



National Youth Leadership Training

Parent & Participant Guide

May 31 – June 5, 2026

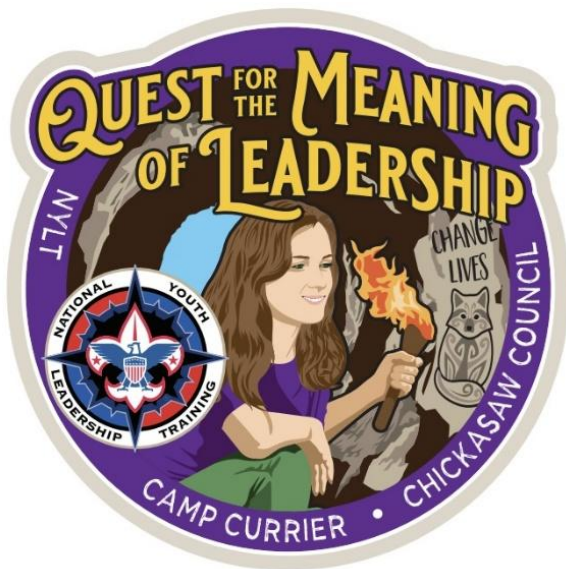
Camp Currier, Eudora, Mississippi

Chickasaw Council, Scouting America



Welcome

Welcome to the 2026 National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT)! Our team has been preparing since November of last year, and we are excited to have your Scout join us on this quest to discover the meaning of leadership. Our staff is prepared to deliver this nationally recognized leadership program, which aims to provide Scouts with skills and to allow them under controlled opportunities to apply what they learn. Upon completion, Scouts should feel empowered as they return to their home units with increased skill, a better understanding of the Scouting America program, and a connection to the broader Scouting community.



Ivy Magness,
Youth Course Lead

Scott Harrison,
Course Director

Candice Newman,
Assistant Course Director

You're Invited!

Please read the content contained in this comprehensive Parent & Participant Guide, which should answer many of your questions about this year's NYLT course. We will hold a Zoom call on **Friday, May 22, at 7:00 pm** to introduce you to some of our staff and to answer any other questions. A link has been sent to ALL email addresses that were provided when you registered online, or you can use the QR code to the right to join the meeting.



NYLT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is NYLT? What is it NOT?

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a six-day, council-level leadership experience for youth ages 12-20 in Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts. The course teaches proven leadership skills through a youth-led, outdoor-based program designed to help Scouts become effective leaders in their units and communities.

NYLT is *NOT* like summer camp and is not designed for rank advancement or earning merit badges. NYLT is an intense and challenging hands-on leadership training program. It is essential that NYLT participants be physically, emotionally, and mentally prepared to handle the demands of this advanced training. In order to get the most benefit from this unique experience, participants must exhibit emotional maturity, a positive attitude, proficiency in basic camping skills and outdoor cooking, and have an ambition to serve in leadership roles.

Who can attend?

Youth must

- be **13 or older AND First Class** by the start of the course
- be a current member of **Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouts unit**
- receive **approval** from their troop Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, or Ship Skipper
- complete **troop-level leadership training** (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, or equivalent training)

What is the structure of the staff?

As in recent years, the youth-led, adult-advised **COURSE staff** consists of a Youth Course Lead, who is assisted by three Assistant Youth Course Leads (for Program, Service, and Spirit), Quartermasters, Scribe, Instructors. The Course staff is responsible for training and supporting the **TROOP staff**, which provides direct contact training for participants. The TROOP youth staff consists of two Senior Patrol Leaders (one for males and one for females) and multiple Troop Guides.

National NYLT has very recently adapted the NYLT curriculum to reflect the family unit model, and a new staff structure following this model will be fully implemented nationally in 2027. Depending on the final number of registered female participants, this course may need to adapt to accommodate a mixed-gender patrol.

How are youth kept safe?

NYLT follows Scouting America's **Guide to Safe Scouting** and **Safeguarding Youth** policies.

