



Dear Parents or Guardians:

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a seven-day leadership training course. It is a valuable growth experience for your son. Please take a few minutes to review the basic guidelines below and discuss them with your son.

1. **NYLT IS NOT THE SAME AS SUMMER CAMP:** It operates on an entirely different schedule. The course will run from 12:00 noon on Sunday through 1:30 PM. on Saturday at Camp Sakima, S Bar F Scout Ranch.
2. **ATTENDANCE:** To earn the NYLT shield, a scout must be in attendance during the entire period. Scouts may **not** come late or be excused early from NYLT, except for family emergencies or religious reasons.
3. **UNIFORM:** The Scout must wear either a Field Uniform or an Activity Uniform, except when sleeping. The Field Uniform consists of NYLT Hat (provided), the Official BSA Scout Shirt, the Official Scout Shorts or long pants, the official Scout socks, official Scout belt and buckle, and NYLT neckerchief (provided). The Activity Uniform consists of the official NYLT Hat (provided), the official NYLT T-shirt (2 provided), the official Scout shorts, official Scout belt and buckle and official BSA Scout socks. Only the official NYLT T-Shirt may be worn during the training course. Two NYLT T-shirts are provided, but additional shirts may be purchased at registration for \$8.00 each. They are not available in the scout shop.
4. **MEDICAL FORM:** Enclosed please find a Medical Permission slip and a Class 2 medical record form. The medical permission slip is used for minor aches and pains as well as your son's prescription medications. You must have the Class 2 Medical completed by a medical doctor (M.D., PA, Nurse Practitioner, or D.O.) prior to coming to camp. The same medical form used for summer camp this year will be sufficient. **Bring these completed, signed medical forms with you. They are required of everyone attending NYLT. All medication brought to camp must be labeled and in its' original prescription bottle and listed on the permission slip.**
5. **IN FAIRNESS TO ALL ATTENDING:** This is an intense learning experience. If your son takes medication during the school year, please leave him on that medication so that he may take full advantage of this unique opportunity. In the same light, Scouts with discipline problems or with extreme homesickness will not be allowed to complete NYLT. Parents will be called immediately to pick up their sons.
6. **HOMESICKNESS:** Participants will be kept very busy with all the things there are to learn and do. Scouts from the same home troop **WILL BE SEPARATED INTO DIFFERENT CAMP TROOPS** so they can learn from the experiences of others. 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 assistant may call you to devise the best strategy to move your son from homesick to completing the week. Parents should encourage their sons to stay in camp should homesickness occur.

7. **EQUIPMENT:** Go over the enclosed equipment list with your son to make sure he is prepared. Participants are required to carry all of their gear to the campsite. You will not be able to assist him. Please be sure the Scout packs his gear so that he can easily transport his gear to the campsite after you have left camp. **Do not bring a cell phone for your son to call home. These are a distraction and a source of continued homesickness.**
8. **EXTRA FOOD:** **Do not bring extra food or coolers.** A good menu has been planned for the week using the patrol method. Please contact the Training Service at (314) 361-0600 or 1-800-392-0895 in advance if special dietary items are required.
9. **REFUND POLICY:** The NYLT refund policy is the same as the camping refund policy. **All refund requests must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the camp date.** Refunds requested 30 days or less prior to the event generally will not be granted a full refund because expenditures have been made for program supplies. NO refunds will be issued at registration.
10. **VISITORS:** Because this is a training course that follows a planned syllabus and schedule, visitors are discouraged during the course. However, parents are invited to attend the closing ceremony that begins at 1:00 PM and ends at 1:30 PM on the last day of the course.
11. **MAILING ADDRESS:** Your mail for the week should be addressed to:

Your Son's Name
NYLT TROOP # (assigned at registration)
CAMP SAKIMA
S BAR F SCOUT RANCH
KNOB LICK, MISSOURI 63651

13. **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** **(FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY):** 1-573-756-5738. This is also the fax number.
14. **The Scout Oath and Law** 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 son will be able to proudly wear the NYLT shield emblem, 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 son that people are counting on him to "DO HIS BEST." A lot of people believe in him and in his potential for the future.

Yours in Scouting,

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