

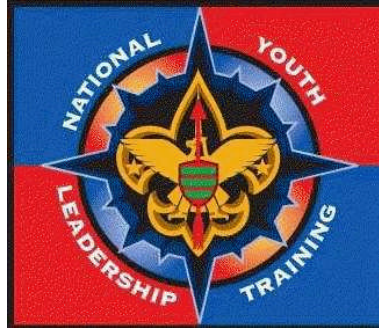
**Gerald R. Ford Council, BSA**

# **NYLT**

**(National Youth Leadership Training)**

**August 6 to August 12, 2012**

**Gerber Scout Camp, Twin Lake, MI**



**NYLT Course will include Boy Scouts and Venturers and will be open to both males and females.**



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

**\$235.00 per participant (Team Player)**

**\$260.00 per participant (Regular)**

**Space is limited, so sign up early!**

For more information contact the NYLT Course Director or the Council NYLT Staff Advisor or visit [www.bsagrfc.org](http://www.bsagrfc.org)

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## What is NYLT?

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all youth members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and crews.

NYLT is an intense six-day, co-educational leadership training course. It is no longer based on patrols/troops but team/groups. Content is delivered in a group and team outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.

Interconnecting concepts and work process are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of mnemonics (memory aids), which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.



## The Youth Training Continuum

Youth leadership training is a three-phase training experience, and a common thread will connect all three phases.

**Phase One** begins in the unit with the senior youth and adult leader conducting the Troop or Crew Leadership Training Course.

**Phase Two** is NYLT conducted by our council.

**Phase Three** is the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont Scout Ranch. NAYLE is a coed program.

The purpose of the NYLT course is not to assume the Scoutmaster's or Crew Advisor's role of training youth leaders, but to support it.

Objectives of the NYLT course are:



1. To give the participants the confidence and knowledge to run their troop or crew program.
2. To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts and Venturers from other units.
3. To create an atmosphere where Scouts and Venturers will experience Scouting at its best.
4. To enhance the relationship between the Scout or Venturer and their Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor.

## We've never sent anyone before....Why should we now?

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

Please remember, NYLT *is not designed to improve poor conduct or behavior. It is designed to build leadership skills in a Scout or Venturer who already possesses the foundations of those skills in his or hers daily life.*

### **What will the Scouts or Venturers learn?**

The Scout or Venturer 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 or Venturer to practice these skills as they are learned. The Scout or Venturer will learn the importance of forming a group into a team 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 or Venturer 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. Participants are challenged through various team activities to provide practical, hands on, experience in the use of these skills. The Scout or Venturer leaves with a "Leadership Toolkit to aid him or her in applying his newly acquired skills back in his or her unit.

### **Who may attend?**

Each NYLT course participant must be:

1. A registered Boy Scout 13—17 years of age **or** a registered Venturer 14—20 years of age.
2. Must have attended at least one (1) long-term camp.
3. Must have completed unit leadership training (TLT or Introduction to Leadership Skills).
4. Must have the new Annual Health and Medical Record form 34605.
5. Must agree to meet the standards of the NYLT course as provided in the enrollment material.
6. Must have Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor recommendation.
7. Must be willing to share the leadership skills learned with the registered unit.

Remember that this is not “just a week at camp”! It is a fun, challenging, and intense training experience.



### **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 if a Boy Scout prior to attending NYLT. It is presumed they possess skills in the areas of cooking, fire building, camping, knot tying, safety and first aid required by the First Class rank.

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

The course is set up to represent a month in the life of a Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew. Groups experience the stages of team development.

Participants 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 audiovisual 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 Conference is a week-long outdoor adventure. It is fun, intense, and challenging.

### **Is the Unit Leader involved?**

The NYLT course is intended to strengthen the relationship between the Scout or Venturer and their adult leader. Participant's adult unit leaders are asked to attend the closing feast to discuss the youth's leadership goals, conference participation on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at Gerber Scout Camp. Participant's parents do not attend the closing feast.



