

Frequently Asked Questions on NYLT

What are the NYLT policies?

Fee Refunds – Refunds are in accordance with the Council Refund Policy but basically require a replacement for your slot.

Equipment Damage – Should council equipment or property be damaged by participants during the course, where damage occurs from other than normal or expected use, it shall be the responsibility of the participant(s) involved (and their guardians) to pay for the cost of the damage.

Course Completion – To successfully complete the course and receive the certificate and patch, a participant must attend the full course including closing ceremony. Anyone arriving late or leaving the course early will not be eligible for completion.

Medication – All medication containers must be labeled with participant's name, medication name, dosage & schedule for the medication and placed in a Ziploc bag with name written on the bag. Send only enough medication for the course duration. Most pharmacies will prepare a second container for you with the prescription label so only the required medication can be sent with the Scout. Each participant may keep inhalers and sting kits.

What are the NYLT course objectives?

NYLT Objectives:

1. Give participants the confidence and knowledge to conduct the troop program.
2. Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development and how those elements relate to being a leader.
3. Guide the participants through the stages of team development.
4. Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
5. Give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops, teams and crews.
6. Have fun and experience Scouting at its best.

What is the course overview?

The course models a month in the life of a unit – three meetings (one each day for the first three days) leading to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp). The course uses the patrol method and presents model Leader Council meetings.

The training unit challenges the youth early in the week to present their "*Quest for the Meaning of Leadership*" at the end of the week. The challenge is designed to have them go through the four stages of team development. This gives teams and individual Scouts hands on, practical application of the leadership skills and concepts presented to them during the course.

Throughout the course, the staff models the concepts and skills that are the core content of the course. The focus of the course is to fill the Scout's "Toolbox of Leadership Skills" with knowledge, practice and understanding of when and how to use these skills.

The course begins with the teams finding their team vision and ends with the individuals refining a personal vision of how to put the skills learned into action at their home unit.

What does the course fee cover?

The course fee is \$250.00 and the fee provides for all meals (dinner day one through lunch on day 6), program material, facility expenses, program equipment, two NYLT T-shirts, and NYLT notebook.

What should be brought to NYLT?

Required Personal Items:

- Complete BSA Field Uniform: Boy Scout: khaki/ Venturing: green shirt, gray pant; Sea Scouts: chambray
 - Uniform shirt with proper patches (1 to 2)
 - Uniform pants or shorts (1 to 2)
 - Uniform socks (3 pair)
 - Uniform BSA belt and buckle
- Shoes: 2 pair (1 pair suitable for hiking and 1 extra pair; no open-toed or sandals except shower shoes)
- Underwear 6 pair
- Rain suit or poncho
- Light jacket in summer
- Change of clothing: pants, shirts, underwear, socks
- Backpack for overnight exercise / (footlockers/suitcases in Adirondack only)
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Lightweight tent for camping (must be carried to site) (10'x10' or smaller) See note about sharing tents below
- Water bottle or canteen (2)
- Mess kit: plate, bowl, cup, knife, spoon
- Flashlight (spare batteries & bulb)
- Compass
- Boy Scout knife (no sheath knives)
- Chapstick, sun screen, insect repellent (no aerosol)
- Prescribed or required medication in Ziploc bag with name on bag (only enough for the 6 days) – left with adult staff member

- Pens or pencils/notepad
- [Annual Medical and Medical Record](#), Parts A, B, C

Each participant will receive two NYLT t-shirts during check-in

Recommended Personal Gear:

- Foam sleeping pad for campout exercise
- Bathing - 2 towels, soap/container (a Ziploc works)
- Hygiene products: toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant, comb, etc.
- Powder to prevent chaffing (e.g. Gold Bond)
- Personal first aid kit – basic – band aids, etc.
- Watch/alarm clock

Optional Personal Gear:

- Small rug or mat for Adirondack floor
- Pillow
- Small fan for Adirondack
- Sewing/repair kit
- Clothesline/clothespins
- Sunglasses
- Camera (no cell phones)
- Musical instrument (no electronics)
- Shower shoes (don't have to be closed toed)
- Religious book(s)

Please do not bring food, electronics (cell phone, game devices), hiking staves or poles, matches, lighters or any item that results in fire. Merit badge and OA sashes are not needed. Mark all personal gear and equipment with youth's name. Count the number of large items left with the youth and be sure you have the same number of items on pickup day.

All clothing must be "Scout appropriate" meaning t-shirts and caps with Scouting themes from activities such as summer camp, Camporees, high adventure outings and also troop-specific wear are appropriate. Clothing which promotes businesses, entertainment groups/individuals, sports or teams, or schools and etc. are not appropriate for this course.

Remember: “Dress for the weather, Pack for the season”

Why does each Scout have to bring a backpacking tent? Can't several Scouts from the same troop share?

The tent is used for one night of the program called the "**outpost camp**." This outpost camp is by patrol. Patrol assignments are made to enhance learning during the course. Consequently, in most cases participants will not be in patrols with anyone from their home unit.

What merit badges will be offered?

The purpose of NYLT is leadership training in the context of a model troop and patrol. **No** merit badges will be offered. However, many requirements may be covered as in communication merit badge.

When is parent's night?

The five and a half day schedule of NYLT is very full, from early morning until bed time each night. There are **no** scheduled times for parental visits.

Can Venturer and Sea Scouts attend NYLT?

Venturer and Sea Scouts, both male and female, meeting the age requirements (14-20) may apply for the course. To ensure privacy and high Scouting standards, strict coed camping rules will be enforced.

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