



## LOS PADRES COUNCIL NATIONAL YOUTH LEADER TRAINING



June 18, 2023

Dear NYLT Participant:

Congratulations! You have elected to attend this year's Los Padres Council's National Youth Leader Training summer course. The course will be held at Camp Rancho Alegre in one session this year. Event will take place on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. ***To graduate you will need to have attended the entire session.***

Participants will check in between **10 am and 12:00 Noon on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup>** at the lower parking lot Rancho Alegre registration table. Course begins promptly at 1230 PM on Monday with a Troop formation and flag ceremony. Departure and parent pick up will be in the same parking lot on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>. We invite parents for a graduation with their youth from 5 PM to 6 PM at the Camp fire pit on Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> and leave afterwards.

The National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) conference is a week-long experience conducted to give youth leaders a meaningful experience in BSA troop leadership. The program will enhance your skills, knowledge, and create a deeper understanding of your role and responsibility as a leader. Every scout will be given an opportunity to lead during the course.

Please find enclosed a list of equipment you'll need, parent information letter, and a photo release. ***Make sure to turn in at registration on Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> the following items: 1) Assigned agreement form, 2) Resource questionnaire, 3) Photo release, 4) Current copy of your personal health/medical record forms A&B.***

This course will be busy with lots of activities and an overnight outpost. Please leave personal electronics and cell phones at home to avoid any distractions in the training environment. A phone will be available only for emergencies. Participants can be reached in case of an emergency on my cell phone (760) 219-4277 or the Camp Medical Officer at (805) 674-8518.

Our 2023 NYLT course staff and I are excited that you will be joining us for this course! Please, if you or your parents have any questions, feel free to call me at (760) 219-4277 or the NYLT Camp Medical Officer Kathryn McClure at (805) 674-8518.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you at the course.

Yours in Scouting!

Mr. Sean Tashma

NYLT Course Director 2023  
(760) 219-4277

**To the Parents or Guardian;** National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a one session six-day leadership training course. It is a valuable growth experience for your scout in a troop setting. Please take a few minutes to review the basic guidelines below and discuss them with your scout.

1. **NYLT IS NOT THE SAME AS SUMMER CAMP:** It runs on an entirely different schedule using a syllabus. The emphasis is on leadership in a Linked troop model as implemented in Scouting. The course will run from 12:00 noon on Monday through 6 pm on Saturday.

2. **ATTENDANCE:** To graduate NYLT, a scout must be in attendance for the whole session.

3. **UNIFORM:** The Participants wear either a Field Uniform or an Activity Uniform, except when sleeping.

4. **MEDICAL FORM:** You must have the medical form A and B. Please bring a copy of medical form with you. They are needed from everyone attending NYLT. All medication must be labeled and in its original prescription bottle and listed on the permission slip. Medical Form A&B and any prescribed meds will be returned Sunday at departure.

**\*\*If a different adult is driving your scout home (carpooling) at the end of the event in a carpool. Parents should list this person First/Last name on Form A, so we can release your Scout on Saturday at 6 PM to an authorized party. \*\***

5. **IN FAIRNESS TO ALL ATTENDING:** This is an intense focused learning experience using a leadership syllabus with defined time blocks of activities and instruction. If your scout takes medication, please tell the Camp Medical Officer privately at the medical check in table during registration. This helps us accommodate needs.

6. **HOMESICKNESS:** Participants will be kept busy with all the things there are to learn and do. On occasion, being separated from familiar faces causes a little "homesickness", even in older, more experienced Scouts. Overcoming this problem can be a valuable growth experience. The Scoutmaster or his/her assistant may call you to devise the best strategy to move your scout from homesick to completing the course. Parents should encourage their scouts to stay in camp should homesickness occur. *Do not bring a cell phone for your scout to call home.* These are a distraction and can be a source of continued homesickness. Scouts that stay up at night in their tent on their phone tend to struggle in class the next day.

7. **EQUIPMENT:** Go over the enclosed equipment list with your son/daughter to make sure your scout is prepared. Participants must carry all their gear to the campsite in their backpack. Please be sure the scout packs their gear so that they can easily transport their gear to the campsite after you have left camp. Scout must bring a lightweight backpacking tent and will carry it for a one night "outpost" trip.

8. **EXTRA FOOD:** Please Do not bring extra food or coolers. A good menu has been planned for the week using the patrol method and using the Lodge for some meals. Please list any special dietary items or concerns on your med forms.

9. **VISITORS:** This training course follows a planned syllabus and schedule; parents are invited to attend the closing ceremony that begins at 4:00 PM and ends at 5:30 PM on the last day of the course to celebrate graduation.

