



2026 Far East Council NYLT

Travel, Transportation and Logistics Information

Course Start and Arrival

NYLT starts at noon (12 pm) on Saturday, June 20, 2026. Scouts must attend the entirety of NYLT to graduate. Late starts are not permitted.

Participants who possess DoD/DoW or DoS ID cards should arrive at Tama Hills by 11:40 am, Saturday, June 20, 2026. All other participants should arrive by 11:20 am to accommodate the additional time required to access Tama Hills, a U.S. Air Force Recreational Facility. Local parents driving Scouts to NYLT may drop their Scouts at NYLT Check-in at the Apex. DoD/DoW/DoS parents can access Tama Hills with their ID cards. Non-DoD/DoW/DoS parents must submit their registration and insurance information in advance to be granted access (please see the NYLT registration webpage). All other participants will be met at the gate and escorted. If you need directions to Tama Hills or have any questions, etc, please contact ASM for Logistics, Rob Keister at fec_nylt_coordinator@earthlink.net, or +81-70-9012-2837.

Most Scouts flying internationally to NYLT will not be able to secure flights that permit them to arrive early enough on June 20, to travel to Tama Hills before the course starts. Thus, we plan for participants to arrive the day before and will accommodate early arrivals. Please submit your travel plans via the Google Form in the NYLT webpage so that we can plan accordingly!

Tokyo Airport and Flights Selection

Tama Hills is in Tokyo, which is serviced by two international airports: Haneda and Narita. While Haneda is the preferred airport due to its proximity to Tama Hills, we recognize that the less expensive flights typically use Narita. Thus, Narita may be the cheaper option. However, if the costs are the same, please consider Haneda, given its closer proximity to Tama Hills.

Travel between the airport and Tama Hills will be by public transportation, specifically by train. Scouts will be met at the airport and assisted.

Travel time from Haneda to Minami-Tama train station is about 1-1/4 hours. Thus, Scouts traveling internationally to Haneda, arriving at Terminal 3 will need at least 3-1/2 hours to clear immigration and customs, travel by train, and then walk to Tama Hills. (Scouts traveling internationally to Haneda on ANA flights that arrive at Terminal 2 will need at least 4 hours.) Scouts flying

from within Japan will arrive Terminal 1 or 2 and require about 3 hours.

Travel time from Narita Airport to Minami-Tama station is about 2-1/2 hours, plus there are three possible terminals based on your airline. Thus, Scouts traveling to Narita, arriving at Terminals 2 or 3 will need at least 5 hours if international, 4 hours if domestic. Scouts arriving Narita at Terminal 1 will need 5-1/2 hours if international, 4-1/2 hours if domestic.

Departure flights from Haneda after graduation on Thursday, June 25, should not be scheduled any earlier than 7:15 pm to ensure adequate time for travel and processing at the airport. Departure flights from Narita should not be any earlier than 8:30 pm. Consequently, we expect many Scouts will find it necessary to book return flights on the morning of Friday, June 26. Scouts remaining overnight will be accommodated until their departure.

Airport Arrival Procedures

Scouts traveling internationally have two options for completing their immigration and customs forms: 1) Immigration and customs cards that are available from flight attendants or after arrival, or 2) Electronic immigration and customs forms can also be completed in advance, which generally speeds up your entry into Japan. If submitting electronically, you'll receive a QR code to display on your smartphone. To use this method, establish an account on Visit Japan Web at <https://www.vjw.digital.go.jp/>. Then, in advance of your travel, complete your immigration and customs forms online. Specific instructions on Visit Japan Web, as well as arrival procedures in Japan, can be found at <https://japan-trails.com/media/visit-japan-web-how-to-use/> or <https://matcha-jp.com/en/24525>. If using Visit Japan Web, sign-in to the free airport Wi-Fi on arrival to open your QR code.

Immigration: Signage and English-speaking personnel will direct you on how to proceed. If using the QR code, be prepared to scan it, your passport, etc, at an immigration kiosk, and then again when you hand the immigration officer your passport. Those using the immigration card will hand the card (with your passport) to the immigration officer.

Customs: If you are using a QR code, proceed to a customs kiosk in baggage claim to scan your QR code, etc. You will be assigned an "exit route" to take after claiming your baggage that either takes you through facial recognition or to a customs officer. Those using customs cards will claim their baggage and then proceed to a customs officer line.

After exiting customs, you will be met by an NYLT representative ("greeter/helper") who will assist you in your journey via train to Tama Hills. To ensure a

smooth, orderly trip for all, Scouts will be assembled in groups and travel together based on their arrival times. As travel plans are received, a specific plan will be provided to all participants (and your parents or guardians).

