

Sam Houston Area Council  
National Youth Leadership Training  
Frequently Ask Questions

1. How do I pay for the NYLT course?

A \$100 deposit is due with the application and the balance is due 10 days prior to the orientation date of the course. You may pay by cash, check or credit card as listed on the application.

2. What does the \$225 course fee cover?

The fee provides for all meals (dinner day one through lunch on day 6), program material, facility expenses, program equipment, and insurance. NYLT T-shirts and patrol cap, and NYLT notebook.

3. How will I know my application for a specific course been accepted?

If you send an application and specified fee, you will be added to the preliminary registration list. If an application is received after the course is expected to be full then the Scout will be notified and given the choice of 1) moving to another course if there is space, 2) remaining on the list to see if space opens or 3) having the submitted fees returned.

4. Do I have to attend the Orientation session?

Yes. Orientation is the first step of the course, during this process you will meet the staff and have detail questions answered. It's also an opportunity for your parents and Scoutmaster to ask questions of the course leadership. Any exception must be cleared with the council NYLT coordinator or the professional staff advisor prior to the beginning of orientation.

5. How are course positions filled from a wait list?

If there is a wait list for a course then Scouts who are registered for a course but do not attend the orientation will lose their place on that course. This creates a position which will be filled by a Scout on the wait list, who does attend orientation. First priority will be given to Scouts who are fully paid by the pre-orientation deadline, in the order in which they register. Second priority will be given to Scouts who become fully paid after the deadline and before the start of the orientation meeting ("before the start of the orientation meeting" means during check-in for that meeting).

6. What if a Scout is unable to attend NYLT?

You must notify the NYLT coordinator at the Crockrell Scout Center (713-756-3322) so that we can replace you Scout with another Scout on the wait list. All NYLT refunds will be in accordance with the Sam Houston Area Council's refund policy.

7. If a Scout can not attend can another Scout from his unit take his place?

No, the registration is by individual Scout. If a Scout can not attend then his position will be filled using the process described above.

8. What if I arrive late on day one or need to leave early, before the end of day six, can I still complete the course?

Completion of the course requires the Scout to be present during the entire course, from the opening at 1:00 on day one through the closing ceremony on day six.

9. What are "Scout appropriate" wear (T-shirts or caps).

T-shirts and caps with scouting themes from activities such as summer camp, camporees, high adventure outings and also troop specific wear are appropriate. Wear promoting businesses, entertainment groups/individuals, sports or teams, or schools and etc. are not appropriate for this course.

10. How many days supply of a Scout's prescription medication should be sent to the course?

Send only enough for the week of the course. Many pharmacies will prepare a second container for you with the prescription label so only the required medication can be sent with the Scout.

11. What type of tents will be used during the course?

NYLT in the Sam Houston Area Council uses BSA wall tents. They do not have floors. During the winter courses, at Bovay Scout Ranch, the tents are erected over a concrete platform, during summer courses at Camp Strake the tents are pitched directly on the ground (no platform).

12. Why does each Scout have to bring a tent? Can't several Scouts from the same troop share?

The tent is used for one night of the program called the "outpost camp". This outpost camp is by patrol. Patrol assignments are made to enhance learning

during the course consequently in most cases participants will not be in patrols with anyone from their home troop.

13. Should Scouts bring/wear their merit badge sashes and/or Order of the Arrow sashes?

Advancement is certainly one of the methods the Boy Scout program uses to accomplish it's aims, however it is best to not bring these sashes to camp. It's just something else to keep up with.

14. What merit badges will be offered?

The purpose of NYLT is leadership training in the context of a model troop and patrol. No merit badges are offered during the course.

15. When is parent's night?

The five and a half day schedule of NYLT is very full, from early morning until bed time each night. There are no scheduled times for parental visits.