10. **TELEPHONE NUMBER: (FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY):** Myself (760) 219-4277, or Alex Singleton [Male Scoutmaster] (817) 938-0801, or Jeanne Gard [Female Scoutmaster] (805) 610-9674.

11. **The BSA IDEALS** are the standards that will be maintained throughout NYLT. Scouts will learn and have fun as a part of the experience. When the training has been completed your scout will be able to proudly wear the NYLT patch, which certifies the successful completion of the course. With this honor comes the responsibility and the challenge to be a leader. Please share with your scout that people are counting on them to "DO THEIR BEST."

Yours in Scouting,

Sean Tashma

Course Director NYLT 2023

## **2023 NYLT PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST**

*Only the official Boy Scouts of America field uniform and accessories are acceptable.* This includes Venturing, Varsity, Ship and Explorer field uniforms. The field uniform will be worn throughout the week, any time that a scout is outside their assigned patrol campsite. Everyone will be in official uniform upon arrival to camp (see first 4 items on the required list). All badges and insignia must be properly placed on the field uniform.

Be prepared for an overnight hike as well as living in camp. At least one pair of shoes must be suitable for hiking.

Place your name on all clothing and personal items. Any items that you do not own, please borrow. ***A hiking backpack or frame should be used for getting gear from the parking lot to the campsite.***

See list of PROHIBITED ITEMS below.

### **REQUIRED - All Sessions:**

<b>Required</b>	
BSA Field Uniform shirt	Tent 2/3 person, (you will carry to outpost)
BSA Field Uniform pants or shorts	Insulated sleeping pad
BSA uniform socks (2 pair minimum)	Sleeping bag
BSA belt and buckle	Ground tarp/or tent footprint /stakes
<b>2 NYLT Official t-shirts (ISSUED)</b>	Small pillow
<b>NYLT Official cap (ISSUED at NYLT)</b>	
Extra BSA or plain t-shirts (2 minimum)	Hiking backpack with support hip belt
Hiking boots (waterproof)	Quart water bottle (Full)
Athletic shoes – for daytime field activities	Camp chair or stool
Long pants / Jeans not recommended (1)	Mess Kit (plate/bowl/cup, fork, spoon)
Underwear (3 minimum)	Tent Light (optional)
Rain suit or rain poncho (optional)	
Sleepwear	BSA handbook
Light jacket/polar fleece jacket	10 essentials (no Fire-starting Equipment)
Toiletries	Personal first aid kit
Toothbrush & toothpaste	Sunscreen & lip balm
Hand soap / body wash / shampoo	

Towel & washcloth	Sunglasses
Comb or brush	Watch
	Bug repellent
Pen and/or pencils	
Small flashlight & spare batteries	
Headlamp	
Spare batteries	
<b><i>Medical Forms Part A and B- signed</i></b>	Prescribed medication (*see NOTE below)
<b><i>Food allergy declaration signed</i></b>	

**NYLT Theme:** Each year, the NYLT youth staff pick a theme that helps introduce the topics and make presentations, skits, songs, etc. fun. Last year was Western and this year is PIRATES! Participants are welcome to take part in the theme as well. Please keep in mind that it must be scout appropriate (no pirate weapons, etc.) and you must be able to carry anything you bring with you on your night camping at outpost.

***Note: Prescription medications*** must be turned over to the course Camp nurse at check in in the original packaging, Scouts must keep track of their own needs and see the Camp nurse whenever they need medications. Scouts may carry their inhaler or epi-pens if one is prescribed.

### **Prohibited items**

Weapons	Electronics
Hatchets, axes, wood saws, machetes	Games
Sheath Knives or folding knives > 3" blade	IPADS, Computer, MP3, Cell phones
Fire starting equipment/Matches	
Fireworks	
No stoves or Jet boils	Clothing with inappropriate images
Walking sticks / Staffs	Open toed Shoes
Tobacco/Drugs /Alcohol	Ball caps (NYLT cap will be issued at reg.)

## **NYLT Electronics Policy**

All devices should be left at home. Our expectation is that phones are left at home. There should not be any camera use, texting, or social media; the focus is on learning advanced leadership skills in a dynamic group setting.

NYLT is a highly structured syllabus/schedule based, six day leadership experience set in the outdoors. As such, the use of personal electronic devices of any kind is not necessary for the proper completion of the NYLT course, and in fact is a distraction to all participants and interferes with the NYLT training. **All devices should be left at home**, and neither NYLT, Los Padres Scout Camp, nor the BSA are responsible for damages or the loss of any device. Each NYLT course has a trained adult staff dedicated to handling any emergency communications.

“Personal electronic device” includes, but is not limited to, the following: computers, cameras, tablets, music players, e-readers, gaming systems, and any other such device. Medical devices do not count as personal electronic devices. Contact the NYLT Course Director Sean Tashma for any other questions or concerns.