

CVC NYLT 2025 FAQ

What should I expect from the course?

NYLT is Scouting America's advanced leadership course for 13 to 17 year old members of Scouts BSA and 14 to 20 year old members of Sea Scouting and Venturing. This six-day course (divided over two weekends) provides leadership skills and experience scouts can use in their home units and in life situations demanding leadership of self and others.

NYLT is open to youth registered in crews, ships, and troops. Participants are assigned to patrols that become part of a Model Troop. Scouts take part in many activities including an outpost hike and campout.

What are the Dates and Locations?

Weekend One: October 3 – 5, 2025

Weekend Two: October 24 - 26, 2025

Participants will be required to attend both weekends to complete the course. No make-up sessions will be offered and no refunds will be provided for missed sessions.

The course will be held at Upper County Park in James City County
180 Leisure Rd, Toano, VA 23168, Right off of Exit 227 on I 64 near Williamsburg.

How do I register?

Option 1 (Preferred): Registration and payment for all participants should be done on the council website: <https://www.cvcboyscouts.org/nylt.html>

Note: Black pug 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 nyltcvc@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.

Unit Leader Recommendation & Scout/Parent Consent

The Course Director will reach out to the applicant scout and his/her parent(s) (if under 18 years old) to confirm interest in and ability to complete the course. Unit leader will be asked to approve/recommend applicants.

What happens after I register?

Those selected for the course will be notified no later than **September 13, 2025**. If there is no space in the course, 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 those mature youth. These are national guidelines and cannot be changed for the course. Please contact the course director at nyltcvc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

- Scouts BSA - scouts must be at least 13 years of age or older by October 3, 2025.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts must meet Venturing and Sea Scouting minimum ages by October 3, 2025 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, 2025.
- NYLT participants must complete unit level training of ILST, ILSC, ILSS (Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews or Ships). If your unit does not offer this training contact the course director at nyltcvc@gmail.com.

What does it cost?

Registration is open now. **Course registration closes September 14, 2025.** No applications will be taken after this date without approval from the NYLT Course Director as the course will likely be full. Fees are:

- \$ 300 total cost paid on or before September 14, 2025.
- \$ 325 total cost paid from September 15, 2025 – October 2, 2025 (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. One T-shirt and hoodie are included in the registration. Additional T-shirts may be purchased at registration.

What is the 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 to the person requesting the refund 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. However, unit leaders are able to change candidates prior to 20 days from the beginning of the NYLT Course.

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

What is the selection process?

The course can hold a maximum of 48 participants, so participants must register and pay in full no later than September 13, 2025 (earlier if possible). It is highly recommended that all units submit their applications along with course fee ASAP to take advantage of the lowest possible cost.

If you are placed on the waitlist; it will not be first come first served, but rather based on filling the spot left vacant by a scout who cannot attend. This will allow us to keep patrols balanced by age, gender and to ensure all YPT safeguards are in place.

What should I know as a unit leader or unit committee member?

NYLT is a leadership training course, NOT a summer camp or camporee. Therefore, scouts must meet the minimum requirements of rank, age, and completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews, Ships, or Troops. Likewise, parents and unit leaders must screen applicants to ensure they have the maturity to attend a leadership course.

NYLT is Scouting America's premier youth leadership training experience. The knowledge gained at this course by your scouts will greatly benefit 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 NYLT Scholarship form attached to the Council NYLT registration page and forward to the Course Director. This information is kept confidential. Note: These funds are shared between Wood Badge and NYLT training programs.

What if 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 nylcvvc@gmail.com so all concerns can be addressed prior to the course. **The sooner we know of any special needs, the better we can accommodate the situation.**

What do I need to know about food?

- **Participants need to eat before Friday drop-off.** While snacks will be available, there is no participant dinner planned for Friday evening.

- **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 camp areas will attract animals and ants. Food for all course meals and snacks will be provided. There will be plenty of good food to eat!
- **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, 2025 so we can prepare alternative menu options.**

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. 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. In addition to course materials, participants will receive one NYLT activity shirt, a hoodie, and a nametag.

FIELD UNIFORM

Scout shirt with proper insignia
 Scout or other green shorts/pants
 Watch
 Boots/closed shoes
 Water bottle/water source
 Name tag (received at course)
 Participant's Handbook (received at course)

ACTIVITY UNIFORM

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

Knowing that cost and sizing can be a factor for many families, the course has no issue with alternatives to official BSA shorts/pants and socks from other vendors. Some troops have an "experienced" uniform program and a scout can also borrow these items from someone. If you can not afford a uniform, please contact the course director.

What do I have to bring to NYLT?

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!. Indoor toilet 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
- Raincoat and/or poncho
- Good and comfortable pair of shoes (closed toe)
- Pajamas
- 4 Season Sleeping bag and pad
- BSA style hat
- Pillow
- Watch (important)
- Pocketknife (Totin' Chip)
- Laundry bag
- Individual first aid kit
- Mess kit (Weekend #2)
- water bottle
- Tent
- Backpack – Especially for Weekend #2
- Daypack (like a school book bag) (optional)

Should I bring money?

No. There is nothing for sale and nothing to buy. Any youth who brings money does so at their own risk.

What is the Outpost Camp?

The Outpost Camp is an opportunity for the scouts to practice the leadership skills they learned during NYLT "in the wild" and to enjoy the spirit of Scouting as a Patrol. The Outpost Camp is one night on the second weekend in which each patrol will camp 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. All food, food preparation, and cooking gear is provided; scouts should bring their own mess kits.

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. For this course, physicals should be dated on, or after October 26, 2024. **Medical forms will be accepted at check-in.** If your unit maintains your medical form, please ensure that you acquire a copy of 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 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 with the medic or the NYLT Course Director during the registration process.

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

REMINDER: Each participant 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 teaches skills that will help the scouts critical skills required beyond Scouting and will come in handy in the workplace and later life. We encourage unit leaders to promote every eligible and mature youth to attend.

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 Graduation and closing ceremony. As this is part of the program, all participants will be required to attend. Unit leaders and

families are invited and highly encouraged to attend as well and see their youth graduate from this leadership program. Unit leaders, please join us! There will be celebration sheet cake at the course graduation, but not the large feast event that was done in previous years.

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