- All adult staff are **background-checked, trained, and registered**.
- At least one **medical officer** or first aid trained adult (we have multiple) is on-site throughout the week. First aid kits are also provided in patrol hutches.
- Emergency procedures, weather monitoring, and incident plans are in place.
- **Registered adult non-staff volunteers** monitor shower houses nightly after course activities end AND provide overnight monitoring during Thursday's Outpost Camp experience. Anyone who meets these qualifications and would like to volunteer should reach out to Scott Harrison at ascottharrison@yahoo.com.
- The course **Code of Conduct** (attached) is reviewed with participants by parents prior to the course AND by staff during the course.

How are medications handled?

- At Sunday's check-in, parents/guardians provide medication **in original, labeled containers** (whether prescribed or over-the-counter).
- A designated adult medical officer stores and administers medications as required.
- Exceptions may apply for inhalers, EpiPens, and other self-carry emergency treatments.

Can my Scout bring a phone or other electronic devices?

- Your Scout should not expect to use any digital device, including phones, during NYLT.
- If Scouts do bring their phones, they should only expect to use them in their tents at night after all scheduled activities are completed.
- A phone charging and storage rack will be provided during the daytime.
- This policy allows participants to stay focused, engage with their patrol, and fully experience the outdoor leadership challenges.
- In case of a family emergency, you may reach one of the adult course leaders at the numbers below:
 - Scott Harrison, Course Director (901) 210-5368
 - Candice Newman, Backup Course Director (225) 719-0801
 - Dr. Aubrey Pepper, Camp Medical Officer (601) 573-5315

How will I be contacted if needed?

In any emergency or urgent situation, course leadership will contact parents using the information provided during online registration.

What does my Scout need to bring?

Please refer to the complete **course packing list** included in this document. A few of the more important items include

- a **full** field uniform (sometimes referred to "Class A")
- a current **BSA Health & Medical Form, Parts A, B, AND C** (with a copy of health insurance card)
- any prescribed or approved OTC medicines *in original packaging or bottle* AND a completed **Medicine Form** (in this document)
- the signed **Statement of Understanding and Conduct Code** (in this document)
- a backpack and small tent for the Outpost Camp experience (backpacking overnigher)
- *NOTE: TWO activity uniform shirts will be provided at check-in*

How will meals be served?

NYLT kitchen staff will serve supper Sunday, breakfast Monday through Thursday, and lunch and supper on Friday.

Participant patrols will pick up ingredients for all other meals from the kitchen staff daily and prepare meals with provided cooking gear in their campsites. Staff will eat meals in the campsites with participants, except during the overnight Outpost Experience.

Cracker barrels (snacks) will also be served some evenings after the day's activities.

Dietary needs (e.g., allergies, gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.) can be accommodated with prior notice. *Be sure to list all restrictions on the medical and registration forms.*

Are ticks bad at Camp Currier?

Like most other Scouting America properties in the South with trees, Camp Currier is a favorite summer destination for ticks. It is *highly* recommended that you treat your Scout's clothing (all but underwear) with a product such as **permethrin** prior to the course. *Please do not send permethrin with your Scout to apply at camp.*

What if my Scout gets homesick or anxious?

These feelings are not uncommon in long-term camp settings. NYLT staff members are trained to support participants through the week-long camp. Troop Guides and adult leaders check in frequently and help participants stay engaged and confident. Parents will be contacted if concerns arise. Team-building activities in the curriculum and a busy course schedule help tremendously.

What will my Scout do and learn?

NYLT teaches practical leadership skills, such as

- team development
- effective communication
- problem-solving and planning
- goal setting
- leading by example

Participants apply these skills through team-based challenges and daily patrol activities.

What will my Scout receive? What will they earn?

At check-in, participants will receive two wicking NYLT participant shirts, a course hat, and an NYLT Nalgene water bottle.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate suitable for framing, a course patch dangle, and a course participant council shoulder patch (CSP).

NYLT is not a "rank" or advancement course, but your home unit should record each participant's camping nights in their records.

