast Illinois Council

Scouting America



Dear Scoutmaster, Venture Crew, Sea Ship Advisor:

National Youth Leadership Training is a seven-day outdoor experience for Scout Troop, Venture Crew and Sea Scout leaders. It is the next step in the Scouting America training continuum after Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews/Ships. The course teaches Scouts more about leadership through training sessions, group activities and games, and personal challenges. At NYLT, Scouts apply leadership skills in real-world situations to help their patrols achieve success.

Scouting recognizes that Scoutmasters and Advisers have the responsibility of training their youth leaders using ILST and ILSC. The purpose of the NYLT program is not to assume that role, but to support it. The objectives of the course are:

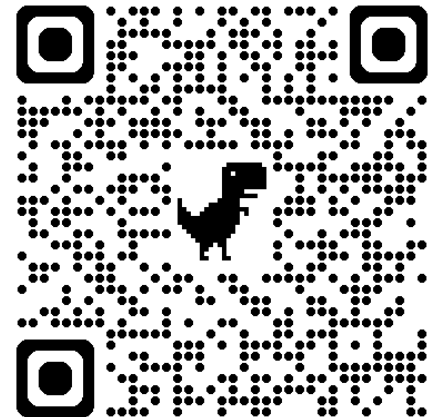
- To give the participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program.
- To give participants a basic knowledge of Be-Know-Do leadership model and help relate these skills to their troop roles and responsibilities.
- To allow Scouts to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other units.
- To create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience Scouting at their best.
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster.
- To have fun.

Register here by QR

Course Dates: June 14-20, 2026 at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation

New Fees/Same Deadlines:

- **\$320** – Early Discount Fee if paid-in-full by March 31
- **\$350** – Regular Fee if paid-in-full March 31 – May 20, 2026.
- **REGISTRATION CLOSES:** May 20, 2026 (11:59 PM), no exceptions.
- **May 20:** The balance for all registrants is due. **Cancellations after this date cannot be refunded.**



IMPORTANT: The scout store and main desk staff only “receipt” payments. They **DO NOT** apply or load Scout data into the registration system. Any payments that are mailed or brought to the scout store/office must arrive by 4:00 PM on the deadline dates to allow us time to apply those payments online before the workday ends.

See the 2026 NYLT Fact Sheet for background and other FAQ answers.

How do I (the Unit Leader) register our Youth?

1. Go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/129-NYLT2026#> for the 2026 NYLT Unit Worksheet Form. THIS FORM IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM! It is for UNIT USE and planning. All information is required for the Scoutmaster, Crew or Ship advisor to register scouts online.
2. Contact [Tony Giamis](#) or [Debi Geiger](#) for the 2026 pass code. Please **DO NOT** distribute the pass code.

PARTICIPANT DOCUMENTS: The following documents are available online for Participants to download. They will not be sent to them by the council or event staff, so please make sure your participants know where to find them. Thank you.

1. Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B & C)*
2. Medical Permission Slip*
3. Orientation Flyer
4. Participant Acceptance Letter
5. Personal Equipment List
6. Personal Resource Questionnaire*
7. T-shirt and Hat Order Form**



*These completed NYLT forms must be received by May 16, 2026, to give us time to review and coordinate needs and resources.

**You can turn in this form (and this form only) as late as May 16, which is the Parent Meeting date.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: The Scouting America Health Form and Medical Permission Slip (among other documents) contain personal and confidential information, so they must only be mailed to Patty Chojnacki.

Please **DO NOT** email them to her.

MAIL forms TO: Patty Chojnacki, 36394 N. Douglas Terrace, Gurnee, IL 60031

Or email to her at: PattyPanics@hotmail.com

We look forward to your unit's participation in this year's course. We firmly believe when your Scouts or Venturers return from course, they will be better equipped with strongly developed concepts of servant leadership.

Yours in Scouting,

Tony Giamis
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