# NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING
## *THE COURSE 2013*

**Course Overview**

*The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, must KNOW, and 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.*

Youth leadership training is a three-phase experience, and a common thread will connect all three. The first phase begins in the unit, with the senior youth and adult leader conducting a Troop or Crew Leadership Training course. Phase two is NYLT, conducted by the local council, and the third phase is National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont Scout Ranch. NAYLE is a coed program as of 2010. Kodiak is an optional trek-based experiential course based on the leadership skills acquired during Troop Leadership Training and Crew Leadership Training. Kodiak is not required for participation in NYLT or NAYLE.

*The Course* models a month in the life of a unit. An NYLT course is set up to represent an activity cycle in the life of a typical Scouting unit. This might be a month in the life of a troop or a series of meetings leading to an activity in a Venturing Crew. The first three full days of the course represent the planning stages, complete with leadership council meetings, unit meetings and planning for a larger event. Participants use the full range of BSA resources for planning and conducting meetings that are interesting, lively, and relevant—a skill participants can incorporate with great effect when they return to their home units. NYLT participants put their preparations to the test with an NYLT Outpost Camp. This experience symbolizing the big event that culminates a typical unit's activity cycle program.

During an NYLT course, participants find themselves going through the four stages of team development — Forming, Storming, Norming, and Performing -- that all groups experience when brought together for a single, unified purpose. Their challenges heighten the team development process, enabling them to use their awareness of these team-building stages to construct a highly effective team that can reach its full potential. Along the way they also get to enjoy Scouting fellowship and fun..

NYLT participants discover that leading themselves and leading others requires a vision—a picture of future success. Each team will develop a vision for the course, and each individual will prepare his or her own vision. A constant refrain of NYLT is "If you can see it, you can be it." Through presentations and positive experiences in goal-setting, planning, and problem-solving, participants learn how to set a clear course toward realizing their team and individual visions, and then how to put themselves in the center of those pictures of future success.

Throughout T*he Course*, the staff will be modeling the concepts and skills that are the core content of the course. The focus of each session is not only knowledge but also giving the youth a "Toolbox of Skills" that equips them with the "how."

**Objectives**

- Give participants the confidence and knowledge to conduct their own BSA program
- Provide participants with a clear understanding of team and personal development and how those elements relate to being a leader.
- Guide the participants through the stages of team development.
- Create an environment of Scouting fellowship and fun guided by the Scout / Venturing Oath and Scout Law.
- Give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with youth from other troops.
- Have fun and experience the "scouting" program at its best.

**Who May Attend?**

An NYLT course is ideal for training unit leaders. It is a valuable experience for all older Scouts and Venturers. In order to attend an NYLT course, a youth must have the following qualifications by the beginning of the course:

■ Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts must be 13 years of age and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program registration.

■ Be a First Class Scout and have completed Troop Leadership Training (TLT).

■ Other youth participants must be at least 14 and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program. They must have completed Crew Officer Orientation, the Venturing Leadership Skills Course, or the new Crew Leadership Training.

■ Have a unit leader recommendation.

Unit leaders should not allow exceptions to age and rank requirements. Experience has shown that youth younger than 13 often lack the physical and emotional maturity to benefit fully from the NYLT experience. Select and invite youth from your unit who you as a leader believe will gain the most from the course and will be the best servant leaders. Make sure that the youth whose names you submit are willing and eager participants. They will be best served by the NYLT experience.

**When are the dates?**

- **May15, 2013** - mandatory participant and parent orientation will take place at 7:00 p.m. at a place TBA on the council website
    - the participants will be oriented separately from their parents
    - the parents will receive a copy of the the 2013 medicine release form (all medications must be in a gallon sized ziploc type bag and clearly labeled with the youth's name and directions for dispensing)
    - the participants and parents will receive a packing list
- **June 9-14, 2013** - *The Course 2013* will begin at NOON on June 9 - they may not drop off any earlier than that, they will have to wait in the parking area) and conclude on June 14, 2013, parents may pick up their youth at 7:30PM.

**Where is the location?**

Bay Area Council will hold *The Course 2013* Training at Camp Karankawa.

**What is the cost?**

The cost for the 6-day training conference is $175.00 per Scout. This includes all food, camping equipment (except for a few items needed for the overnight hike), and training materials.

**Who can we contact for more information?**

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