

CVC NYLT 2024 FAQ

What should I expect from the course?

NYLT teaches leadership skills in an exciting, action-packed experience for 13 to 17 year old members of Scouts BSA and 14 to 20 year Sea Scouts and Venturers. Scouts will implement their knowledge of “Servant Leadership” when they return to their home units as well as other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The course motto is “Be, Know, Do.”

NYLT is open to all youth (male and female) in crews, ships, and troops. Youth leaders will become part of a Model Troop. Upon arrival to the course, each Scout will be assigned to a patrol of 6 – 8 youth with diverse backgrounds, but similar in age. They will take part in many activities including an outpost hike and campout.

What are the Dates and Locations?

Weekend One: October 4th – 6th, 2024

Weekend Two: November 8th – 10th, 2024

Youth Participants will be required to attend both weekends to complete the course. No make-up sessions will be offered. (No refunds will be provided)

The course will be held at Chickahominy Riverfront Park in James City County 1350 John Tyler Hwy, Williamsburg, VA 23185. [Google Map to Chickahominy](#)

Scouts will attend sessions at Williamsburg Community Chapel during the day for the October session. Transportation during the course will be provided.

How do I register?

Option 1 (Preferred): Registration and payment for all participants may be done on Blackpug on the council website. Note: Blackpug registration has a 6% convenience fee.

Option 2: Registration and payment for all participants may also be accomplished by filling out google doc and paying in the scout store. Please contact CVCNYLT2024@gmail.com for details on paper registration. This will allow you to avoid the 6% convenience fee, but applications will need to be submitted to the NYLT staff and checked for completion and an invoice sent before payment will be accepted at the scout store.

In addition to the registration information submitted online (or on the application form), the applicant (Scout), applicant’s parent(s) (if under 18 years old), and unit leader will need to approve the application when the Course Director contacts them (likely by email).

What happens after I register?

Those selected for the course will be notified no later than **September 13, 2024**. If the course is full, you will be placed on a waiting list. Once accepted into the course, that

applicant must be present for the duration of the course. There will be no make-up sessions if an applicant does not attend an event.

Is there an age requirement?

Yes. NYLT is designed for training leadership skills and as such does not have the time to teach basic Scouting skills. Therefore, the course is limited to experienced scouts. These are national guidelines and cannot be changed for the course. Please contact the course director at CVCNYLT2024@gmail.com if you have any questions.

- Scouts BSA - scouts must be at least 13 years of age or older by October 3, 2024.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts must meet Venturing and Sea Scouting minimum ages by October 3, 2024 AND may not be 21 prior to the end of the course.

Is there a rank and training requirement?

- NYLT participants must reach the rank of First Class scout by October 3, 2024.
- NYLT participants must complete Troop level training of ILST, ILSC, ILSS (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews or Ships). If your Troop does not offer this training contact the council for training opportunities.

What does it cost?

Registration is open now. **Course registration closes September 13, 2024.** No applications will be taken after this date without approval from the NYLT Course Director.

- Fee for Patrol Members:
 - \$ 300 total cost paid on or before September 13, 2024.
 - \$ 325 total cost paid from September 14, 2024 – October 4, 2024 (if registration is still open). Note: These fees do not include the 6% Blackpug Convenience Fee

NYLT provides food, supplies, and awards for the course participants. Included in registration is a ticket for the scout and one visitor to attend the GRADUATION FEAST celebration at the end of the course. Additional Tickets to the GRADUATION FEAST may be purchased at registration. One T-shirt and hat are included in the registration (there may be other items as funding permits). Additional T-shirts may be purchased at registration.

Refund policy

The NYLT course has limited space. Therefore, a youth accepted for the course and who has paid the deposit is expected to attend the full program. Refunds will be provided only for the following:

1. Death of relative
2. Physical limitation/medical situation

3. Approval of Course Director

Please note that all approved refunds will be assessed a minimum of a 15% administrative charge. Additionally, the 6% Blackpug Convenience Fee will not be refunded. The council reserves the right to charge the person requesting the refund of any fixed costs already paid on behalf of that participant. The individual or parent/guardian must apply for the refund. Refunds will not be granted within 30 days of the course start date since program items will have already been purchased for participants. Unit leaders are able to substitute candidates prior to 20 days from the beginning of the NYLT Course.