Note: Any Scouts planning to arrive in Japan before NYLT, or to stay afterwards, for sightseeing, etc, and/or traveling with family members should indicate so when submitting travel plans to ensure their smooth NYLT arrival and departure. Should you have any questions, concerns, etc, please contact ASM Keister at fec_nylt_coordinator@earthlink.net.

Arrival Haneda: Almost all international flights arrive at Terminal 3. After exiting customs, please turn right. The meeting point will be the seating area that you see as you exit right (please see the accompanying Haneda map). Your “greeter/ helper” will be wearing a Scout uniform or NYLT t-shirt and cap. He/she will meet you as you exit or in the meeting point area. If you don’t see him/her, please look for fellow Scouts and/or wait in the seating area.

If you are arriving at Terminals 1 or 2, please use the free shuttle bus to travel to Terminal 3. Shuttle bus information is available at https://tokyo-haneda.com/en/access/travel_between_terminals/index.html. The meeting point is on the 2nd floor in the arrival lobby to the left of the customs exit (please see the accompanying Haneda map).

Arriving Narita: The meeting point will be in the Terminal 2 International Arrivals Lobby, next to Customs Exit B (please see the accompanying Narita map). Your “greeter/ helper” will be wearing a Scout uniform or NYLT t-shirt and cap. He/she will meet you in the meeting point area. If you don’t see him/her, please look for fellow Scouts and/or wait in the seating area.

For Terminal 2 international arrivals, turn right after exiting Customs Exits A or B and then proceed to the seating on the right, just past Exit B. For Terminal 2 domestic arrivals, walk to the international arrivals lobby, passing Exits A and then B, to the meeting point. For terminal 3 arrivals, if walking, proceed to the Terminal 2 arrival lobby; the meeting point is to the left, just before Customs Exit B. For those riding the airport shuttle bus from Terminals 1 or 3, turn left upon entering Terminal 2 and proceed to the meeting point on the right just past Exit B. Shuttle bus information is available in the accompanying map and at <https://www.narita-airport.jp/en/access/shuttlebus/>.

Riding the Train

There are two options for paying your train fare: 1) Purchase a ticket from a vending machine, or 2) Download one of two rechargeable contactless smart card (electronic money system) apps and then load it with sufficient funds to

cover your train fare (plus any other desired purchases from select vending machines, convenience stores, etc – *NOT available onboard Tama Hills*).

Ticket Purchases: Tickets can only be purchased using cash (i.e., no credit/debit cards!), which will require conversion of your currency to Yen. This can be done at the airport where you'll receive the same nationwide exchange rate. Your "greeter/helper" can help you with your ticket purchase – or watch a YouTube video before coming to Japan. (Be sure to take your ticket from the turnstile at the airport as you pass through!)

Smart Card Apps: Download either the PASMO or SUICA app. PASMO requires Apple Pay for iPhones or Google Pay for Android phones. Suica doesn't require Apple Pay or Google Pay but uses Mobile Suica. For guidelines on downloading these apps, please see this website:

<https://www.japanlivingguide.com/expatinfo/transportation/mobile-suica/>.

Note: If you plan on sightseeing in Japan before or after NYLT, you can also purchase a rechargeable PASMO or Suica IC card from a train ticket vending machine if you don't want to use an app. The IC card costs 500 Yen (~\$3.33).

Cost: One-way fare from/to Haneda will cost about 860 Yen (about \$5.80 based on 150 Yen per US Dollar), or about 1720 Yen/\$11.60 both ways total. One-way fare from/to Narita will cost about 3820 Yen (about \$25.50 based on 150 Yen per US Dollar), or about 7620 Yen/\$51.00 both ways total. (Fares vary depending on the time of departure and route available.)

Do I Need to Get any Yen?

As discussed above, you may or may not need Yen for your train fare. Also, be aware that US Dollars will be used for any purchases at Tama Hills/during NYLT. If you make any purchases at the airport or plan to sightsee before or after NYLT, then you'll need some Yen as not all merchants accept credit cards and acceptance of PASMO and Suica is typically limited to train and bus fares, most convenience stores, and limited retailers and restaurants. In addition to currency exchanges, ATMs are also available at the airport.

Should I get a SIM/eSIM Cards or Pocket Wi-Fi?

