



## **National Youth Leadership Training**

**Monday, June 22 to Saturday, June 27, 2009**

**Hosted by Monterey Bay Area Council, BSA at Pico Blanco Scout Reservation**

### **Your Invitation to Leadership Development**

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is open to all Boy Scouts from 13 to 17 years old, and consists of an intensive interactive experience in outdoor living and leadership skills development. Youth staff members who have been working throughout the year to develop the plan for the training week conduct the training. Experienced trained adult Scout leaders closely and continually monitor all elements of the program.

NYLT is an opportunity for Scouts to develop leadership skills that will help them better serve their own units. During the training week, youth participants will learn situational leadership skills, practice them in Patrol and Troop settings, and develop visions of success for the application of those skills in their home units. We invite you to be part of this growth experience.

### **The Structure of the NYLT Program**

National Youth Leadership Training is a six-day course where the Scouts live and work in an outdoor setting as part of a patrol within the NYLT troop. They experience the simulation of a month in the life of a troop, complete with patrol leaders' council meetings and planning for the big monthly outing (the outpost overnight trip at the end of the course). They use the patrol method throughout the course and rotate leadership positions so that each can experience different roles. There is an immediate application of learning in a variety of structured and fun events.

The first days of the course equal three weeks of a troop, including troop and patrol leaders' council meetings, and a wide range of activities and games such as a camp-wide geocache game and a session on realistic first aid. They learn to set a vision, with goals and plans, and use this process to plan for the big troop event, which gives them a chance to test their plans. They experience learning through action at its best.

Each patrol is also given a challenge to create a shared vision of success. They use this shared vision throughout the course to help achieve all they can as a patrol. Each patrol works on the quest for the meaning of leadership and, at the end of the course, presents their understanding of this and other concepts they have learned throughout the week as a skit, song, or something they build—the possibilities are endless.

## Who should attend?

To be eligible for National Youth Leadership Training, Scouts should be interested in developing their leadership skills, have attained First Class rank and at least age 13 by the start of the NYLT course, and be approved to participate by his Scoutmaster on his NYLT application.

Each Scout must be an experienced camper with good camping, hiking and outdoor cooking skills. He should be familiar with the Patrol Leaders' Handbook prior to arriving at camp, and have held a leadership position in his troop. He must also agree to spend the entire scheduled week actively participating in the National Youth Leadership Training Course, and agree to live by the Scout Oath and Law. Adults are welcome to schedule time to observe the program in action.

A formal graduation will be held in camp on Saturday evening, Scoutmasters and parents are strongly encouraged to attend to recognize their Scout's achievements. Scouts will need to depart from camp that evening following graduation.

Space is available at NYLT on a first-come, first-served basis – an application accompanied by the early-bird fee of \$180.00 or a minimum deposit of \$80.00 will hold a space in the upcoming course.

## Special Reminders to Parents

Each participant must attend the course in its entirety -- he may not arrive late or leave early. If the participant is asked to leave camp early, no refund will be granted.

Each Scout must have at least one complete full Scout uniform consisting of Scout shorts or pants, Scout short sleeve shirt, Scout socks, Scout belt, hiking boots. Camping gear will include sleeping bag, backpack, and at least one 1-liter wide mouth backpacking water bottle (complete list of suggested equipment and a map to Pico Blanco Scout Reservation will be mailed in the spring to confirmed participants).

Each participant will be required to bring his Class 2 or Class 3 BSA Health and Medical form with him to the course. Parents are reminded to advise the staff of allergies and medicines taken by their Scouts.

**Fees:**           **\$180.00 if fully paid by May 1, 2009 (Early-bird fee).**  
                      **\$220.00 if paid after May 1, assuming space is available.**  
                      **Deposit of \$80.00 paid now with balance due of \$100.00 (or \$140.00 after May 1) will hold a space in NYLT 2009 course.**

**Fees are transferable between applicants in the same troop with troop approval**

Since NYLT graduates return to their troops and begin practicing improved leadership skills within the troop organization, it is suggested that troops consider funding either all or part of the NYLT fee for their applicants.

**Refunds:**       All requests for refunds must be made in writing. Cancellations 21 days prior to first day of arrival, all but 30% of the fee paid will be refunded. Cancellations 14 days prior to the first day of arrival, all but 50% of the fee paid will be refunded.

**No Refund** for any cancellations less than two weeks prior to arrival, unless a medical condition (verified in writing by a physician) or death in the immediate family (verified by a parent in writing). In both of these cases, all but 30% of the fee paid will be refunded.

For additional applications, presentation to your troop, or further information please contact:

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**To the NYLT applicant:** Please clearly print all information requested below and return the completed form with your deposit of \$80.00 (or full payment) to hold your place. Early-bird pricing expires May 1, but the course may fill up before then, so don't delay.

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Adult T-Shirt size (circle one): Small -- Medium -- Large -- X-Large

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

BSA Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Current Rank Earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous leadership training or experience (for example: Den Chief, Troop TLT, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

BSA leadership positions past or present (for example: Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I can do the following (indicate by number, 1 = well enough to teach; 2 = well enough to enjoy; 3 = not at all):**

Backpacking \_\_\_\_\_ Lashings \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming \_\_\_\_\_ First Aid \_\_\_\_\_ Cooking \_\_\_\_\_  
Knots \_\_\_\_\_ Splicing \_\_\_\_\_ Fire Building \_\_\_\_\_ Map Reading \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer the following questions:**

Number of nights overnight camping? \_\_\_\_\_ Longest overnight hike? \_\_\_\_\_ Longest day hike? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you run? \_\_\_\_\_ Miles per day \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree that if accepted to participate in National Youth Leadership Training, I promise on my honor as a Scout to abide by the Scout Oath and Law, and to actively engage in the learning process of NYLT.**

Scout's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Note to Scoutmasters: NYLT is a valuable, but challenging, program of education. Only those participants who are truly dedicated to learning advanced leadership skills can expect to pass the course on their first attempt. You should not approve for participation Scouts (a) who have behavioral issues that would be disruptive to others or (b) lack sufficient maturity to allow them to be successful in this experience. Your endorsement of the applicant Scout is a prerequisite to his admission to the NYLT course.*

***I approve of this Scout applicant's participation in National Youth Leadership Training***

Scoutmaster's Name \_\_\_\_\_ SM Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ SM Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail application and deposit or payment in full (before May 1 to benefit from early-bird pricing) to:**  
National Youth Leadership Training, Monterey Bay Area Council BSA, 55 East San Joaquin Street, Salinas, CA 93901