Youth who are not accepted because of space limitations will be fully refunded (to include convenience fee, if used.)

What is the selection process?

By design, the course can hold a maximum of 48 participants, so it is imperative you commit and pay in full no later than September 13, 2024 (earlier if possible).

All units should submit their applications along with course fee by September 13, 2024.

Patrols are balanced by age and gender in keeping with YPT standards. The waitlist will not be first come first served, but rather based on filling the spot left vacant by a scout who cannot attend.

For unit leaders and unit committees

NYLT is a leadership training course, NOT a summer camp or camporee. Therefore, attendees must meet the minimum requirements of rank, age, and completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, Ships, or Troops. Likewise, it is imperative that you screen your applicant to ensure they have the maturity to attend a leadership course. This serves as the foundation for ensuring all participants receive the most out of NYLT. As BSA's premier national youth leadership training experience, the knowledge gained at NYLT has direct impact on the continued and enduring success of your unit. A trained YOUTH leader will contribute significantly to retention, recruitment, and unit operations. **Invest in the future, and they will pay it forward!** We highly encourage unit committees to offer at least one scholarship for NYLT for ½ of the course cost for your participant(s).

Is financial assistance available?

The CVC Wood Badge Association has limited funds available for partial scholarships for NYLT attendance based upon financial need. If you need assistance to attend the course, please fill out the form attached at this website and forward to the Course Director. This information is kept confidential. Note: These funds are shared between Wood Badge, NYLT, and Powder Horn training programs.

I have a special needs concern

Our objective at NYLT is to provide leadership training to ALL youth attending, regardless of physical or other limitations. Therefore, if your youth has special needs,

contact the NYLT Course Director at CVCNYLT2024@gmail.com so all concerns can be addressed prior to the course. **Please give us notice of any accommodations needed by September 13, 2024.**

Do I have to wear a uniform?

YES. THE UNIFORM IS A REQUIRED PART OF THIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE. Scouts BSA and Sea Scouts are required to wear the FULL prescribed BSA Field Uniform (excluding neckerchiefs and bolos) properly. Venturers will wear their crew uniform or their recommended BSA Field Uniform. Corrections will be made to those participants not wearing the uniform properly. This includes having their BSA uniform shirt tucked in.

Youth participants will wear their Field Uniform (see description below) when they arrive at NYLT. The Field Uniform is also worn at all flag ceremonies, dinners, and several other times throughout the course. When youth are not wearing their Field Uniforms, they wear an Activity Uniform (see description below). The Activity Uniform is the same uniform as the Field Uniform, except the participants' NYLT shirt replaces the designated Scout shirt. Participants will also receive course materials, one (1) NYLT activity shirt, and a nametag.

FIELD UNIFORM

- Official BSA uniform shirt (AKA Class A shirt) with proper insignia
- Scout or other green shorts/pants
- Watch
- Boots/closed toe shoes
- Water bottle/water source
- Name tag (received at course)
- Participant's notebook (received at course)

ACTIVITY UNIFORM

- NYLT T-Shirt (received at course)
- Scout or other green shorts/pants
- Watch
- Boots/closed toe shoes
- Water bottle/water source
- Name tag (received at course)
- Participant's Notebook (received at course)

We recognize that cost and sizing can be a factor for many families so, scouts may wear alternates to official BSA shorts/pants and socks from merchants like amazon and Costco. Some troops have an "experienced" uniform program and scouts can borrow items from another. If you cannot afford a uniform, please contact CVCNYLT2024@gmail.com

What do I have to bring to NYLT?

NYLT will be held at the Chickahominy Riverfront Park in James City County, VA. We will be camping both weekends, so ensure you are prepared to sleep in your tent even if the weather is wet and/or cold! Shower facilities will only be available for extreme / emergency circumstances. Be Prepared!

- Field Uniform appropriate to the participant's program (at least one pair of long pants)
- Daily change of underwear and socks (bring extra)
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hand towel
- Comb, brush, mirror
- Deodorant
- Hand sanitizer
- Soap in container
- Raincoat and/or poncho
- Good, comfortable pair of shoes (closed toe)
- Pajamas
- 4 Season Sleeping bag and pad
- BSA style hat (optional - NYLT hat will be provided)
- Pillow
- Watch (important)
- Pocketknife (Totin' Chip)
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Laundry bag
- Individual first aid kit
- Mess kit and canteen or water bottle
- Tent
- Backpack – Especially for Weekend #2
- Daypack (like a school book bag) (optional)

Is food or money required?

