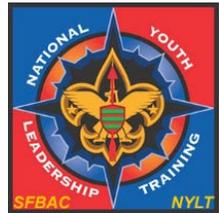


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What is NYLT?

NYLT is run by volunteer staff from SFBAC and follows the BSA National Youth Leadership Training curriculum. It is part of the BSA nationally mandated three part youth training continuum:

- **ILST/ILSC** – Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops/Crews
- **NYLT** – National Youth Leadership Training
- **NAYLE** – National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience

NYLT is a week-long outdoor experience for present and future youth leaders where attendees are presented with training and leadership tools to help them develop as servant leaders within their unit and the community. NYLT attendees are trained to take a leadership role in their home unit, greatly assisting Scoutmasters and Venturer Advisors meet their responsibilities to provide leadership training and maintain a youth-run Program. The **NYLT** course replaces the earlier Junior Leader Training (**JLT**) course.



The Course focuses on teaching advanced leadership and planning skill in an intense, team-building and collaborative atmosphere. Participants are challenged throughout the week to accomplish time-sensitive tasks using team-building and leadership skills taught during the Course. Participants also have opportunities to improve and apply outdoor skills.

NYLT is open to **BOTH** Boy Scouts **and** Venturers. Both male and female Venturers may attend.

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What is the purpose of NYLT?

NYLT has six major aims:

- To give participants the confidence and knowledge to run the troop/crew program;
- To teach and practice **key leadership skills** and relate these skills to the responsibilities in the participant's home unit;
- To give participants the opportunity to share ideas and experiences that other youth have found to be successful and useful in their home units;
- Give each participant a varied experience with emphasis on the patrol/team method and demonstrate new ways to teach outdoor skills in a fun atmosphere back in their home unit.
- To create an atmosphere where participants will experience "Scouting at its best".
- To enhance the relationship between the participant and his home unit's scoutmaster/advisor. [Return to Top](#)

Is NYLT complete after the Course?



NYLT is a two phase program. **Phase 1** is the intensive training course at Rancho Los Mochos. **Phase 2** is the execution phase where each participant applies the leadership skills learned while at the course in his/her home unit by completing three self-set goals. Home unit Scoutmasters/Advisors certify that each participant has demonstrated application of the learned leadership, earning a BSA trained patch for their uniform. This execution phase can be completed at any time but we strongly encourage that it is carried out upon return from the course. NYLT staff are available to assist participants in achieving their goals if needed.

To aid timely completion, for Sessions 1 and 2, we hold a course recognition meeting on the third Thursday of November (each year) where we recognize all participants who have been certified as having completed their goals by their unit leader (unit leaders send the course organizers an email once the participant has completed their goals. The email outlines the activities that have been carried out and certifies satisfactory completion). Session 3 will also have a recognition meeting; however, the date has not yet been set. [Return to Top](#)

Is NYLT like summer camp?

No. NYLT is an intensive leadership training course held in an outdoor [camp] environment. There are **no** rank advancement or Merit Badge opportunities during the week. The purpose of this course is to develop leadership skills that participants will use in their home units and throughout their lives. [Return to Top](#)

Where is NYLT held?

SFBAC runs NYLT courses each year at Rancho Los Mochos, south of Livermore, California. Parents or leaders must provide transportation to and from Rancho Los Mochos for the participant. [Return to Top](#)

Important dates for NYLT?

Important Dates for you to note down in your diary and calendar are:

Orientation Meeting – Sessions 1 and 2	May 17, 2018
Session 1 start - SUNDAY	June 17 to 23, 2018
Session 2 start - SUNDAY	June 24 to 30, 2018
Orientation Meeting – Session 3	September 6, 2018

Session 3 Start - SATURDAY	Sept 15-16, and Sept 21-23, and Sep 29-30, 2018
Goals Completion Recognition Evening – Sessions 1 and 2	November 15, 2018
Goals Completion Recognition Evening – Session 3	December 13, 2018

Orientation Meeting: The NYLT orientation meeting is **mandatory** for all participants and their parent/guardian. At the meeting, we take the opportunity to meet each and every one of the participants and disseminate all information needed to be successful while at NYLT. Any medical or dietary needs are also addressed with our commissary and medical team. The meeting starts at 6:30pm and is held at the [LDS Church, 3900 Seven Hills Road, Castro Valley](#). Scoutmasters and Advisors are welcomed.

