

# NYLT General Information

## What is National Youth Leadership Training?

**National Youth Leadership Training** is a weeklong outdoor experience designed to provide Scouts and Venturers with leadership skills they can use in their home units. The exercises and simulations are intended to be lifelong lessons that participants can use in situations requiring leadership of one's self and others.



The course focuses on teaching advanced leadership skills in a team-building atmosphere based on the Patrol Method. Participants will be regularly challenged to accomplish activities and projects using the skills taught on the course. It is the intent of the NYLT staff to return participants to their home units with enthusiasm and ideas that will improve their programs and make the job of the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor easier.

## What is the curriculum?

The NYLT syllabus integrates the best of modern leadership theory with traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through a wide range of activities, events, games and adventures, the NYLT participants will put into action the concepts being introduced. Presentation topics include, Communicating Well, Solving Problems, Servant Leadership, and Valuing People, to name a few.

Modern teaching techniques are used throughout the course in a unified approach to leadership that will give participants the skills and confidence necessary to lead well.

All the instruction is done by a Youth staff, with Adult Staff present as support.



## Is NYLT the same as a week at summer camp?

No. Although there is an emphasis on fun, **NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING** is a leadership training course presented in an outdoor environment. There are no rank advancement opportunities during the week. The purpose of this course is to develop leadership skills that Scouts will use in their home units and throughout their lives.



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## Major Aims of NYLT

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING has six major aims:

1. To give participants the confidence and knowledge to lead their unit's program
2. To teach and practice key leadership skills
3. To give Scouts the opportunity to share ideas and experiences
4. To give each Scout a varied experience and new skills, with emphasis on the patrol method, in a fun atmosphere
5. To create an atmosphere where scouts will experience "scouting at its best"
6. To enhance the relationship between the participant and his home troop or crew.



## What are the qualifications for attending NYLT?

- Boy Scouts must be at least 13 years old before the first day of the course
- Be First Class Rank and have completed Introduction to Leadership Training for Troops (ILST) prior to the course
- Obtain the Scoutmaster's recommendation for attendance
- It is highly recommended that the Scout have attended a long-term (1 week) camp prior to attending NYLT
- Venture Scouts must have completed Introduction to Leadership Training for Crews (ILSC) prior to the course
- Obtain the Crew Advisor's recommendation for attendance



NYLT is an ideal experience for youth currently in a leadership position or contemplating accepting a leadership position in the near future.

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