



NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2026

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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 Scout 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 group of staff have been recruited for training and are 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 these forms in a legible manner. You may email these 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 turning them in 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!

Yours in Scouting,

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2026 Course Director, Northern Lights Council NYLT



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HONOR AGREEMENT & PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

I, _____ (Scout name), promise to always follow the Scout Oath and Law during National Youth Leadership Training. I will obey all staff rules and take responsibility for my actions. I understand this is a drug- and alcohol-free event, and that harassment or abuse will not be tolerated. Violations may result in immediate expulsion and possible further action. If expelled, my parent/guardian will be contacted to pick me up.

Scout's Signature: _____

Date: _____

I give permission for my child to participate in National Youth Leadership Training. I understand participation is voluntary and that reasonable precautions will be taken for safety. I waive claims against the leaders and representatives of Scouting America related to participation in this event.

I understand my child is expected to follow all rules and take responsibility for their behavior. If my child fails to do so, I will be contacted and agree to pick them up immediately. In case of emergency, if I cannot be reached, I authorize designated representatives to obtain necessary medical treatment for my child, including hospitalization and anesthesia, as directed by medical professionals.

I confirm my child is in good health, has required immunizations, and I accept responsibility for their health needs.

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 a Scouts BSA troop or Advisor for a Venturing Crew)

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: _____

PERSONAL RESOURCE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please print neatly)

Participant Name	
Last School Grade Completed	
Years in Scouting	
Scouting Rank	
List of Previous Troop Positions	
Scouting Awards Achieved	
How would you describe your physical condition?	
How much camping experience do you have?	
What other Scout trainings have you completed?	
Why do you want to participate in this experience and what do you expect to gain from it? Please write at least three sentences.	

Directions: For each of the following skills, check (✓) the appropriate boxes to indicate your skill level.

Skill	<i>Beginner</i> <small>Still learning & need guidance</small>	<i>Intermediate</i> <small>Some experience & confidence</small>	<i>Advanced</i> <small>Highly confident & experienced</small>
Orienteering			
Camping			
Hiking			
Swimming			
Knife & Axe Use			
Fire Starting			
Outdoor Cooking			
Nature			
First Aid			
Knots & Lashings			