

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

2026 NYLT FACT SHEET

What is NYLT?

NYLT is an outdoor youth leadership development extended event training conference for youth leaders to reinforce their home Scoutmaster's Troop Leadership Training or Crew Advisor's Junior Leader Training program which he/she conducts in their home Troop, Crew or Ship. NYLT is conducted by the Northeast Illinois Council Training Committee based on a syllabus approved by the National Council, Scouting America. It is exclusively youth staff led with adult supervision.

What is its purpose? NYLT has three aims:

1. To give each participant a varied experience in Scoutcraft skills that can be shared with the members of his/her Troop, Crew or Ship;
2. To relate the "be, know, and do" leadership skills to his or her home Troop, Crew or Ship leadership role
3. To give participants a chance to exchange ideas and experiences with Junior Leaders from other Troops, Crews or Ships.

Who may attend?

- NYLT participants should hold a Troop, Crew, or Ship leadership office as defined by the current Scoutmaster Handbook, Venturing Guidebook, or "Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews, Ships" (ILS), or are likely to assume one of these leadership positions soon.
- Participants must be at least 13 years old upon arrival at camp, be First Class minimum, and complete ILS for Troops. Venture Crew and Sea Scout Ship members are eligible to attend. They MUST have completed the "Intro to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships" training prior and be 13 years old minimum upon arrival at camp.
- Since NYLT is held in a Northwoods outdoor camp setting using the patrol method, the Scout or Venturer should have completed the Camping and Cooking merit badges or have comparable knowledge and have at least one long term camp experience of 7 days and nights minimum please.
- Male and female participants are both welcome, with a minimum 2 females as per Youth Protection guidelines.

What are the Course dates and location?

June 14-20, 2026 at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation; W6500 Spring Lake Rd; Pearson, WI 54462

What do the fees cover?

The fee covers all food, use of all patrol camping equipment, NYLT Course hat, adult size tee shirt (additional hats or tee shirts may be purchased for \$12 each), backpack, and personal NYLT training materials and reference materials. NYLT is at Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, so the fee includes transportation to/from camp (no discount if bus is not used).

New Fees/Same Deadlines

- **\$320** - Scout Early Discount Fee if paid in full by March 31, 2026
- **\$350*** - Scout Regular Fee beginning April 1, 2026



REGISTRATION CLOSES: May 20, 2026 no exceptions.

We ask that the balance for all registrants is due on May 1 for planning purposes even with the close on May 20.

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

Three Payment Options When Registering Online

1. Credit card*
2. E-checks*
3. Pay Later (mail/bring in payment) **

***ONLINE PROCESSING:** Make sure you have the billing information associated with all credit/debit and E-check accounts.

****Payment Option 3:** You can choose to register online without paying anything. Mail or bring payments (make payable to): Northeast Illinois Council BSA, 850 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. NEIC Units can also have authorized user pay from a scout store account, but it is their responsibility to provide details and to make sure there is enough in the account.

Will we get a refund if the Youth must cancel?

Now through May 31, Email reason for cancellation to Patty Chojnacki. Once approved, a full refund will be provided. That gives the scoutmaster or crew advisor time to find someone else to take the canceling scout's place. After March 31, a cancellation fee may be added, depending upon the reason the participant can no longer attend. After May 1, 2026, NO REFUNDS will be given for cancellations as all funds have been committed to course operations, nor will payments be applied to a future event. The only way to recover funds past this date is to identify a full substitute.



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

1) Go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/129-NYLT2026#> to register and for the 2026 NYLT Unit Worksheet Form. THIS FORM IS NOT A REGISTRATION FORM! It is for UNIT USE only. All of this information is required for the scoutmaster or crew advisor to register scouts online. If you send in this form with the payment, we WILL NOT register the scouts online for you.

2) Contact Tony Giamis or Debi Geiger for the 2026 pass code. Please **DO NOT** pass the code to others. We use this as a way to share additional registration details and to verify Scoutmaster approval.

*****SCOUTMASTERS, CREW & SHIP ADVISORS PLEASE NOTE:** We will conduct one Troop with up to 60 participants on a first-come, first-served basis, so early registration is essential. This course is designed as a leadership learning experience for MATURE youth over AGE 13 ONLY; Immature or younger Scouts, youth with discipline problems, or youth who have stopped medication for the summer, or youth with little camping and cooking experience may not benefit from this program and may be sent home at their or their Unit's expense without any refund of fees.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY YOUTH THAT YOU FEEL MAY HAVE TO LEAVE ANY TIME DURING THE COURSE.

Course completion is 6 pm, Friday, June 19. If a participant leaves early, for ANY reason, they will not receive a course completion certificate as per National directives.

Is the home Scoutmaster, Crew or Ship Advisor involved? Very much so. NYLT is intended to strengthen the relationship between the Junior Leader and their Scoutmaster, Crew or Ship Advisor who have attended a Wood Badge training and who teach the “servant leadership” concept. Both learn the same “buzz words” so can communicate at the same level. Specifically, the Scout or Crew Member will leave the course with a set of individual “vision goals” to be completed with the home Scoutmaster/Advisor's approval and supervision.

