



To: Scoutmasters

From: Rick Rhodes
NYLT Course Director

The Blackhawk Area Council's National Youth Leadership Training staff has been busy in preparation for this summer's NYLT course and we want your Scouts to be a part of this exciting experience.

NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. NYLT incorporates the latest leadership ideas and presents fresh, vital and meaningful training for today's Scouts.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

This leadership training experience is for current and future youth leaders within the troop. They will learn how to communicate better with both youth and adults, learn how to set goals and how to carry them out so they can be achieved, learn self-confidence, team work, how to teach skills to others, and more.

NYLT has six objectives:

- Give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop program.
- Give participants a working knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and to help them relate these skills to their troop responsibilities.
- Give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from their troop.
- Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Develop a relationship between the participant and his Scoutmaster.
- To have fun.

Date: June 13-19, 2010

Location: Camp Lowden, near Oregon, Illinois

Who can attend? Any Scout that meets these requirements:

- At least 13 years of age and completed the seventh grade by the date of the course.
- Hold the rank of First Class or above.
- Be in a leadership position or likely to be in one in the near future.
- Scoutmaster's approval.

Note: Scoutmasters should not allow exceptions to the age and rank requirement. Experience has shown that Scouts younger than 13 often lack the physical and emotional maturity to benefit fully from the NYLT experience. Scouts that have not earned the First Class rank do not have the Scouting background to fulfill their roles as members of their NYLT patrol and troop. The training course is conducted in a camp setting. It is important that the Scout has skills in hiking, camping, and cooking.

Cost:

Course fee is \$150.00 if paid in full by May 1, 2010. After May 1st, the course fee is \$170.00. Fee includes participant t-shirt, meals, course materials, and a patrol photo. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due with the reservation.

Medical Form:

Each participant will need a BSA medical form. A summer camp medical form from last year can be used.

Additional Information will be sent to registered participants in May.

The course will stress two areas that will benefit your troop. First, Scoutcraft skills and how they can be passed on to other Scouts in the troop and the patrol. Second, the skills of leadership that will make the junior leader more effective in his job. NYLT is meant to inspire participants to understand the methods of team and personal development and how these elements relate to being a leader.

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A registration form is enclosed and is available on the council Web site – www.blackhawkscouting.org/nylt