

WELCOME TO NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING!

June 12th – June 17th, 2022

Congratulations on taking the next step in your training to become a better leader in your Unit!

Both Participants and Parents should read this packet entirely.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. National Youth Leadership Training will be different from Summer Camp Experiences you may have had in the past. We will be focusing on developing leadership and communications skills instead of camping and outdoor skills (though we will definitely be using those as well).

One thing separating National Youth Leadership Training from other leadership experiences is that this program will be delivered by older scouts under the mentorship of adults. The staff is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers who have been working together over the past 6-12 months preparing for this course.

Please pay special attention to the information describing what forms are necessary for participation and what to bring, and what to leave home.

- Must be a registered member of a Scouting unit.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C.
- Must have turned 13 years of age by course start date.
- Must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST). Will be offered by the Council on March 5th. More details coming soon!
- Must have earned at least First Class rank.
- Must have a unit leader recommendation.

Your course director will be contacting you by email about a month before the course to welcome you. There will also be a parent information meeting scheduled about 2 weeks before the course to provide a forum for answering any additional questions you may have. Your scout should be comfortable being away from home for a week. If your scout has issues with homesickness or is not comfortable being away from home, please email nyltstaff@southplainscouncil.org to discuss your concerns.

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FORMS CHECKLIST:

This information packet contains the forms or link to the documents you will need to bring with you when you check in to your course. Please be sure that you complete all the forms, as it dramatically speeds up check-in.

Unit Leader Approval / Attendee Honor Statement. Scouts attending National Youth Leadership training are required to obtain their Unit Leader's permission to attend. Please fill out that form (included in this packet) and return it to nyltstaff@southplainscouncil.org. You should retain the original and bring it with you to your course.

Medical Form. National Youth Leadership Training requires participants to complete parts A, B, and C of the Annual Health and Medical Record. The Annual Health and Medical Record can be found here: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf.

Please note:

- This form requires a health care professional's signature
- Please be sure to include a photocopy of your insurance card – front and back
- For our staff to provide non-prescription medication (e.g., Advil), you will need to check the appropriate box on Part B.
- If you require an immunization exemption, please download, and complete this form: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-451.pdf>

Medication. Prescription medications will need to be brought to Camp in their original containers with the Scout's name on the prescription. Non-prescription medication (e.g., over the counter allergy medication, vitamins) should have a label affixed with the Scout's name. All medication should be placed in a clear 'Ziploc' style bag with an index card clearly identifying when each medication should be administered. Please be certain to designate AM or PM. All medication will be delivered to the medic at check-in.

Dietary Needs. If your Scout has special dietary (e.g., Halal, Kosher, Gluten, and Vegetarian) needs, please make sure you reflect those on their Medical Form. Please also reach out to nyltstaff@southplainscouncil.org as soon as you have registered and let us know the details. We have had great success in accommodating many special dietary needs but need to know this information as soon as possible. If we cannot accommodate your needs, we will discuss other alternatives.

COVID At-Risk Statement. This form indicates that you acknowledge that there is a risk of contracting COVID associated with attending this event. We have policies and practices in place to minimize this risk, but the risk is still present.

COVID Screening Form. This form will need to be completed by everyone traveling in the vehicle when dropping the Scout off. If anyone in the vehicle fails the screening or temperature check, the Scout will not be permitted to participate in the course.

Agreement to Transport. This form indicates that if the staff determines that your Scout is unable to continue with the course that you will pick up your Scout within 8 hours.

UNIT LEADER APPROVAL / ATTENDEE HONOR STATEMENT

Leadership development requires more than a single week of training experience. The reason for the Unit Leader Approval and Attendee Honor statement is to recognize that for the Unit to benefit from the skills taught at NYLT, they will need to be practiced within the Scout's home unit.

Please forward a copy of this form to nyltstaff@southplainscouncil.org with the Subject: Unit Leader Approval – Your Scout’s Last, First Names.

You should retain the original and bring it with you to your course.

Unit Leader Approval

I give my approval for _____ (Participant Name) to attend National Youth Leadership Training program hosted by South Plains Council. I certify that this Scout is at least 13 years of age prior to the course start date and has earned the First Class rank, and after the course, is expected to put their skills into action by taking on a leadership position in my Unit.

I believe them to be mature enough for this course to be effective.

Unit Leader Name (Signature): _____ Date _____

Unit Leader Name (Printed) _____

Phone to best reach you: _____

Email: _____

Attendee Honor Statement

On my honor as a Scout / Venturer / Sea Scout, I promise that I will faithfully live according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law during the National Youth Leader Training Course. I will represent myself and my Unit with honor and do all I can to pass along my new knowledge and skills to my fellow Scouts.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO LIVE BY THE SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL NYLT COURSE AND CAMP RULES.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Approval: _____ Date: _____

WHAT TO BRING / WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

The staff will do everything we can to make your week as comfortable as possible. We want all participants to have a wonderful experience. This is Texas, and that means that the weather can be varied and unpredictable. Participants need to come to the course ready for heat, cold, rain, extreme thunderstorms, etc. Tents should be able to withstand heavy rain.

Uniforms:

National Youth Leadership Training is a national level leadership program. **We will be in full uniform daily.** This means your Scout will need scout pants/shorts with your button-down uniform shirt. **Jeans and athletic shorts are not permitted.** If you don't own uniform pants/shorts, please borrow them for the course. We will be providing each participant with an NYLT t-shirt and a hat.

Tent:

Each participant is required to bring a tent with them. While you may be attending NYLT with other scouts from your troop, you should plan on tenting alone because you will be tenting with your NYLT patrol. Ideally, this tent will be small/light enough the Scout can carry it on their own. If you don't own a tent, please borrow one for the course.