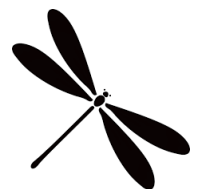
A mandatory orientation will be held **May 16, 2026**, from 9 AM–12 PM in the Jadel Training Center at Camp Crown in Trevor, WI. Parents and Participants expected. Scoutmasters are encouraged to attend.

How is the Food?

If your Scouts have mastered outdoor cooking and can cook over open fires, they will think they are eating Grandma's cooking. Menus are simple but challenging. Completing the Camping and Cooking merit badge or having equivalent knowledge, prior to the course, is the key to your Scouts/Venturers/Sea Scout satisfaction.

Medical/Religious substitutions for foods and allergies as well as all current medications must be well documented, in advance, on a current youth medical form; All dietary needs MUST be received by the May 16 parent meeting.

Food is purchased following the meeting to ensure delivery to camp on time.



Are there any other requirements?

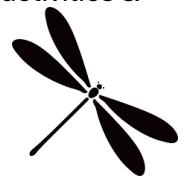
Each Participant will receive a detailed list of personal equipment he or she may and may not bring to NYLT. Please remember our motto is “be prepared”. Good clothing for any weather; a warm sleeping bag, seam-sealed waterproof 2 to 4-person tent, plastic ground cloth or tarp, and non-aerosol (ONLY) insect/tick repellents are essential for this outdoor course. Each Participant must also be able to transport all his or her own gear at least one mile to the campsites. In other words, do not overpack.

The Scouting America Field Uniform (complete Uniform to include official Scouting America or Unit hat, official Scouting America Shirt [long & short sleeve], Scouting America switchback pants, shorts or long trousers), Scouting America Belt, Scouting America socks, and hiking boots) is included in this list as a requirement for the leadership skill of setting the example and representing their group. The Scouting America Field uniform is required for the trip to and upon arrival at NYLT. The Field Uniform is also worn at all troop assemblies, classes, and at all meals.

Cold and wet weather should also be anticipated and planned for.

Remember the camp Trading Post is **NOT OPEN** to purchase **ANY CLOTHING OR GEAR**, so participants must bring everything you could potentially need.

Note: Only official Scouting America uniforms and clothing are allowed at NYLT. Radio, MP3 players, electronic games, cell phones, non-Scouting America clothing (except sleeping clothing) will not be allowed during the course. Any “junk food” items, snacks, contraband, or unlisted prescription medications (including all over the counter medications); will be withheld by the adult staff at our arrival “shakedown inspection” and stored until the end of course. Our program runs from dawn until after dusk nightly, and youth have a full schedule of activities & events. Best not to send and lose.



What if a Scout/Crew/Sea Scout Member needs to leave early?

The course runs from Sunday June 14 through Saturday June 20. All participants should plan on being at the course through that entire time. Any participant who leaves before 6:00 pm Friday (June 19) will not have completed the course and will need to repeat the entire course to receive their completion certificate for phase 1. We prefer parent pick-up, if not riding bus back to Council, to occur at 10 am Saturday morning, June 20. This ensures each participant helps to clean up the sites and grounds.

The ONLY reason a participant can leave early is for a verifiable family emergency. NO Scout will be allowed to leave camp early without advance written arrangements coordinated through the Course Director and Professional Staff Advisor, which must be done prior to the Scout leaving for the course.

Will there be a BSA Trading Post?

The council’s Pauly Scout Shop may open a Trading Post at Camp Crown during orientation meeting on May 16.



Where can I get Scholarship info or more NYLT information?

Please ask the Program Coordinator [Tony Giamis](#) for information about our NEIC Youth Scholarship program, and the link to the application. This application can only be completed by the family.

NOTE: All scholarship application information is confidential and is only accessed by the Scout Executive and Program Assistant. Only the approved amount will be provided to the family and unit leader, before it is applied online toward the Youth's fees as a "Council Program" payment.

What is the deadline for Youth packet documents?

ALL completed 2026 NYLT materials from the registration packet must be received by May 16, 2026. We ask that you mail forms and information to: Patty Chojnacki, 36394 N. Douglas Terrace, Gurnee, IL 60031

Important: The Scouting America Health Form (and additional documentation, as needed) and medication card contain personal and confidential information, so they must only be mailed directly to Patty Chojnacki or brought to the Parent Meeting on May 16. **DO NOT** send medical forms by e-mail.

If you have questions, contact the NYLT Staff Advisor at rory.fencl@scouting.org or the Council Program Assistant at Debi.Geiger@scouting.org or 847-748-9161.

CONTACTS:

- Tony Giamis (NYLT Course Coordinator) with NYLT program, campground and pass code questions: amgiamis@gmail.com.
- Debi Geiger (council Program Assistant) with online registration, pass code, and payment application questions Debi.Geiger@scouting.org or 847-748-9161.
- Patty Chojnacki (NYLT Registration Coordinator) with NYLT registration packet materials and pass code questions: pattypanics@hotmail.com or 847-814-8154.
- Contact Rory Fencl (Council staff advisor) at Rory.Fencl@scouting.org with NYLT program questions.

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