

Sam Houston Area Council  
National Youth Leadership Training  
Frequently Ask Questions

1. Do I have to attend the Orientation session?

Simple answer is YES. Orientation is the first step of the course, during this process you will meet the staff and have many detail questions answered. It's also an opportunity for your parents and Scoutmaster to ask questions of the course leadership.

2. 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 you to be present during the entire course, from the opening at 1:00 on day one through the closing ceremony on day six.

3. 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 are not appropriate for this course.

4. 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.

5. 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).

6. 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 the participants will not be in patrols with anyone from their home troop.

7. 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 its aims, however it is best to not bring these sashes to camp. It's just something else to keep up with.

8. What merit badges will be offered?

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

9. 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.