First, please be aware that NYLT is a very jampacked course. You will be busy from reveille (waking up) until taps (lights out) and the use of cell phones, except for notetaking and select course program activities, is not permitted during classes, games and activities. Second, please be aware that cell coverage/reception at Tama Hills is very poor nor is there any Wi-Fi at the NYLT site. Consequently, SMS/texting and messaging services are typically the only

somewhat reliable ways of electronically communicating.

Should you decide to rent a SIM/eSIM card or pocket Wi-Fi, there are several vendors available in the airport. A credit card is required, and additional time must be added to your arrival timeline. (Some SIM/eSIM cards and pocket Wi-Fis can be rented in advance via the internet.)

Should an urgent message need to be sent to a Scout, you can SMS/text or message the Course Director, Dave Nichols – SMS/text, WhatsApp & Line: +81-90-7426-8964, or ASM for Logistics, Rob Keister – SMS/text & Line: +81-70-9012-2837, WhatsApp: 1-509-480-2092.

Transiting from Minamitama Station to Tama Hills

The Tama Hills main gate is a 12 to 15 minute walk from Minamitama Train Station. Because you will likely make this trek twice, plus you will need a medium-sized backpack for a short hike to your overnight Outpost camp the last night of NYLT, please ensure you bring luggage that is appropriate.

Miscellaneous Information

Scouts are requested to bring their own tents if possible. A limited quantity of tents may be available to borrow. Additionally, a limited quantity of tents and sleeping bags may also be available to rent from Tama Hills Outdoor Recreation. Please email ASM Keister at fec_nylt_coordinator@earthlink.net if you need a tent or desire to rent a sleeping bag.

Scouts should not bring snacks, etc, to NYLT as the tanuki (Japanese racoon) and crows are quite adept at “liberating” your goodies from your tent, your backpack, and more – *and they don't clean up their mess either!*

Japan has strict laws regarding knives, so please do not bring any with you.

Feast and Graduation Guests

Parents, family members, unit leaders, friends and other guests are invited to attend the Graduation Feast and Graduation Ceremony on Thursday, June 25. Those attending the Feast must register online using the NYLT webpage in the Far East Council website and pay the \$20 fee.

Non-DoD/DoW/DoS guests should arrive by noon for the Feast or by 2:15 pm for Graduation only, and are required to submit identification documents and information in advance as detailed in the NYLT registration webpage for access to Tama Hills. If attending the Graduation Ceremony only, please register in the NYLT registration webpage under the Graduation only option and submit the documents and information required for access to Tama Hills.

There is no fee for Graduation only.

If you are a DoD/DoW/DoS ID holder, please arrive by 12:30 pm for the Feast or by 2:15 pm for Graduation only. (Note that you may escort non-DoD/DoW/DoS guests.) If attending the Feast, please register and pay the \$20 fee.

Graduation concludes about 3:15 pm. Graduates should be able to depart by 3:30 pm.

Staying for Camp Okami?

As with NYLT Graduates whose flights depart the day after NYLT, we are planning to accommodate Scouts who will be remaining at Tama Hills for Camp Okami, which starts on Saturday, June 27. Camp Okami staff will assume responsibility for you starting on Friday, June 26. Continued adherence to Scouting America's buddy system will be required.

While meals will be provided, you may want to eat a meal or two at the Kiji restaurant located in Tama Lodge. You'll need dollars or a credit/debit card to dine at Kiji. A small laundry room with two washers and dryers is available on the 2nd floor of Tama Lodge; quarters are required for the washers and dryers (change is available from the front desk). A small convenience store is also located in Tama Lodge.

Additionally, Tama Hills Outdoor Recreation offers several activities that you may enjoy during your "day off" (unless you are staffing Camp Okami). You are encouraged to take advantage of these recreational activities as the Camp Okami staff will be busy with onsite staff development and preparing for camp. Open the Tama Hills URL at <https://yokota374fss.com/tama/> and then scroll down to "Play" to see a list of the available activities and their cost. (Do not use the links across the top of the webpage as they are for the Yokota Airbase host website.)

Outdoor Rec Activities Notes:

- 1) Paintball is not a Scout-approved activity, and therefore, is not permitted.
- 2) Golf cart rental is not permitted due to Scouting America's minimum age, operator training, and safety protocol requirements.
- 3) If you decide to rent a bicycle (instead of walking everywhere), helmets and shoes must be worn per Scouting America requirements.

Scouts staying for Camp Okami who wish to sightsee between NYLT and Camp Okami will be required to check-out and check-in with the NYLT and/or Camp Okami staff. Parental permission is required for Scouts under 18 years of age. Scouts sightseeing between NYLT and Camp Okami will be required to use the buddy system (unless you are with your family).