What about late arrivals to or early departures from the course?

To be recognized and to receive a course training certificate and the course patches, participants must attend the entire course. Because the curriculum depends on a team structure, late arrivals and early dismissals are not allowed except in cases of actual emergency.

2026 NYLT Participant Packing List

REQUIRED Paperwork

- **completed, current, and signed BSA Health & Medical Form** (Parts A, B, C, and a copy of health insurance card, front & back)
- **complete Medication Administration Form** (include with all medicines in *original labeled containers* placed inside a Ziploc bag clearly labeled with name of participant)
- **signed Code of Conduct** (by both participant & parent)

Clothing (*treated with permethrin*)

- official Scout uniform shirt
- official Scout uniform pants or shorts (2 pairs recommended)
- Scout belt & buckle
- Scout socks (3-5 pair recommended)
- close-toed sturdy shoes or hiking boots (Crocs or slides are NOT allowed for daily activities)
- underwear for each day
- insulating layer or lightweight jacket/sweater
- *hat & 2 activity shirts provided on course*

Sleeping Gear

- appropriate sleepwear
- pillow
- sleeping bag
- sleeping pad
- tent suitable for light-duty backpacking
- ground cloth/tarp

Hygiene

- deodorant
- body wash/shampoo
- towel/washcloth
- comb/brush
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- shower shoes

Miscellaneous

- small daypack
- rain gear
- sunscreen & lip balm
- insect repellent
- pocketknife
- 2-3 pens
- small camp chair/stool
- personal first aid kit
- flashlight/spare batteries
- personal mess kit
- cash for trading post (*stickers, patches, electrolyte drinks, etc.*)
- *1 32-oz. water provided on course*

Provided Items

- *course hat, water bottle, and 2 wicking shirts*
- *patrol dining fly and water cooler*
- *patrol hut with stove, fuel, cooking gear, lantern, and patrol first aid kit*

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- trunk/footlocker/suitcase
- video games
- personal speaker/headphone/ear buds
- food/snacks/energy drinks
- walking stick
- hatchet/lighter/fireworks
- tobacco/drugs/alcohol
- hats (*other than one provided*)
- ANY items with non-Scouting-appropriate images or language

NYLT Statement of Understanding & Code of Conduct – Chickasaw Council, Scouting America

Statement of Understanding

All NYLT participants and course staff are selected to represent their local councils based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, NYLT course staff, participants, and their parents or guardians are asked to read this Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct as a condition of participation. Serious misconduct or infraction of behavioral expectations will result in dismissal from the NYLT course. Ultimately, we want each staff member and participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior. Sending anyone home from the course will be reserved as a last resort.

Code of Conduct

1. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the NYLT course.
2. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable in the proper NYLT course uniform.
3. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with the NYLT course staff and participants.
4. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will do my part to prevent litter in camp.
5. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by anyone is prohibited on Scout properties.
6. Serious or repetitive violations of behavioral expectations, including use of tobacco, vaping, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing are prohibited.
7. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
8. I understand that use of lasers and fireworks is prohibited.
9. I will demonstrate respect for NYLT course property and camp property, and I will accept personal responsibility for any loss, damage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
10. Neither NYLT course staff nor the BSA camp staff will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and leave items of value at home. Theft will be grounds for dismissal.
11. While participating in any NYLT course activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all staff members.
12. I understand that possessing personal firearms and weapons on camp property is prohibited.
13. All adult and youth staff will be guided by the Scout Oath and Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.
14. Hazing or any action which fails to show respect for an individual is prohibited.

Serious violations of this code may result in dismissal from the NYLT course. Decisions by the Council Staff Advisor or Course Director will be final.

I certify that I have read this Statement of Understanding and agree to abide by the conditions in the Code of Conduct of the NYLT course.

Participant signature: _____

I certify that I have read and discussed this Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct with my child.