Course Weeks: **Participants must be dropped off at Rancho Los Mochos between 9:45 AM and 10:30 AM on session start days.** Each participant should have one backpack with all of his/her items and be in a full uniform. THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR MEDICALS. If we do not have a current medical form at check in, you will not be able to stay.



The NYLT course ends with a graduation ceremony on a Saturday for Session 1 and 2 and on Sunday for Session 3. Parents, please arrive by **10:30 AM for Session 1 or Session 2** or by **5 PM for Session 3**. The graduation ceremony takes about 1 hour. All participants leave straight from the ceremony. (Note that Youth Staff must remain until released by the Course Director). The Quartermaster will have a small selection of memorabilia available for sale (T-shirts, hat pins, patches and belt buckles) after Graduation. Note that traffic can make driving back down to Livermore quite slow. You are

welcome to bring a picnic meal with you to eat after the ceremony if you would prefer to wait until traffic dies down. **IMPORTANT: Please refer to the [final instructions \(www.sfbac-nylt.org/PDF files/Final Instructions.pdf\)](http://www.sfbac-nylt.org/PDF_files/Final_Instructions.pdf) for more details on drop-off and pick-up. This will be updated about 60 days before the Session.**

Reunion Meeting and Goal Completion Ceremony: We hold a course reunion meeting on the third Thursday of November at the LDS Church in Castro Valley for Sessions 1 and 2, during which we recognize Recognition all NYLT graduates that have completed their goals and have had their completion certification emailed in from their Scoutmaster/Advisor. A similar recognition meeting will be held for Session 3; the exact date has yet to be finalized. All those who have completed their goals will be awarded with a NYLT Trained strip and a completion emblem. Wear this strip on your uniform with pride! [Return to Top](#)

How can I contact a participant while on course?

Telephone service to the camp exists strictly for emergency use only. In the event of an emergency, parents may telephone: 408-897-3266 and the message and return phone number will be relayed to the NYLT staff and then in turn to the Scout. Calls will be returned as promptly as possible. Scouts are not permitted use of the phone alone. Cell Phone service is non-existent at the site.



Due to the intensive schedule at NYLT, parents and friends are discouraged from visiting during the week. Adult leaders who want to observe the program are encouraged. Please e-mail us of your intention to visit at (info@sfbac-nylt.org) so we know when to expect you.



Mail is delivered to camp, but only on Wednesdays and Saturdays (often after camp is dismissed). Make sure to send well in advance so it arrives in time. No mail is processed for Session 3. Please address as follows:

**Participant Name
Rancho Los Mochos
ATTN: NYLT
18450 Mines Road
Livermore, CA 94550-9537**

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Who can attend NYLT?

NYLT is open to Scouts and Venturers who meet the following requirements:

Boy Scout participants must be First Class before the Session's Orientation date. They must be thirteen years of age by the beginning of course *OR* must have completed 7th Grade. They should have taken part in an ILST course at their home unit

Venturer participants should have taken part in an ILSC course at their home unit. *Both male and female Venturers are welcomed and encouraged to apply for NYLT.*

All applicants must want to attend NYLT and have the enthusiasm and desire to participate in this learning experience. Because NYLT requires some camping skills, participants should have had at least one long-term camp experience (such as summer camp) before coming to NYLT.

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Who should not attend NYLT?

- Youth with significant homesickness issues,
- Youth who have discipline/behavioral problems,
- Youth who have no camping experience, or
- Youth who have never camped without a parent in attendance.

NYLT is run by a caring and attentive staff of volunteer instructors. It is not designed to change the attitude of a youth that does not want to learn or participate. NYLT will nourish the leadership ability of the youth that you count on to run your troop. NYLT will likely not help youth with discipline problems.

