

# National Youth Leadership Training

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**Camp Black Creek  
Screven County, GA**

**Monday, July 9, 2012 (8:00 AM) –  
Saturday, July 14, 2012 (8:30 PM)**

**“Leadership Through Service”**

**Course objective:**

**To teach the Participants the leadership skills necessary to be effective leaders in their home units,  
while helping them experience the fun and challenge of Scouting at its very best.**

**Cost: \$165.00 before May 1, 2012  
After May 1, 2012 \$195.00**

## **What is NYLT?**

This is an intense week- long leadership training course for youth members of Boy Scouting or Venturing programs. As the third step in the Scout program for Youth Leader development, this course provides your Scouts with the leadership skills they need to be truly effective. It is the most advanced youth leader training offered by a local council.

- The first step in youth leader training is the “Introduction to Leadership”. This is the individual counseling that the unit leader does with a youth when he undertakes a new leadership position within the unit. It is the training in the specific functions of his/her new position.
  - The second phase of youth leader training is “Unit Youth Leader Training.” This is training at the troop level to help the youths to do a better job of working together. It addresses many very practical situations a youth leader may encounter. This training can only be effectively carried out at the unit level.
  - The third type of training is the “National Youth Leadership Training” (NYLT). The interaction among scouts from all over the Council is a major ingredient in the course. That is why it is not provided at the unit level alone! NYLT supports the training done by the home unit leader.
- All three types of training are necessary to develop the Scouts' potential fully.

## **We've never sent anyone before - why should we now?**

Sending Scouts to NYLT helps them develop their leadership potential. This results in a smoother running unit. If your unit is committed to having a true youth run program, your youth leaders need the skills presented in this course.

### **Isn't the unit or unit leader training enough?**

NYLT builds on and enhances the skills and ideas introduced at the other levels of training. NYLT is not designed to replace the training done by the unit leader, it is designed to provide additional leadership skills and enhance the youth leader's ability to lead within the unit.

### **What will the Scout learn?**

The Scout will learn the fundamentals of good leadership. These include the skills of motivating people and getting the job done. They are presented in a form that encourages the Scout to practice these skills as they are learned. The Scout will learn the importance of forming a group into a unit that is working together because they want to. The tools of communications, identifying and using resources, representing the group and dealing with problems will all be presented. Your Scout will have an opportunity to practice these skills while learning the kinds of results they can bring. The skills related to planning, effective teaching, and sharing leadership also will be presented. These tools are the ones that will get the job done. Scouts are challenged through various Patrol activities to provide practical, hands on, experience in the use of these skills. The Scout leaves with a "Leadership Tool Kit" to aid him/her in applying his/her newly acquired skills back in the unit.

### **Does NYLT teach Scoutcraft skills?**

Our focus at NYLT is on the leadership skills and providing an opportunity to use and strengthen those skills. Participants must have achieved the rank of First Class or higher prior to attending NYLT if registered in a Troop or Team. It is presumed they already possess skills in the areas of cooking, fire building, camping, knot tying, safety and first aid.

### **How is the course organized?**

The course is set up to represent a month in the life of a Unit. Patrols experience the stages of team development. Scouts discover that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning and learn how to define a vision, set goals for achieving it and plan for accomplishment of those goals. Built on the legacy of past youth leader-training courses, NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skills and confidence to lead well. A wide range of activities, events, games and adventures will cause the NYLT participants to work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The National Youth Leadership Training course is a week-long outdoor adventure. It is fun, intense and challenging.

### **How many scouts do we send?**

Send the Scouts who are now in leadership positions in your unit, or will soon be. This would include the positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and all Crew Officers to name a few. The real answer to the question of who and how many Scouts to send is more a question of who you think is mature enough to take part in a week long intensive training course and who you believe the future leaders of your unit will be. It is always best to remember the benefits of the buddy system in Scouting and send two or more Scouts to share the information and support each other upon returning to the troop.

### **Are camperships available?**

Many units sponsor youth to attend NYLT by paying all or part of the course fee. Limited camperships are available. Please contact our Course Director directly for more information regarding camperships.

### **Scoutmaster's Minute:**

Some may think that a week isn't long enough to teach a youth how to become a leader. Others believe a week is just too long. Both are incorrect and both right! Becoming a leader is an evolutionary process. The more practice they get using their leadership skills the better leaders they become. At the NYLT course we get the Scout started on the right path by presenting leadership skills, help identify and strengthen the skills they already possess and give them an opportunity to try them out and hone them in a controlled, training environment. The Scout really learns leadership by applying the skills s/he learns back in his/her home unit under the guidance of his/her unit leader. The training of youth leaders is the responsibility of the unit leader. NYLT is designed to support, not replace, the unit leader's role in the training process. Each scout who attends will do so as a representative of his/her home unit and will wear the uniform and insignia of his/her home unit.