Scouts should not bring any food with them to NYLT, unless it has been approved by the staff due to allergies or sensitivities. Food in tents and billeting areas will attract animals and ants. Food for all the meals during the course will be provided. We will also provide snacks throughout the course. There will be plenty of tasty food to eat! Any youth who brings money does so at their own risk. There is no camp store and no need to bring money. Please note, if the youth have any food allergies, it is crucial the youth and the parents inform the NYLT Course Director no later than September 13, 2024.

What is the Outpost Camp?

The second weekend of the course features Outpost Camp, which is an opportunity for Patrol Members to practice leadership skills learned during NYLT and to enjoy the spirit of Scouting as members of an NYLT Patrol. The Outpost Camp takes place over one night and is held a short walking distance away from the main camp area. Patrol sites will be separated so each patrol has the experience of an independent adventure, but

close enough to provide adequate adult supervision. A backpack or carry-all system is highly recommended for Patrol Members to transport their personal gear. A backpack stove, backpack cooking gear, and food will be provided.

Do I need to have a BSA Medical Form?

YES! Annual Medical Form Parts A, B & C must be current, complete, and signed by both parent/guardian and physician. Physicals will be accepted and screened at course reception. BSA medical forms are valid for one year. Please ensure the participant's medical form is valid for the duration of the course. Therefore, **no form should be dated any earlier than November 1, 2023**. Medical forms will only be accepted at check-in. If your unit maintains a copy of your medical form, please ensure that you acquire that form prior to arriving at NYLT. Please do not give us the original medical form; a copy is best.

What if I have medications?

NYLT has an adult advisor who is trained as and will serve as the medic. When youth check in at NYLT, they will also check in with the medic, who will review any medications. Medications must arrive in their original containers with clear instructions on dosage. Medications will be held by the medic during the course. It is the youth's responsibility to take his/her medications when needed. The medic will provide general reminders throughout the day and will do their best to track individual medications. If this is an issue, please discuss it with the medic or the NYLT Course Director during the registration process.

For Health and Safety reasons, youth should bring with them an emergency inhaler and/or EPIPEN if applicable. This will be the **ONLY** medication a youth will be able to maintain in their personal possession.

REMINDER: You must have the current BSA Health Form completed and signed by both parent/guardian and physician. Those who do not will be turned away, will not be able to attend the course, and will not receive a refund. If you have questions about this, please contact the NYLT Course Director.

Is there anything else I need to know?

NYLT provides skills that go beyond Scouting and include critical skills required in the workplace and for life. We, therefore, encourage you to promote every eligible mature youth to attend.

While snacks will be available, **there is no participant dinner planned for Friday evening**. The first meal offered at NYLT is Breakfast on Saturday; therefore, participants need to eat before coming.

The course is fast-paced and requires the attention of all youth. We expect each Scout to represent their Troop, Crew, Ship, with honor and faithfully live according to the Scout

Oath and Scout Law. Knowing the caliber of youth being sent by their respective units, we anticipate no discipline problems. If so, the Scout Oath and Law will be our guide.

Please pick-up your Scout promptly at the conclusion of the program. If you need to significantly adjust times, please contact the NYLT Course Director to make arrangements. When you arrive to pick up your Scout, please be patient, as they may be in the process of cleaning the course facilities. No participant will be allowed to depart prior to course areas being cleaned and brought back to a state equal to or better than when we arrived. Please do not ask permission for the participant to leave any earlier.

On the final training day of the course, there will be a GRADUATION FEAST and closing ceremony. As this is part of the program, all participants will be required to attend. Unit leaders are invited and highly encouraged to attend as well and see their youth graduate from this leadership program. Each Scout will be permitted to designate one guest to attend this Feast (included in registration).

Immediately prior to the feast, we will have “After NYLT – Now What?” session for unit leaders to provide ideas on how to maximize youth leadership opportunities in your unit. Unit leaders, please join us!

If you have a question that has not been answered, please contact CVCNYLT2024@gmail.com and we will do our best to answer it. If you have a question, it is likely someone else will too and we can add the answers here.