NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

July 6 – 11, 2026

Dear NYLT Participant,

Welcome to NYLT! On behalf of the "Cascade" NYLT Staff, I would like to congratulate you on taking an important step in becoming a world-class leader! It is sure to be an unforgettable experience!

You will meet new people, make new friends, discover some exciting things about yourself, and of course, have lots of fun! I believe that your time on course will equip you with leadership and interpersonal skills that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

NYLT is a challenging course! Each day there will be a mix of instructional sessions and fun activities. You will be a member of a patrol, in a group of 4 – 7 of your peers from all walks of scouting. You will work together, compete with other patrols together, prepare meals together, and bond as a team over the six-day course. Come prepared to learn and engage!

The staff will do everything we can to make your week fun, rewarding, and challenging. Most of all, our primary goal is to keep you safe and healthy so you can bring the new knowledge and skills you will learn back to your home units and share this experience with others.

There are a few important items to complete and review before course:

- Any dietary restrictions and/or allergies (if not noted in registration) should be submitted by Friday, June 26th.
- **Medical form Parts A, B & C; required doctor's signature must be current throughout the course.**
- Medications need to be in original containers and medical notices prepared for Health Officer.
- **Drop off:** between 12:00pm – 1:00pm on Monday July 6th in the Camp Edward parking lot. Adults should stay until the check-in process is complete.
- **Pick up** will be at 6:30 pm on Saturday July 11th at The Camp Edward Parking Lot. Scouts must be checked out from camp by a parent or guardian.
- Final Feast will be at 4:30 pm on Saturday July 11thth at the camp dining hall. Scoutmasters, parents, and other adults may RSVP (to Course Director) by Friday, June 26th Space is limited

Please contact me if you have any questions.
The "Chief Seattle Council" 2026 Cascade NYLT Course Staff eagerly awaits your arrival at Camp Edward very soon!

Yours in Scouting,

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Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get to Camp Edward?
Chief Seattle Council has travel guides for each of the camps available online. GPS directions for camp can be found by searching for Camp Edward – 25600 Monroe Camp Rd, Snohomish, WA 98290. Do not drive to camp using the inner camp road. If you take a turn at the camp Piggot sign, you have gone the wrong way!

What is the official NYLT uniform?
NYLT is a nationally accredited course that models the official Scout program. Therefore, we will wear a full field uniform at Assembly, Breakfast, and Dinner. This includes a uniform shirt, pants/shorts/skirt, belt, and socks. Venturing crew members are encouraged to wear the BSA's formal uniform of dark green shirt and gray pants/shorts. When not in field uniforms, activity uniforms are to be worn. This consists of uniform bottoms and scouting-related t-shirts (a NYLT shirt will be provided at check-in) or blank solid color t-shirt.

What will lodging be like on course?
Scouts may be camping in their own tents, stents and/or open-air cabins throughout the week. Participants are responsible for carrying their gear and should be prepared for an overnight backpacking "outpost" where a tent will be required. Backpacking backpacks are REQUIRED to help participants be successful with the "outpost" experience.

What things are required at check-in?
A complete, current, signed and dated medical form is required at check to participate. Parts A, B, and C must be complete and current, including guardian and physician signatures. NO exceptions! Adults should stay until the check-in process is complete.

What is the policy on electronics?
Electronics are highly discouraged. We will ask all participants to keep their devices in their bags and not carry them around camp. Using devices as entertainment or gaming systems while course is in session may result in cell phones being confiscated. If power is needed for a CPAP machine or other medical devices that can be arranged – please let us know before arriving on course.

How can my family contact me with emergency (or other vital) information?
If you are unable to contact the Course Director in a timely fashion, leave a message with Gillian Shure of the Chief Seattle Council. She will reply to the message to Camp Edward as soon as possible. Please do not contact Camp Edward / Pigott Rangers as they will be running separate programs at Camp Pigott.

What is the arrival time?
between 12:00pm – 1:00pm on Monday July 6th in the Camp Edward parking lot. Please eat Lunch before arriving.

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Frequently Asked Questions Continued

What will happen when I arrive at Camp Fife?
Staff will greet Scouts, at the lower parking lot, check for medical forms to be filled out completely, and walk them to the camp office for check-in. Participants should be in uniform, have all their gear in a **backpacking backpack** and **essentials in a daypack**. At check-in, the Health Safety Officer will collect and review medical forms and medications.

