



National Youth Leadership Training

Ventura County Council

Dear Parents,

Thank you for expressing an interest in **Ventura County Council National Youth Leadership Training**, to be held August 5-11, 2018 at Camp Three Falls.

National Youth Leadership Training is a weeklong outdoor experience for present and future youth leaders for Scout Troops and Venture Crews, specifically designed to help the Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor in his/her responsibility to train their youth in being better leaders and in maintaining a youth-run Scouting or Venture programs. 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 using principles of leadership taught in the course.

We take great pride in setting the example with a youth-led troop. All of the teaching is done by a youth staff - adult staff will be present in only a support role. The experience and fellowship received by being with a team of Youth Leaders from other units and led by a quality Youth Staff is significant for the participants. Our objective is to have the participants return to their units with new enthusiasm and fresh ideas that will help make their job a lot easier and will improve the troop's program.

The course models a month in the life of a unit - with meetings leading up to a big outdoor experience (an overnight outpost camp). The course uses the patrol method and presents model Team Leader Council meetings. Teams are challenged early in the week to present to the unit at the end of the week their "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership. "

The aims of NYLT are to:

- Give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the unit program
- Teach and practice key leadership skills to the Scout's unit responsibilities
- Give Scouts the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with other Scouts
- Give each Scout a varied experience and new skills with emphasis on the patrol method in a fun atmosphere
- Create an atmosphere where Scouts will experience "Scouting at its best" and
- Enhance the relationship between the participant and his home unit.

While NYLT is NOT summer camp, it is an outdoor experience which will shape your son in his leadership skills, confidence and pride for years to come.

If your son is a Boy Scout and will be at least 13 years of age by August 5, 2018, and at least a First Class Scout, or your son or daughter is a Venture Scout who is currently in a leadership position or will be in a leadership position in the future, and they are enthusiastic and have a desire to participate, then consider having him or her join VCC NYLT 2018 program.

The cost is \$250 for the week with a \$50 non-refundable reservation fee. Participant applications can be found on the VCC web site.

Giving your son or daughter the gift of NYLT will change their life and yours forever.

"Tell me and I forget"
"Teach me and I may remember"
"Involve me and I will learn. "
Benjamin Franklin

Yours in Scouting,

Alan Hill

NYLT 2018 Course Scoutmaster

Clyde Allen

NYLT 2018 Assistant Course Scoutmaster

Jerry Thurston

NYLT 2018 Assistant Course Scoutmaster

Evan Palmisano

NYLT 2018 Course Senior Patrol Leader