

Stonewall Jackson Area Council, BSA

National Youth Leader Training

February 21, 2008

Dear Scoutmaster:

Training the youth leaders of a Troop is important in helping the individual Scout and the Troop to grow. The Boy Scouts of America created "NYLT", to provide training for the development of Youth Leaders. Your Troop is encouraged to participate in the National Youth Leader program provided by the Stonewall Jackson Area Council.

Candidates for NYLT must be (at least) First Class rank and 13 years old. These Scouts should be either currently filling a leadership role in the Troop, or one whom you feel will be filling such a role shortly. NYLT is especially valuable to boys serving as, or looking towards the role of Senior Patrol Leader, ASPL, or Patrol Leader. Since NYLT is being conducted in a camp setting, it is important the each candidate already possess basic knowledge in skills such as Camping, Cooking and Hiking.

National Youth Leader Training will stress **Leadership Skills** that will make the Boy Leader more effective at his job.

NYLT 2008 is scheduled the weekend of **August 22-24** at Camp Shenandoah. The cost of the weekend is \$45.00. Participants should arrive and check-in between 5:30 and 6:30 PM on Friday. The conference will dismiss at 1:30 PM Sunday. **Each** participant should bring a tent and all personal camping gear. It is unlikely that Scouts from the same Troop will camp together, but will be teamed up with Scouts from other areas of the Council. In this manner, more ideas are shared and new friendships are made.

Attached are an information sheet on NYLT, and a reservation form. Please duplicate the reservation form and fill one out for each Scout nominated to attend. So that we may plan in advance, it is important that we have all applications in to the Council Service Center **no later than August 10th.** Space is limited to 49 participants, so don't delay.

NYLT is a great opportunity that has made a positive difference in the lives of the participants as well as their Troops. Please don't hesitate to take advantage of it for your boys!

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Echols
Scoutmaster, NYLT 2008

National Youth Leader Training Conference Facts

What is NYLT?

NYLT is the Council Level leadership training provided by the Boy Scouts of America. It is the first youth training that the Boy Scouts of America designed to support the Woodbadge training the adult leaders receive.

Like the Woodbadge training adult leaders receive, NYLT focuses on **leadership, management, decision making** and **communication skills**. The training is designed to be very practical. Part of the training looks at what a leader must **be, know and do**. NYLT has an emphasis on immediate application and learning of practical skills.

Tell me more about the program and what will be taught.

There are many items covered in NYLT. One of the primary items is the **stages of team development**. Participants will learn how teams change as they gain experience, face new tasks and challenges and as members change. They will learn the best way for a leader to work with a team at the **different stages of team development**. In addition, they will learn to identify the characteristics of teams at different **stages of development**.

Additional topics include: *Vision, SMART Goals, Planning and Problem Solving, Assessment tools, Conflict Resolution, Making Ethical Decisions, Communication and Valuing People.*

All of these items add up to a wonderful leadership development program. Many of the adults that have run local NYLT programs have commented that their companies spent thousands of dollars teaching the same concepts. This is real world stuff, not something that can not be applied. It applies in Scouting and in the rest of a person's life.

Who can attend NYLT?

Participants must be at least 13 years old, first class, and have the recommendation of their Scoutmaster.

How much does it cost?

\$45.00

What is included?

All training materials and meals for the weekend, a patch and a t-shirt.

What is the deadline for sign up?

August 10, 2008

Additional information: www.bsa-sjac.org

For information in your district contact:

Southern: Scott Lancey (540) 461-2171 (cell) (540) 464-1100 (office)

Valley: Dan Smith (540) 943-5083

Monticello: David Tilman (434) 589-8330

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National Youth Leader Training Conference Reservation, Stonewall Jackson Area Council, BSA

To: Scoutmaster, NYLT 2008
August 22-24, 2008

From:

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____

Address _____ Rank _____ Position _____

City, State, Zip _____ Troop # _____ District _____

Please enroll me in the National Youth Training Conference to be held at Camp Shenandoah, Swoope, Va. on August 22-24 I certify that I am 1st Class rank or above, and serve or have the potential to serve as a leader in my Troop, and am at least 13 years old. I also certify that I have discussed this application with my Scoutmaster and that I have his approval to attend on behalf of my Troop. I also understand that attendance in the course is limited and I am not guaranteed a place until verification has been received. Enclosed is a check for \$45.00 for this training. I understand that should I not be selected the check will be returned. The fee is not refundable after August 15th if I have to withdraw. Medical forms and other information will be sent upon approval of the application by SJAC.

Scoutmaster endorsement

The above Scout has discussed attending NYLT and has my approval for his application.

Scoutmaster _____ Troop _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

(This application may be duplicated as necessary.)

Mail application(s) to: Scoutmaster, NYLT 2008
Stonewall Jackson Area Council, BSA
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