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Bay-Lakes Council
Boy Scouts of America
Camp Hiawatha
NYLT Pack & Paddle

Dear NYLT Pack and Paddle Participant,

We are very excited that you will be able to join us for the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Pack and Paddle experience. NYLT is a wonderful program that teaches youth modern leadership skills. Scouts that have attended have talked about how this course has given them a different perspective in the way they view teams, leadership and the direction of their lives going forward.

Who is a leader? We are all leaders. Each day as we organize our day, week, month, year, and life, we are working with groups to perform goals. Whether the team is our family, our troop, our friends or our work, we are working together to make our goals successful and our lives the way we would like to see them lived.

At the Bay-Lakes Council, we are lucky to have the NYLT Pack and Paddle program. We are one of only a handful of states that offer this version of NYLT. We get to practice the NYLT skills we learn under the sun and stars of Camp Hiawatha region in Munising, Michigan. We get to learn the skills of backpacking, canoeing and taking our outdoor skills to the next level with lots of support from our staff. You will come home more confident in your outdoor skills, scouting skills and leadership skills. You will gain friends and have a scouting network from other troops to bounce ideas off of.

To prepare for this adventure:

1. Please submit a copy of your health form sections A, B and C to Sherriee Peppin, our Health Officer, at 4545 Odin Lane, New Franken, WI 54229. Sherriee can be contacted at speppin@gmail.com. *Please bring another copy of your health forms with you to camp.* A well completed health form is good communication so we can provide a great experience. Please use the most current health form (for going to camp): <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Note: Parents, if you are carpooling, ensure the name of the person picking your scout up is on the face page so we can release your scout to this non-parent.

2. Please send a separate email to nyltpnp@gmail.com with any food allergies and/or sensitivities so we can be prepared.
3. Review the Packing List and pack appropriately. Keep in mind the weight of the items you are packing. One of your waterproof bags will be your bear bag which will contain food and all smellables. We have made a video of packing suggestions that is posted on the Bay-Lakes Council NYLT Pack and Paddle Facebook site.
4. Please review, sign and send the **Course Conduct** sheet in the link below to nyltpnp@gmail.com.
5. Sign **scoutmaster** and **parental approval forms** found in the link below sent to nyltpnp@gmail.com. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aIKxDexySXTnDfuAM_3FuWdrA6oZ3MWs/view?usp=share_link

This is a safe learning environment and all scouts will be held up to the Scout Oath and Law. We are here to support each other. No bullying, racial/sexist slurs or poor behavior will be tolerated.

Prepare to have a wonderful adventure!