

NYLT PARTICIPANTS

National Youth Leader Training Conference Participants

Dear Junior Leader:

Congratulations on being selected to attend the National Youth Leader Training Conference. The conference will be held at the Nelson Training Center, Camp Delmont, in the Musser Scout Reservation. During the two course weekends, you and other junior leaders from all over Cradle of Liberty Council and beyond will be living, camping, and working together as members of a patrol and troop/crew. Although outdoor and Scoutcraft skills are important, and you will have an opportunity to learn more and fine-tune them, our focus will be on developing your leadership skills. An excellent staff has been assembled to assist in your training.

Just so you understand, this is **NOT** summer camp, but a training conference (no merit badges are offered). Through lecture, activities, fun and games you will learn leadership skills that can be used in your Scouting unit, as well as your personal life outside of Scouting. This is a structured training event with limited "free time". Everything you need to experience a successful course will either be brought by you (see the equipment checklist), or be provided by our course Quartermaster.

A word on electronic devices – it is best not to bring them. That said, in our electronics-dependent society with devices having multiple uses, we expect that some may be brought. If they are brought this is how we will handle them:

- 1) We will not allow phone calls to/from friends or parents during the course times. Phones should be turned off during all course presentations. Since cell phones have become a multi-use tool, they can be used as cameras or alarm clocks, as needed. As with typical school policies we expect each participant to make good choices as to the use of cell phones.
- 2) MP3 players may be used only in tents and only with earphones. If music can be heard outside the tent the MP3 player will be collected and returned at the end of the course. Note that the only time you'll be in your tent is at lights out until wake-up the next morning.
- 3) Electronic games should not be brought. There will be no time to use them.
- 4) Lost or stolen electronic devices are the individual's responsibility (except for cell phones turned over to staff)

These requirements are in place to eliminate distractions – not just to you, but the other participants as well. Parents keep in mind our adult staff has cell phones and your emergency contact numbers so it is unlikely your child will need their cell phone. Understand that electronic devices brought to this course are the responsibility of the individual participant (except for turned-in cell phones). Therefore, any lost or stolen items are not our responsibility. Best not to bring them! Thank you for your understanding.

In order for each participant to get the most out of the training, the staff – and Council – needs a lot of personal information. Also, you, your parents and unit leader need more information about the course. Therefore, there are a number of documents attached for your review and/or completion. It should be noted that most correspondence from the NYLT staff will be communicated to both the participant and parents via email, if provided, and at times the unit leader will be included.

The NYLT training course is a "UNIFORMED" course and as such you will be required to wear your Scout uniform throughout the course weekends. A complete list of items to be brought by the participant is included with the attached forms. If you have any problem collecting the items on the list, check with your Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor.

If you have any questions that cannot be answered by your Scoutmaster, contact the NYLT staff via email: colbsa.nylt@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Your NYLT Staff