

SCRIPT FOR NYLT 2024 PRE-COURSE MEETING

Allow for 30-60 minutes

Open with introducing staff (Veronica) -

Introduce staff present. Mention those who are unable to join us.

Name	Position
Veronica Kleckner	Course Director
Eben Christensen	Asst. CD / SM Boy Troop
Rebekah Verbeten	SM Girl Troop
Ethan Grindle	ASM Boy Troop
Jhina Tabulina O'Brien	ASM Girl Troop
Jerry Pfeffer	Quartermaster (Full Time)
Dave La Haye	Quartermaster (Advisor)

Name	Position
Bethany Heller	Youth Course Lead
Rachel Cleaver	Asst. Youth Course Lead
Gavin Mellom	SPL Boy Troop
Saran Singh	SPL Girl Troop
Westin Kipp	Troop Guide
Samantha Gilbert	Troop Guide
Simone Weinhold	Troop Guide
Griffin Connell	Troop Guide
Quinn Emerick	Troop Guide
Ben Baker	Quartermaster
Isaac Cole	Quartermaster

Mention that our health officer is the EBSR health officer, Hannah Teche, and food for the course, or commissary, will be provided by the EBSR kitchen under Teresa Guerra.

Our SPLs and Scoutmasters will be assisting me in running this meeting. and mention those who are unable to attend and their position.

What to Expect from this course (Gavin) - NYLT is an intensive training course where scouts are taught the skills that will form them into effective youth leaders. Participants will experience what the national model is for running a Scouts BSA troop and then take that knowledge back to their troop.

The six day course simulates a month in the life of a troop. This is leadership training, not summer camp. There's no merit badge program, swim or boat beach. We have packed days from early morning to late at night following a tight schedule with a mix of classroom like trainings, interspersed with games and activities. Participants will have daily patrol and

troop meetings as well as patrol activities. Breakfast will be provided in the morning in Fellowship Hall, while lunch and dinner will be prepared as a patrol at each patrol campsite. Adult and Youth staff will rotate joining each patrol to share meals.

Outpost Experience (Saran) – Throughout the week, each patrol will work on planning for their “Outpost Experience,” on the last night of the course, which simulates a troop’s monthly campout. They will move from their original campsites to a new, more remote site. Scouts will need to work together as a patrol to find their designated campsite using GPS, carrying their gear to the campsite, cooking dinner and breakfast for themselves, staying overnight, and returning in time for Flag in the morning. In accordance with YPT, there will be adult leaders within eyesight and hearing of each patrol outpost campsite, but they are there simply for safety reasons and will remain at a distance.

A note on gear – Participants will need to bring a backpack which is big enough to carry personal gear and some shared gear to overnight at the Outpost campsite.

Arrival (Rebekah) – Arrival time is Sunday June 30th from noon to 1pm. Please park in the main parking lot at Ed Bryant and make your way to Peter Rice for registration. We ask that you arrive no later than 12:30 to allow time for check-in and to meet your patrol. Our program begins immediately at 1pm with an orientation of the program locations and facilities around EBSR, followed by campsite set up. Please be prepared to carry in all of your gear to your campsite, which will be located along the small loop.

At registration, every participant will need to turn in copies of health forms, parts A, B, & C. A reminder: part C requires a doctor’s signature, so please plan accordingly. Also bring Parent/Guardian approval forms, and prescription forms for any medications.

Gear (Eben) – Gear should be in duffels and backpacks. No rolling suitcases or trunks which cannot be carried over rough terrain. Each scout should pack a tent. We will not be sharing tents and NYLT will not be providing any tents. No hammock tents. A small or backpacking tent is ideal, but please do not go out and buy a new tent just for this course. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag, camping mat, and mess kit. Please review the Participant Packing List for the full list of items to bring to camp. Patrol Chuck Boxes will be provided with everything needed for cooking and cleaning.

Pack for a week long camping trip. Two NYLT class B t-shirts will be provided to be worn under your class A for outdoor activities. We will wear Class A field uniform for flag, dinner,

and presentations. Participants should be in scout green pants, shorts, or skirt. No non-uniform pants are allowed.

This is a primarily outdoor experience. Presentations will be given rain or shine in the Scoutcraft Pavilion and both troop and patrol activities will be held out in the open. We will be cooking meals and sleeping in tents outside. Pack accordingly. Be sure to bring both sun and rain protection, bug spray and a reusable water bottle to stay hydrated. Bring a warm layer for colder temperatures in the evenings. We recommend bringing a day pack to keep all of this with you.

Please bring an old shirt and disposable gloves for one activity that will likely stain clothing and skin if not protected. Be sure to bring closed toe hiking shoes.

The Trading Post will be open with slushies available, so bring money if you want to take advantage of what the Trading Post offers.

Electronics Policy (Veronica) – Due to our packed agenda, there will be little free time and you will be tired at the end of the day. Please leave electronics including cellphones, e-readers, handheld video games, music players etc. at home. These are too much of a distraction during the course and will be collected at registration if brought with you. They will be kept locked in a safe until pick up on the last day of the course.

Please bring a watch with an alarm and a camera if you want to take pictures. Staff will be taking photos throughout the week, which will be uploaded at the end of the course and made available to participants.

If parents need to reach their son or daughter during the course, staff contact information is provided. Please text, email, or call me, the course director, and we will be sure to get you in touch with your scout. Reception at Ed Bryant is inconsistent, so please be patient and know we will get back to you as soon as the scheduled activities and connectivity will let us!

Medications & Food Allergies –

(Rebekah) Please turn in any medications at registration along with a medication form, noting dosing information and times. Bring just the amount of medication you will need, in its original container, and placed in a ziplock bag with the scouts' name on it. During registration, if you have medications you will get in one line and if you don't have medications, you will get in the another, in order to keep things moving smoothly.

(Eben) Please do not feel the need to take any medication breaks during the course. We can and will accommodate our participants' health needs. NYLT is a rigorous course and we want everyone at their best, able to absorb the material and participate fully.

Please contact us and we will work with you and Hannah Teche, EBSR's Health Officer, to work with you individually. If you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions, please reach out as soon as possible so that we may work with Teresa Guerra to plan ahead for meals.

End of Course and Pick-Up (Gavin) - The last day of the course will end with celebratory Feast grilled by the staff and a closing ceremony. Scouts will arrive at the main parking lot between 6:45 and 7pm to meet their families with their gear after the closing ceremony.

Please Be Aware (Saran) - There will be cub camp programs going on during the week of NYLT, so please be mindful of their presence while at camp.

Time for Questions from Scouts and Families (Veronica) - Please the raise hand tool in "Reactions Button." If your connection is bad, please use the chat section.

Closing (Veronica) - We appreciate everyone's time and participation this evening! Our staff has been working hard over the past few months to prepare an incredible and memorable learning experience for all of our participants. We are excited and we hope you are too. See you on the 30th at Ed Bryant!