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2011 NYLT Course Participants and Staff**

### **How many Scouts or Venturers do we send?**

Send the Scouts or Venturers who are now in leadership positions or will be soon. The real answer to the question of who and how many Scouts or Venturers 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 or Venturers to share the information and support each other upon returning to their troop or crew.

### **Are camperships available?**

Many units sponsor youth to attend NYLT by paying all or part of the course fee. Limited camperships may be available. Please contact our Course Director or Course Advisor directly.

**"Helping to build the leaders of tomorrow....  
One youth at a time"**

Participant Application
2012 National Youth Leadership Training
Aug 6, 2012-Aug 12, 2012 at Gerber Scout Camp, 1733 Owasippe Rd., Twin Lake MI 49457

Clearly print the following information
SCOUT/VENTURER INFORMATION

Participant's First Name: Middle Initial: Last Name:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Telephone: E-mail address: Date of Birth:
Troop or Crew # Current Leadership Position: Rank:
# of Scout summer camps attended: Name for nametag:
Adult T -shirt size (check): XXXL XX L M S

Do you have any Physical, Medical or Dietary Limitations or Restrictions not covered on the BSA Medical Form?
If YES, please describe on the back of this page.

CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR SCOUTMASTER OR CREW ADVISOR

Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor Name: E-mail:
Phone:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Troop or Crew #: District: Council:

I recommend the acceptance of this Scout or Venturer as a representative of our Troop or Crew in the NYLT course. I certify that he or she is, or will be by the beginning of the course, 13 years old and at least a First Class Scout or registered Venturer, 14 years old. I further certify that they have attended a unit Troop Leadership Training or Venturing Introduction to Leadership Skill Course and is currently serving as or has the potential to hold a leadership position in their Troop or Crew. I will do all that I can to help them accomplish their personal leadership goals and to apply their new leadership skills in their Troop or Crew. Our leaders will attend the informal session on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor's Signature: Date:

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION

My son or daughter (print name) has my permission to participate in the National Youth Leadership Training Conference. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency I hereby give permission to the physician, selected by the adult leader in charge, to provide emergency medical treatment and hospitalization of my son or daughter as needed.

Scout or Venturer will need the following accommodations for Medical, Physical, Dietary or Religious reasons:

Scout will have and may use the following medications:

Parent's Printed Name: E-mail:

Signature: Date:

Daytime Telephone #: Night-time Telephone #:

Any other special requests:

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**Clearly print the following information**

Scout or Venturer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Statement:** In the following space tell why you have decided to apply to the National Youth Leadership Training course and what you expect to gain from the course.

On my honor as a Scout/Venturer, I promise that I will faithfully live according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law/Venturing Oath during the National Youth Leadership Training and thereafter. I will represent my Troop/Crew with honor and do all that I can to pass on my knowledge and skills to my fellow Scouts/Venturers. **For Boy Scouts:** I am or will be by the beginning of the course at least 13 years old and at least First Class Scout and have successfully completed one weeklong summer camp. I understand that I must attend ALL course sessions in order to complete the course.

**Special note 1: National Youth Leadership Training is not a week of summer camp, it is not free time, it is not an opportunity to earn merit badges and it is definitely not a vacation.**

**Special note 2: A current Medical form, valid thru the end of the course, will need to be provided for each participant at check-in.**

**Special note 3: Do not bring electronic devices – pagers; cell phone; radios; tape, CD, DVD players; iPods; etc.**

**Special note 4: With the exception of an emergency, Scouts will have limited access to communication. Cell phones will be made available by the Course Director for emergency use only.**

Scout/Venturer applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>This application should be turned in to the DeVos Center for Scouting with a \$50.00 deposit. You may mail it to Gerald R. Ford Council, Attn: NYLT, 3213 Walker Ave. NW, Grand Rapids MI 49544. Make Checks Payable to: Gerald R. Ford Council, Boy Scouts of America.</b></p>
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