What is the departure time?
Departure time is 6:30 pm on Saturday July 11th at the Camp Edward Parking Lot. Scouts must be checked out from camp by parent or legal guardian.

What is the feast? Who can attend?
The Feast is a celebration of participants' accomplishments during the week – like a graduation it is a time for the patrol members to share one last experience together as a team. It begins at 4:30 pm on Saturday July 11th. Scoutmasters, parents, and other adults may RSVP (to Course Director) by Friday, June 26th. Space is limited.

What about my parents/ride, what do they do at course pick up/departure time?
Adults planning to pick up Scouts at the end of the NYLT course (July 12th) may park in the Camp Edward parking lot and report to the Dining Hall for guest check-out. If someone other than a parent / guardian is scheduled to pick up a Scout; please make sure this is clearly communicated at check-in & indicated on the Medical Form to avoid confusion at check-out. Cars are required to remain in the guest parking lot unless prior permission is obtained.

What if I have more questions?
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Packing List

10 Essentials:

- Refillable Water bottle (2)
- Flashlight + Extra Batteries
- Small First Aid Kit
- Pocket knife
- Rain gear (windbreaker / rain jacket, water resistant pants)
- Sun Protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen SPF 30+, lip balm SPF 25+)
- Fire Starter (please note that bans are frequent in summers)
- Compass (map will be provided)
- Extra clothes (see below)

Clothing:

- Complete Scouting Uniform(s), including updated/current uniform shirt
- Scouting t-shirts ("Activity Uniform", previously "Class Bs")
- Fleece/Down Jacket(it can become cool/cold at night and in the mornings)
- Rain Gear – A Scout is Prepared
- Sun
- Extra pants/shorts
- Underwear, socks (at minimum one per day of camp plus spare)
- Sleeping attire
- 2 pairs of shoes - sturdy and/or closed-toed
- Towel – We will have a day we get wet – no swimming
- Water Shoes

Toiletries:

- Shower supplies (soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)
- Shower Towel
- Shower Sandals
- Toothbrush, paste, floss
- Anti-perspirant and/or deodorant
- Glasses / contacts and supplies
- Hairbrush / comb (hair ties, etc. as relevant)
- Menstrual products as relevant

Sleeping:

- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad, liner, etc.
- Backpacking tent & ground cloth
- Pillow (Optional)

Packing List Continued

Other:

- Day pack (for ten essentials)
- A Watch – Being early is On-Time… ☺
- Medications (In original containers, listed on med forms, turned into the Medic while on course)
- Scout book
- Bug Spray
- Spare notebook and pens

Optional:

- Deck of cards
- Instrument
- Frisbee / disk
- Camp Chair

Notes:

A backpacking stove is not needed, and snacks are discouraged since we are camping outdoors with curious and active wildlife. Plenty of food, snacks, and desserts are provided during the week. As noted above, dietary restrictions and/or allergies need to be submitted by Friday, June 26thth, unless already noted in event registration.

Smartphones are now a common part of our lives, but we request that they remain at home. As noted above, there is no phone service at Camp Fife nor is there any wi-fi. Power is available in limited capacities and charging of devices as such will be limited (Camp Fife runs on generator power).

If participants choose to bring their phones to camp, they are required to keep them turned off and away from all course activities and presentations. If participants are using their phones during scheduled activities, phones will be confiscated by the Course Director for the duration of the course.

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Recommended Skills for Course

Scout BSA participants are required to complete First Class prior to attending, but participants from other unit types are not required to have reached a certain advancement or rank.

Following is a short description of some skills which will be relevant during the course for participants to practice or brush up on.

Backpack packing: Participants will be in charge of their gear reading their campsite and their tenting locations. Participants should be comfortable with packing and carrying their own gear.

Outdoor camping: This course does include a night of camping out in tents or under the stars. Participants should be familiar with the tents they bring to course.

Outdoor Cooking: Participants will cook most or all meals in their patrol site during course from supplied ingredients. A basic understanding of how to clean dishes using the three-step method, and how to heat/assemble meals will be incredibly useful during course.

First Aid: Participants should be familiar with use of their first aid kit, both for course and for life.

Knots & Lashings: Any of the knots (square, two half-hitches, sheet bend, bowline, taut line hitch, clove hitch, timber hitch) or lashings (square, diagonal, shear, tripod) required to reach First Class may be useful during course.

Compass Skills: Participants are encouraged to become familiar with their own compass and how to use it to find or follow a bearing.