Parent Signature: _____

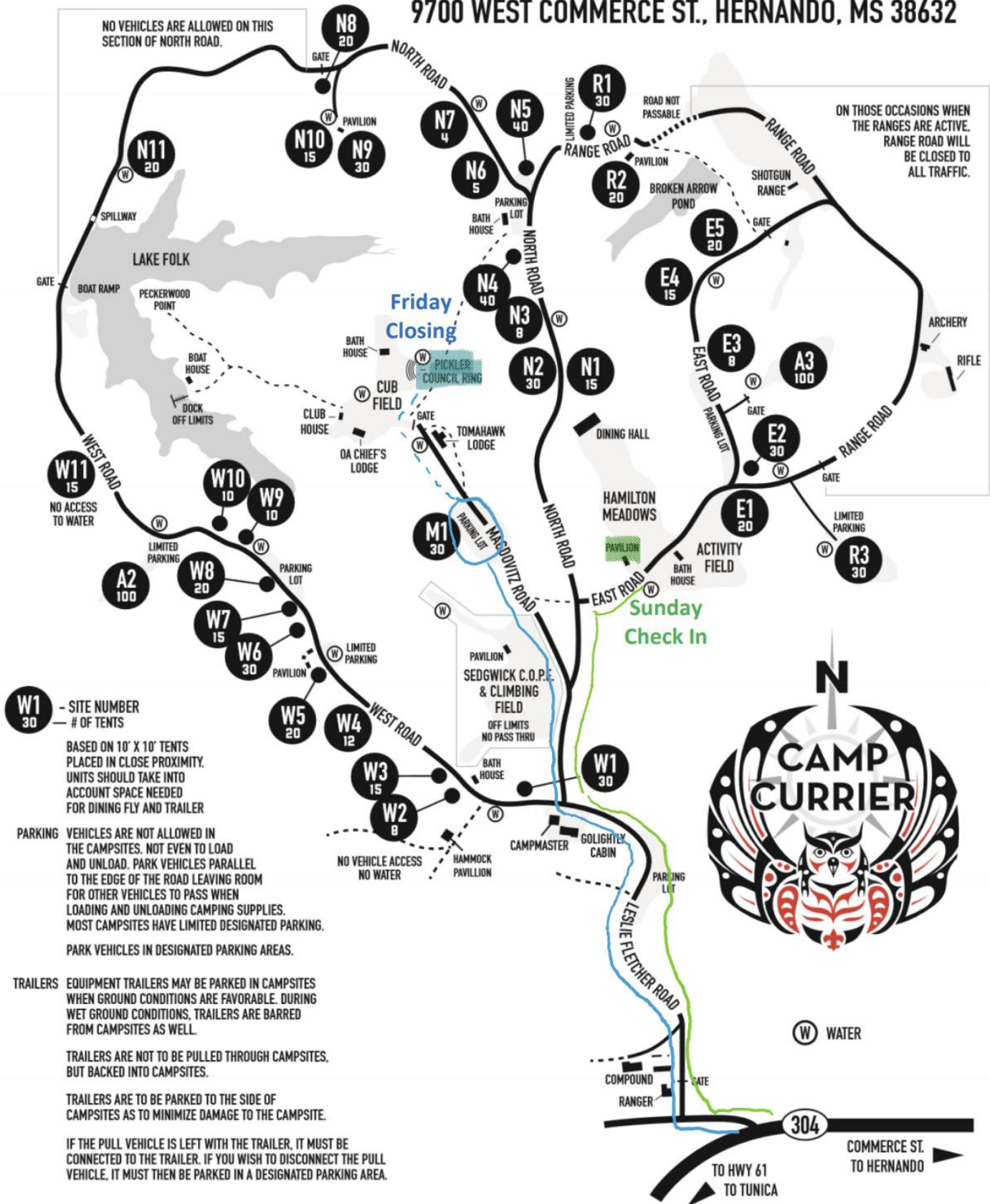
Individual Medication Administration Form