Backpack (no trunks or duffle bags):

Each participant should be able to carry all their gear with them. For this reason, we encourage scouts to pack in a backpacking style backpack. We strongly discourage the use of duffle bags and trunks. If you don't own a backpack, please borrow one for the course.

What to Leave At Home:

NYLT is not an outdoor skills course, so many of the items that would typically find their way to Camp are unnecessary. We have found that others are a distraction. Here is our list of what you need to leave at home.

- Gaming devices or other electronics except for your watch and/or Cell Phone (If the Scout needs to talk to a parent, the course adults will have phones). Watches **should not** require charging.
- Large sheath knives, hatchets, axes (**Pocket Knives ARE permitted**)
- Fireworks or any flame producing material (we will give you what you need)
- Hiking poles or staves
- Food or drinks unless arranged with kitchen manager for special dietary needs
- Weapons of any kind
- Tobacco, drugs, alcohol
- Rubik's cubes / other fidget toys / devices

Be prepared for a pack shakedown during check-in. Any contraband items found during check-in will be given to your parents before they leave. Any items found in your possession after check-in will be grounds to be sent home.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Only the official Boy Scouts of America field uniform and accessories are acceptable. This includes Venturing, Ship, and Explorer field uniforms. The field uniform will be worn throughout the week as directed by course staff (jeans and athletic style shorts are not permitted). Everyone should arrive in official uniform upon arrival to Camp (see first four items on the required list). All badges and insignia must be properly placed on the field uniform.

Be prepared for an overnight hike as well. At least one pair of shoes must be suitable for hiking. Place your name on all clothing and personal items. Any items that you do not own, please borrow.

REQUIRED

- Hiking Backpack (with hip belt)
- Backpacking Tent / Stakes
- Waterproof ground cloth

- BSA Field Uniform shirt
- BSA Field Uniform pants or shorts
- BSA uniform socks (3 pair minimum)
- BSA belt and buckle
- BSA or plain t-shirts (2 minimum)

- Hiking boots (waterproof)
- Athletic shoes – for daytime field activities
- Underwear (4 minimum)
- Rain suit or rain poncho
- Sleepwear
- Sleeping pad / Small pillow
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Hand soap / body wash / shampoo
- Towel / washcloth / shower shoes
- Comb or brush

REQUIRED – Cont.

- Nalgene style Water bottle or similar (1-liter, not disposable)
- Small flashlight & spare batteries
- Pen and/or pencils
- Watch (simple, not one that requires recharging)
- Personal Mess Kit w Silverware

- Sleeping bag or light weight blanket
- Swimsuit & towel
- Clothesline & clothespins
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)

Optional (but recommended)

- Sunscreen & lip balm
- Sunglasses
- Camp stool or chair
- Personal first aid kit
- Religious material (e.g., Bible, Quran)
- Pocket Knife

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NYLT COURSE RULES

The Scout Oath and Scout Law provide the general rules for expected behavior by all NYLT staff and participants.

- ALWAYS practice and exhibit the Scout Oath.
- Proper uniforming will be observed at all times by staff and participants. This includes BSA licensed pants/shorts and socks. Even though Venturing and Sea Scouts allow jeans, BSA pants will be required for the course.
- Each participant MUST complete the full week to graduate. No exceptions.

Some items we probably shouldn't have to call out specifically, but we will:

- No drugs, alcohol, smoking, vaping, or chewing tobacco.
- No defecating in the woods. Please do this in toilets only (yes, we have to say so).
- No fireworks.
- No sheath knives or axes.
- No throwing knives or shovels.
- No cutting on live trees. (Practice Leave No Trace at all times)
- No swimming in the lake.
- No electronic devices, including cell phones and radios.
- No lighters or matches.
- No sandals or open toed shoes. Shower shoes ONLY USED WHEN IN THE SHOWER!
- No barefoot walking in Camp.
- No food in tents or campsites. Dispose of food in trash receptacles. Do not put trash down the lavatories.
- No travel outside of campsite or program areas without a buddy or buddies per YPT Rules.

NYLT Payment Schedule

- A \$50 deposit and pages 3 & 4 of this packet are required to hold your spot on the course.
- The full course fee is \$300 if paid **after** December 1, 2021, even with a deposit.
- An early-bird fee of \$250 is available if paid **in-full** by December 1, 2021.

NYLT IS A SPECIAL PLACE

The Staff and Participants of National Youth Leadership strive to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

We bring together scouts from BSA Girl Troops and BSA Boy Troops, Venturing Crews, and Sea Scout Ships for six days. Our ongoing mission is to share the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO.

We create a learning and living environment where everyone should feel safe, secure, and comfortable developing their skills.

We do this in several ways:

- We set the example for ourselves and others by always behaving as a Scout should. We live the Scout and Venture Oath and Scout Law each moment of each day, to the best of our abilities.
- We refuse to tolerate any inappropriate put-down, name-calling, or physical aggression, no bullying behavior or hazing.
- Racial, sexual, or ethnic jokes or slurs will not be tolerated. We are all at the course to learn and have fun, but not at someone's expense. An offender of this rule will find themselves being prematurely sent home! Be forewarned!
- No "purpling" (mixing pink and blue). No dating, no flirting. (Yes, this too, we have to say). This will cause both Scouts to be sent home early.
- We communicate our acceptance of each participant and each other through an expression of concern and by showing our appreciation whenever possible.
- We create an environment based on learning and fun. We seek the best from each participant, and we do our best to help each person achieve it.
- Youth Protection Rules are STRICTLY ENFORCED. Know them and know what is expected of the youth and adults on course.

Any questions or comments can be sent to the South Plains Council NYLT Leadership Team at nyltstaff@southplainscouncil.org