

CVC NYLT 2026 FAQ

What should I expect from the course?

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is Scouting America's premier 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 that take them through the stages of team development including an outpost hike and patrol campout during weekend 2.

What are the Dates and Locations?

Weekend One: October 2-4, 2026

Weekend Two: Nov. 6-8, 2026

Participants are required to attend both weekends in order to graduate and earn credit for 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
180 Leisure Rd, Toano, VA 23168
(Right off of Exit 227 on I-64 near Williamsburg)

How do I register?

Option 1: Registration and payment for all participants should be done on the council website: Registration will open on May 1, 2026. Stay tuned for the link.

Note: Black pug registration has a 6% convenience fee.

Option 2: Registration and payment for all participants may also be accomplished by filling out the online registration portion and then paying in the council scout store. This will allow you to avoid the 6% convenience fee.

Unit Leader Recommendation & Parent Consent

The Course Director will reach out to the Unit leader to verify their recommendation/approval of registered Scout. Parents will be required to attend ONE of two offered orientation Zoom meetings to be announced during the preceding two weeks before the start of the course. An email will be sent out with more information.

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 nylcvvc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

- Scouts BSA - scouts must be at least 13 years of age or older by October 2, 2026
- Venturers and Sea Scouts must meet Venturing and Sea Scouting minimum ages by October 2, 2026 AND may not be 21 prior to the end of the course (Nov. 8, 2026)

Is there a rank and training requirement?

- NYLT participants must reach the rank of First Class scout by October 2, 2026.
- 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 nylcvvc@gmail.com.

What does it cost?

- Registration fee will be updated and posted after council budget approval

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 during the registration process.

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 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, 2026 (earlier if possible). It is highly recommended that all Scouts 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 SYT 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 directly to the Course Director at nyltcvc@gmail.com. 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 nyltcvc@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. There will be a Cracker Barrel prior to lights out.

- **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, 2026 so we can prepare alternative menu options.**

Do I have to wear a uniform?

YES. THE UNIFORM IS A PART OF THIS YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE. Scouts BSA and Sea Scouts are expected 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 and several other times throughout the course. When the Field Uniform is not in use, they wear an Activity Uniform (see description below). They will be given their NYLT Activity uniform t-shirt, hoodie, and nametag at check in.

NOTE: Please label at minimum Field Uniform shirt and hoodies! These items are put on and off again several times during each course weekend and the most common lost and found items!

FIELD UNIFORM

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

ACTIVITY UNIFORM

NYLT T-Shirt (received at course)
 Scout or other green pants
 Watch
 Boots/closed shoes
 Water bottle
 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 have any uniform concerns or questions, please reach out to the Course Director.

What do I have to bring to NYLT?

We will be primitive camping both weekends, so ensure you are prepared to sleep in your tent even if the weather is wet and/or cold! Temperatures can get quite chilly in October and November so be prepared with cold weather gear. Bring your own tent. Scouts from same units will be assigned into different patrols upon arrival. Each patrol has its own campsite area so each Scout should have their own tent.

- 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
- Gloves
- Beanie style hat for cold weather
- Pillow
- Watch (important)
- Pocketknife (Totin' Chip)
- Laundry bag
- Individual first aid kit
- Water bottle
- Tent (do not plan to share a tent with a buddy as there are separate assigned patrol campsites)
- Backpack
- Daypack (optional but handy as you move from campsite to program areas for the day)

Should I bring money?

No. There is no Trading Post 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 on Saturday night of the second weekend in which each patrol will camp a short hike away from the main camp area (supervised by Outpost Assistant Scoutmasters.) 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 as they will have to hike to their Outpost campsites. All food, food preparation, and cooking gear is provided.

Do I need to have a BSA Medical Form?

YES! Even though this 6 day course is split into two weekends, National requires that an Annual Medical Form Parts A, B & C must be current, complete, and signed by both parent/guardian **AND PHYSICIAN**. Medical forms will be accepted and screened at course check in. BSA medical forms are valid for one year and must be valid for the entirety of the course. **For this course, physicals should be dated Nov.1, 2025 or later.** If your unit maintains your medical form, please ensure that you acquire a copy of that form **prior** to arriving at NYLT. Digital forms of the medical will not be accepted. Your Scout **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY AND ATTEND WITHOUT A HARD COPY OF THE COMPLETE MEDICAL FORMS PARTS A, B, & C.** The Course Director and Colonial Virginia Council are unable to make ANY exceptions to this National requirement. The forms will be returned in the graduation packet at the completion of the course.

What if I have medications?

NYLT has a Camp Health Officer who is trained and will serve as the medic. After youth check in at Admin, 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 in the morning and evening. If this is an area of concern, please discuss with the medic or the NYLT Course Director during the check in process.

Youth are allowed to carry an emergency inhaler and/or EPIPEN, if applicable. These will be the **ONLY** medications a youth will be allowed to maintain in their personal possession.

REMINDER: Each participant must have the current BSA Health Form Parts A, B & C 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.

Do you provide Early Dismissal letters I can turn into my school?

Yes! We understand that because of timing and travel distances, some families may wish to pick their Scouts up early from school. If you need a letter for school, please contact the 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 an issue arises, 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 pick up 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.

All youth are required to check out with Admin before departing Upper County Park.

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 immediately after the graduation ceremony graduation, but no dinner will be served.

Thank you for investing in your Scout and supporting their continued growth at NYLT!

If you have a question that has not been answered, please contact Course Director Kristi Hynes at nyltcvc@gmail.com or (918) 851-3655.