

Subject: Join Us for Wood Badge While Your Youth Attends NYLT!

Dear Scouting Family,

First, congratulations on registering your youth for National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)! You've taken an important step in supporting their growth as a leader, and we're thrilled they'll be part of this premier youth training experience.

Now, I'd like to extend a special invitation just for you.

While your youth is participating in NYLT, why not join us for *your* own life-changing leadership adventure—**Wood Badge**! This summer, Wood Badge Course 12-802-25 will take place at Camp Freedom in Oberdachstetten, Germany, during the same week as NYLT. It's the perfect opportunity for both youth and adults to engage in Scouting's top-tier leadership training—at the same time, in the same spirit, and with aligned principles.

Why Attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is a fun, immersive, and practical leadership course designed for all adult volunteers in Scouting, whether you're new to the program or a seasoned leader. The course focuses on key leadership principles that mirror what your youth will learn at NYLT, creating a shared language and understanding that strengthens your unit.

Imagine the power of your unit when both youth and adult leaders are speaking the same leadership language.

## **Benefits of Participating in Wood Badge:**

- Gain clarity about your personal leadership style
- Learn practical tools you can use in your unit, career, and life
- Strengthen your ability to mentor and support youth leaders
- ✓ Forge lasting connections with Scouters across our Council
- Reignite your passion for Scouting through a fun, inspiring experience

As we celebrate the **75th Anniversary of TAC**, I'd love for you to join us for this special milestone. Our course theme is **"Seek Clarity, Shine Brilliantly**," and that's exactly what we hope you'll do—gain a clear vision of who you are as a leader, and then bring your brilliance back to your unit and beyond. You'll leave the course with renewed purpose, a toolkit full of skills, and a plan to make a lasting impact in your home unit.

I truly believe *every Scout deserves a trained leader*, and I'm passionate about creating opportunities for both youth and adults to grow. When you and your youth participate in NYLT and Wood Badge together, you're building a strong, united foundation for your entire unit.

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Yours in Scouting,

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