Participants with discipline issues who are disruptive during the course will likely be sent home without refund. Removal of a participant from the program is not done lightly and is reviewed thru a multi-level process and ultimately thru the Course Director. If a participant is removed from the program, his/her parents will be called and they will need to pick the youth up, that day, at camp.

If you have any questions about the appropriateness of any youth attending NYLT, please contact the Course Director at info@sfbac-nylt.org. [Return to Top](#)

When does registration close?

The Course closes for Registration when the Course fills up. ***The current enrollment limit is 96 youth for Session 1 and 96 youth for Session 2. The limit of Session 3 is 36.*** Once that limit is reached, all other applicants are placed on a waiting list and will be offered a place should one open up. With strict limits per session, early registration is important. If we fill one session, we will try to move youth to the other session until that too is filled. ***Register as early as possible to avoid disappointment.*** [Return to Top](#)



What happens after I register?

Your confirmation that registration was successful is your receipt from the Credit Card you used. NYLT does NOT send out a separate confirmation of registration. Approximately 2 weeks after you register, you will get an e-mail from info@sfbac-nylt.org with the following information.

It will confirm your session number and provide a link to a secure site for you to:

- Double check your registration information and correct any errors

- Read and agree to follow the NYLT Code of Conduct
- Upload a picture of the youth participant in uniform
- Notify us of any food restrictions the youth participant may have.

Your Unit Leader will also be sent an email asking him/her to confirm they approve the youth participant for NYLT attendance. **Full registration is NOT complete until the participant has gone to the secure site and completed the four items noted above and until the Unit Leader has confirmed his/her approval.**

Approximately 3 weeks before the Participant Orientation Meeting, an e-mail will be sent to youth, parents and unit leader as a reminder that the Orientation Meeting is coming up. The email will re-confirm that the Scout is registered for a particular session. It will remind participants if we still need them to go to the secure site previously provided to complete paperwork there. [Return to Top](#)



What Paperwork is due and when is it due?

For planning purposes, the last day of open registration is two weeks prior to Orientation for the particular session, although we do accept on-line registration up to a few days before Orientation. After that date, applications are accepted IF additional participants can be accommodated. If the sessions fill earlier, we will close them with 5 youth on the wait-list. At Orientation, an [Annual Health and Medical Record](#) valid through the date of the course is due. **Do NOT E-Mail, Fax, or mail the medical.** It is due at Orientation. Those who fail to turn the Medical in at Orientation must bring it to the first day of their course.

The [Annual Health and Medical Record](#) form you bring to orientation must have parts A, B, and C completely filled out. A copy of the front and back of the Scout's Medical Insurance Card is also required. A copy of the form kept by your home unit is acceptable. PLEASE TELL US ABOUT ALL FOOD RESTRICTIONS, MEDICAL CONDITIONS INCLUDING ALLERGIES AND ANY CONCERNS/ ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR YOUTH AT ORIENTATION. All prescriptions must be in their original containers for camp. Please send only the amount needed for the week. THANKS. [Return to Top](#)



What is the cost?

The course fee is \$385. A discounted fee of \$350 is available if paid on or before April 21st for Sessions 1 and 2 and on or before July 5th for Session 3. On-line Registration is set up for Paypal or credit card payment. [Return to Top](#)

Are there camperships available?

We routinely have people ask us this question. There are 3 options.

- The **first option** is to see if your home troop can underwrite some or all of the expenses. There are a few Troops that underwrite the entire cost; some underwrite 50% of the cost. Some assess financial need and supply a campership based on this.
- **Second**, each Scout may apply for one campership per year **if he is registered in the San Francisco Bay Area Council and the family can demonstrate financial need**. This may go towards summer camp or any other long-term camp, including NYLT. For information on this option, see [Campership](#) on the www.sfbac.org site.
- In exceptional circumstances, we may be able to help. Please contact us at Info@sfbac-nylt.org with details so we can work with you to make it possible for your youth to attend NYLT. [Return to Top](#)

Is there any extra charge for registering using a credit card?

