



## NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2027

### *Northern Lights Council • Scouting America*

Dear Youth Leader,

Congratulations on taking the next step in your leadership journey by registering for the Northern Lights Council's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)! NYLT is Scouting's premier youth leadership course, designed to help you develop the skills, confidence, and vision needed to lead both within Scouting and beyond. Throughout the week, you will explore proven leadership concepts, practice effective communication and teamwork, and learn how to lead with purpose. Just as importantly, you will build friendships and create memories with Scouts from across the council who share your commitment to leadership and service.

During the course, you will live, camp, and work together with other participants as members of a patrol and troop. Through hands-on activities, challenges, and team experiences, you will put leadership skills into practice in a fun and engaging outdoor environment. Our outstanding youth and adult staff are excited to welcome you and are committed to making this an unforgettable experience. Because of the unique and immersive nature of NYLT, participants are expected to remain in camp for the entire course. Any exceptions must be approved by the Course Director at least one week before the course begins. Full participation throughout the week is required in order to receive a certificate of completion.

Enclosed you will find the NYLT Honor Agreement, Parent/Guardian Consent Form, Unit Leader Recommendation, Personal Resource Questionnaire, and Knowledge of Outdoor Skills Form. Please complete all forms legibly and thoroughly. **As these forms will be used to assign you to your patrol for the week, these forms must be received by [ryan.hansen@scouting.org](mailto:ryan.hansen@scouting.org) no later than two weeks prior to the start of the course.** We also require a copy of your Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C), dated after May 31, 2026. Health forms may be emailed to the address above or submitted to the health officer during course check-in. **Acceptance into NYLT is contingent upon the complete and timely submission of all required paperwork.**

Participants may arrive anytime between 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 6, and 8:00 AM on Monday, June 7. Note that dinner will not be provided on Sunday evening. The course concludes on Saturday, June 12, with a closing banquet beginning at 4:30 PM. Families and unit leaders are invited to attend as we celebrate the accomplishments of our participants. Following the banquet and a short closing event, participants may pack their gear and depart for home.

Please be prepared to carry all personal gear into your campsite over uneven terrain. Each participant must bring and use their own tent, as equipment may not be shared with members of their home unit. Shower facilities will be available during the week. A suggested packing list is enclosed to help you prepare.

We are incredibly excited about this year's NYLT course. The participants in each course represent some of the finest youth leaders in our council, and our exceptional staff is eager to help you grow as a leader. We are confident that this week will challenge you, inspire you, and provide skills and experiences that will benefit you for years to come.

We look forward to seeing you at NYLT!

Yours in Scouting,

*Chris Ray*

Chris Ray,  
Course Director / Scoutmaster

*Hannah Johnson*

Hannah Johnson,  
Senior Patrol Leader



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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:*

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**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 2027 National Youth Leadership Training, and, if a member of a Scouts BSA Troop, has achieved at least the First Class rank.

**Unit Leader Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Leader Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL RESOURCE QUESTIONNAIRE

(Please print neatly)

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

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

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