

National Youth Leadership Training 2012

Boy Scouts of America

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Dear Scoutmaster,

My name is Allan Kershaw, and I believe that Scouting is one of the best things that a young man can participate in during his life. I have seen many youth grow in knowledge and leadership over the years. Still, there are times when you may feel frustrated that the youth leaders just do not seem to be doing all that they could. You may have held the new Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops sessions, but even these do not seem to be enough.

Let me introduce you to the next step in the BSA Training Continuum:

The National Youth Leadership Training Conference!

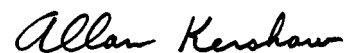
The National Youth Leadership Training Conference is a seven day, outdoor training experience for Boy Scout youth leaders. The course design and content has been developed by the National BSA Council and is offered by the San Gabriel Valley Council. Each summer, the NYLT Conference is held at the Holcomb Valley Scout Camp. Your scouts will be taught advanced leadership skills by an extremely well trained staff consisting of youth who have completed the course themselves.

The ideal scout who should attend would be one of your troop's current (or soon to be) leaders. They must be at least First Class rank and 13 years of age by August 1, 2012. And since the conference is held at a week long camp using the patrol method, the scout should be mature and independent enough to support himself and the others in his patrol.

There is a new registration procedure this year. The Application Packet is now included in this letter. Make a copy for each Scout you wish to send to NYLT. You may wish to speak to these youth when you give them the Application. Most take the invitation as an honor. The Scouts will then register on-line and send in the required forms as described in the application instructions. Space is limited, so do not delay in selecting the Scouts you would like to attend.

The units that I have been associated with have all sent scouts every year. It is an integral part of their leadership training. I have been associated with the NYLT program since 2000 and because I have such respect for what this program teaches our youth, I am committed to working with this program for the next several years. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write to me.

Yours in Scouting,



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NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE?

The National Youth Leadership Training Conference is a seven day, outdoor training experience for Boy Scout and Venturing youth leaders. The course design and content has been developed by the National BSA Council and is offered by your local council as a supplement to the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops provided by the Scoutmasters or Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews provided by the Venture Crew Leadership.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING?

The National Youth Leadership Training Conference teaches the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. Content is delivered in a unit and group outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. The course schedule parallels the program month of a unit. Three model unit meetings, a team leaders' council meeting in the round followed by daily TLC operating sessions, an instructional campfire, and unit operation using the patrol method show how to create a productive program.

HOW TO APPLY?

The Unit Leader gives a copy of the NYLT Application Packet to each he wishes to attend. The Application packet is part of the information sent to the Unit Leader. Copies of the Application Packet may also be downloaded from the NYLT page on the Council Website (<http://sgvcbsa.org/programs/training/youth-leaders/nylt-national-youth-leadership-training>) Up to eight Scouts per unit may apply. Boy Scout applicants must be of First Class rank and 13 years old by August 1, 2012. Venturing applicants must have taken the Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews course and be 14 years old by August 1, 2012. All applicants should be in a unit leadership position currently or will be holding a position within the next twelve months. The applicants should also have some camping, hiking and cooking skills as the conference is conducted in a camp setting. Instructions for completing the application process are detailed in the Application Packet and involve registering for the course on-line and then turning in several pages with signatures of approval and medical information.

IS THE UNIT LEADER INVOLVED?

In addition to giving the Application to those the Unit leader feels are qualified, the Unit Leader will also be involved with each participating Scout in their unit after they have completed the National Youth Leadership Training Conference. After completing the training experience, each participant will have a personal leadership vision and a plan for implementing it in the home unit. Unit leaders will work closely with these Scouts, to first approve, then counsel and evaluate their success in carrying out their plans over a six to twelve month period of time. By completing this final phase of the NYLT with their Unit leader, each Scout will be eligible to receive the Oakie Medallion Award. More information will be available at a special post-conference briefing session.

WHEN AND WHERE IS THE CONFERENCE HELD?

This year's National Youth Leadership Training Conference will be starting on August 5, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and ending on August 11, 2012 at 10:00am at the Holcomb Valley Scout Camp. The conference activities are carefully planned and build upon each experience. For this reason, it is not possible to accept a scout who cannot arrive on August 5, 2012 and stay continuously through August 11, 2012.

DO PARTICIPANTS NEED A MEDICAL EVALUATION?

Yes. The Annual Health and Medical Record form is part of the application package each Scout must fill out and turn in.

WHAT PERSONAL EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?

A personal equipment list outlining what is needed is included in the application package given to each Scout. Please make sure the Scout and his parents look over this list so they know what equipment is allowed and what should not be brought to camp.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The conference fee is \$300.00. The fee covers the cost of food, program materials and camp fees. The staff is comprised of all volunteer youth and adult leaders.

WHERE CAN WE GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

You may contact the Program Coordinator, Allan Kershaw at 626 287-7580 or email at allan@kershaw.usc.edu.

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The three easy steps to National Youth Leadership Training:

- 1.** Unit Leaders will receive the Application packet.
They should make copies and give these to the Scouts they feel should attend the NYLT Course. Copies of the Application Packet may also be downloaded from the NYLT page on the San Gabriel Valley Council website:
www.sgvcbasa.org/programs/training/youth-leaders/nylt-national-youth-leadership-training

- 2.** The Scout will register on-line at: www.sgvcbasa.org. Click the NYLT link, follow the on-line registration process and pay the deposit of \$50.00. This will reserve a space for the Scout in the course if the course has not yet filled. If it has filled, the Scout will be placed on the wait list. The full course fee of \$300.00 may be paid at this time if desired.

- 3.** The Scout will have the following forms, included in the Application Packet, filled out, signed and sent in to the San Gabriel Valley Council office by July 2, 2012:
 1. NYLT Application and permission form
 2. Code of Conduct form
 3. Consent to Treat form
 4. Annual Health and Medical Record form, parts A, B, and C. All signatures on this form must be dated after August 5, 2011. Medical forms signed more than one year before the course start can not be accepted.

These forms should be sent in only after on-line registration has be completed

Send forms to:

San Gabriel Valley Council BSA
Attn: NYLT
3450 Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91107

All forms must be in and full Course fee of \$300.00 paid by July 2, 2012.