No. The registration fee is all inclusive. [Return to Top](#)

Is the home Scoutmaster/Advisor involved in the NYLT training?



Absolutely! NYLT is designed to enhance the youth's relationship with his home Scoutmaster/Advisor. As part of the second phase of NYLT, the home unit leader coordinates and encourages the completion of the NYLT experience by working with each participant to identify 3 goals that will benefit the unit and where the learned NYLT skills can be put to use. See [Bringing NYLT Home](#) on the www.sfbac-nylt.org [Home Page](#).
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What accommodations are provided at NYLT?

Participants are placed in a patrol/team consisting of six youth from many Districts and even from other Councils.

Participants bring their own tents to NYLT. They are set up in the patrol site. Scouts are required to share a tent with a fellow patrol member. For Co-ed patrols sleeping accommodations will be strictly per Venturing Guidelines for Co-ed units.

Each patrol has its own site with a complete set of cooking equipment with which participants prepare their own meals. NYLT provides a full, well-balanced menu during the week – no one goes hungry. We have no trading post on camp and discourage the bringing of candy or snacks to course. [Return to Top](#)

Do I need to bring a tent?

Each participant is expected to bring a 2-person tent – please, nothing larger as space is limited. Participants will be expected to share tents with fellow members of their patrols; if all participants bring tents, only 1/2 the tents will be used. We recommend that each participant ask to borrow a tent for the week from their home unit - we do NOT expect a participant to buy a tent specifically for NYLT. In cases where securing a tent to bring to course is problematic, we have a limited number of tents that we can loan - please contact info@sfbac-nylt.org. [Return to Top](#)



Is any special equipment needed?

There is no special equipment required for NYLT. To help in your preparation, a recommended equipment list can be located off of the NYLT Website. Note that there is different equipment list for Session 3 than for Session 1 or 2. We do suggest a small camp chair and, as mentioned above, a tent to be shared with another participant. Please check for the latest equipment list off of the Orientation page for the specific session. This page will be provided to the participants after they register. [Return to Top](#)



What about meals and special dietary needs?

NYLT is set-up for meals eaten in "Jamboree" style. Each patrol picks up food at the Commissary before each meal and prepares meals in camp. After Registration, as a follow-up, the Participant will be asked to provide a picture, confirm registration information and complete an on-line **food restriction form** to inform us of any specific dietary needs or restrictions. We try to accommodate most dietary needs but do require **advanced** notice. [Return to Top](#)

Do I need a uniform?

Scout or Venture Uniforms are absolutely required at NYLT. We are a uniformed organization and wear our full uniform for various activities every day. We suggest that each Participant brings 2 full uniforms to camp; one is required. The second one is recommended. We wear shorts during most activities on course, so please make sure to pack shorts or pants with removable legs.

Please remove the following from uniform shirts: Rank, Leadership position, Trained patch, Quality Unit patch, Patrol insignia, Right-Pocket/Activity patch.

Please leave on uniform shirts: Council and Troop Number, World Crest, National Jamboree patch, Interpreter, OA patch on right pocket flap, and any Knots.

For **Venturers**, uniform is the official venture uniform shirt. Official venture shorts are strongly recommended. [Return to Top](#)

Do I need a backpack?

Yes. You will be expected to carry all of your personal equipment to and from your campsite and you may have to hike over a mile to accomplish that. There will be other times during the week when the backpack is essential. [Return to Top](#)



Do I really need hiking boots?

It is highly recommended that you bring hiking boots to NYLT. The NYLT program involves periods of walking over rough terrain and in the back country at Rancho Los Mochos. Hiking boots will help protect you and your ankles from injury. If you do not have access to hiking boots, lug soled shoes can be brought instead. Please do not just bring sneakers or skate shoes and expect they will be adequate and, at no time, is open toed footwear permitted (including “Crocs”).

You will be at a disadvantage if your footwear is not up to the task and depending upon conditions, may result in your participation in some activities being limited for safety reasons. This may impact your ability to complete the NYLT course. If you have specific questions about what footwear to bring, please email us at info@sfbac-nylt.org. [Return to Top](#)

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