Chickasaw Council, Scouting America

Participant Name:	DOB:						
Allergies:	EpiPen? Y/N						
	Inhaler? Y/N						
Program: NYLT	Notes:						
Location: Camp Currier, Hernando, MS							
Event Dates: May 31-June 5, 2026							
<i>to be completed by parent or guardian</i>	<i>to be completed by camp health officer</i>						
Medication, dosage, route, schedule/frequency	Admin Time	S	M	T	W	Th	F
Parent Signature & Date	Dispensing Health Officer Signature & Date						
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: This form is for reproduction as needed. Record all medicines brought to camp. The medication, dosage, and schedule are recorded by the parent. The Camp Health Officer records dispensing times and dates as they are dispensed. Form is to be returned to parent or guardian at the end of the activity.</p> <p>NOTE: ALL medication MUST be in the original container. ANY medication not in the original container cannot be accepted and administered by the Camp Health Officers.</p>							

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9700 WEST COMMERCE ST., HERNANDO, MS 38632



NO VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED ON THIS SECTION OF NORTH ROAD.

ON THOSE OCCASIONS WHEN THE RANGES ARE ACTIVE, RANGE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

Friday Closing

Sunday Check In

W1 - SITE NUMBER
30 - # OF TENTS

BASED ON 10' X 10' TENTS PLACED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY, UNITS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SPACE NEEDED FOR DINING FLY AND TRAILER

PARKING VEHICLES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE CAMPSITES. NOT EVEN TO LOAD AND UNLOAD. PARK VEHICLES PARALLEL TO THE EDGE OF THE ROAD LEAVING ROOM FOR OTHER VEHICLES TO PASS WHEN LOADING AND UNLOADING CAMPING SUPPLIES. MOST CAMPSITES HAVE LIMITED DESIGNATED PARKING. PARK VEHICLES IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS.

TRAILERS EQUIPMENT TRAILERS MAY BE PARKED IN CAMPSITES WHEN GROUND CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE. DURING WET GROUND CONDITIONS, TRAILERS ARE BARRED FROM CAMPSITES AS WELL.

TRAILERS ARE NOT TO BE PULLED THROUGH CAMPSITES, BUT BACKED INTO CAMPSITES.

TRAILERS ARE TO BE PARKED TO THE SIDE OF CAMPSITES AS TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE TO THE CAMPSITE.

IF THE PULL VEHICLE IS LEFT WITH THE TRAILER, IT MUST BE CONNECTED TO THE TRAILER. IF YOU WISH TO DISCONNECT THE PULL VEHICLE, IT MUST THEN BE PARKED IN A DESIGNATED PARKING AREA.

(W) WATER

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Post-NYLT Leadership Opportunities

Home Unit Service

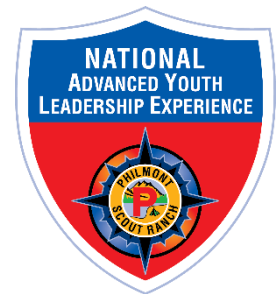
A Scout's home unit remains the essence of the program. NYLT graduates return to their units better equipped to lead and serve their fellow Scouts. Unit leaders are encouraged to hold post-course conferences with participants to help them reflect on their experience and to identify ways they can improve the unit.

NYLT Staff

Prior to the next course, graduates will be given the opportunity to submit a staff interest form. Every one of our youth staff has completed NYLT and has undergone an application and interview process prior to being selected for this course. We hope you will encourage your Scout to consider completing the interest form with an opportunity to return service to this important council program.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

This exciting program enhances leadership skills and expands upon the team formation and ethical decision-making skills learned at NYLT. This national course emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service, using the core elements of NYLT to strengthen these skills in participants. NAYLE is offered each summer at Scouting America's High Adventure bases. Scouts must be 14 but not yet 20, hold a leadership position, and have completed NYLT.



NYLT Leadership Academy

This course develops NYLT graduates as outstanding facilitators and model leaders in their communities, nation, and world. The program focuses on inspiring and enabling participants to deliver practical, world-class NYLT courses in their local councils with special emphasis on improving presentation skills, evaluation skills, and learning more in-depth leadership skills.