



2026 National Youth Leadership Training

Northern Lights Council, Scouting America

Dear Youth Leader:

Congratulations on choosing to participate in the Northern Lights Council's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Because of this, we know you want to become a better leader. The Skills of Leadership will be an important part of the course. You will also have a chance to try out many new Scoutcraft skills that you can use in your home unit.

You and other youth leaders from all over our council will be living, camping, and working together as members of a patrol and troop. A fine staff has been recruited for training and is eagerly waiting for your arrival. Because of the special nature of this course, we ask that every participant remain in camp the entire week. The Course Director must approve any exceptions to this at least one week prior to the course. Attendance for the entire session is required to receive a certificate of completion.

Included are the NYLT Honor Agreement, Parent/Guardian Consent, Unit Leader Recommendation, Personal Resource Questionnaire, and Knowledge of Outdoor Skills forms. We also require a copy of your Annual Health and Medical Record form (parts A, B, and C), dated after May 31, 2025. Please complete all of these forms in a neat, legible manner. Send them by email to ryan.hansen@scouting.org or bring them to the course.

These forms must be received by the Course Director by the beginning of the course. Your acceptance to NYLT is contingent on your completing the forms fully and getting them to me by the due date.

Participants may start arriving anytime between 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 7 and 8:00 AM on Monday, June 8. Please note that no dinner is provided on Sunday. On the last day of the course on Friday, June 12, we will be hosting a closing banquet at 12:00 PM where the participant's families are invited. Participants will be able to pack up and depart immediately after lunch.

You will be carrying all your personal gear into the campsites over rugged terrain. Each participant must have his/her own tent. You will not be able to share equipment with other members of your home unit. There will be shower facilities available. Enclosed is a suggested packing list for the course.

We are very excited about this leadership conference. After seeing the quality of the youth leaders who have already signed up and the excellent staff, we are positive this course will be a great experience for everyone!



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HONOR AGREEMENT and PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

I, _____ (Scout name), do hereby promise on my honor as a Scout, that I will conduct myself according to the Scout Oath and Law throughout my stay at National Youth Leadership Training. I will obey the rules laid out by the staff and will be responsible for my actions. I understand National Youth Leadership Training is drug-free, alcohol-free, and smoke-free. Harassment and abuse will not be tolerated. Violation of these policies will result in expulsion and possible criminal charges as deemed fit by the Scout Executive. Should I fail to comply with any of the above statements, I understand I will be expelled from National Youth Leadership Training and my parent/guardian will be called to pick me up immediately.

Scout Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that Scouting America is an educational organization, membership of which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my child during this conference, I hereby agree to his/her participation and waive all claims against the leaders of the National Youth Leadership Training and officers, agents, and representatives of Scouting America.

The adult leaders of National Youth Leadership Training are accountable for the safety of your child, but they expect your child to take responsibility for his/her own safety and to obey the adult leaders' safety rules and instructions.

However, if your child's actions do not adhere to the above Honor Agreement or do not demonstrate personal responsibility, then the adult leaders will not incur any further liability. They will not allow your child to endanger either him/herself or others. **You will be called to get your child and take him/her from the course immediately.**

In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physicians selected by a designated representative of Scouting America to authorize emergency medical care, hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, or to order injection(s) for my child. I request that measures be instituted without delay as judgment of medical personnel dictates.

My child herein is in good health, has all required immunizations, and I assume health responsibility for him/her.

By my signature, as parent or guardian, I agree with and will adhere to the statements above.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ *Date:* _____

Please list any medical conditions (including dietary needs) we should be aware of:

UNIT LEADER RECOMMENDATION

(Scoutmaster for Troop; Adult Leader for Venture Crew or Explorer Post)

I certify that the above-named Scout is at least 13 years of age, a worthy candidate for the Northern Lights Council's 2026 National Youth Leadership Training, and, if a member of a Scouts BSA Troop, at least First Class rank.

Unit Leader Name: _____

Unit Leader Signature: _____ *Date:* _____



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PERSONAL RESOURCE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please Print Neatly)

Participant Name: _____

Last School Grade Completed: _____

Years in Scouting: _____

Rank (if applicable): _____

Current Position: _____

List previous leadership positions held and for how long: _____

Scouting Awards Received: _____

Provide a fair evaluation of your physical condition: _____

What and how much camping experience have you had? _____

What training courses have you taken in Scouting? _____

State why you want to participate in this experience and what you expect to gain from it. (At least 3 sentences)



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KNOWLEDGE OF OUTDOOR SKILLS

Participant Name: _____

Directions: For each of the following skills, check (✓) the appropriate boxes to indicate your skill level. Please circle any merit badge name you have earned.

	Need Help	Have Knowledge	Have Taught	MB
Map Reading				
Compass				Orienteering
Camping				Camping
Low-Impact Camping				
Hiking				Hiking
Safe Swim Defense				Swimming Life Saving
Knife and Ax				
Fire Building				
Cooking				Cooking
Alternative Cooking Methods (e.g., Dutch oven, reflector oven)				
Nature				Nature Environmental Science
First Aid				First Aid Emergency Preparedness
Knots and Lashings				Pioneering