



Dear Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors,

My name is Julie Olson and I have the pleasure of serving as the Course Director for Westmoreland-Fayette Council's National Youth Leadership Training course (NYLT). NYLT is a course that centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience. Through activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and audio-visual support, NYLT participants will be engaged in a unified approach to leadership that will give them the skill and confidence to lead well. Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.

In order to attend a NYLT course, a youth must have the following qualifications by the beginning of the course:

- Must be a registered member of a Scouting or Venturing unit.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C.
- As of March 1, 2025, Scouts BSA members (male and female) must be at least 13. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts (male and female) must be at least 14, or 13 and have completed eighth grade, and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships.
- At least one year of camping experience is recommended. While NYLT is not an outdoor skills course, it is important that each participant has basic camping and outdoor cooking experience.
- Have a unit leader recommendation.

The course will be hosted on August 10 – 15, 2025. Participants will be expected to arrive for check in by noon on Sunday and can expect to leave by 2:00 pm on Friday, August 15th. Leaders and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our closing ceremony and luncheon on Friday, August 15th which will begin at 1:00 pm and end at 2:00 pm with dismissal immediately following. Please RSVP at check in on Sunday or via email by August 12th to theolsons23@gmail.com.

To attend NYLT, the required registration form must be completed. It is available on the council website under NYLT. The fee this year is \$225 and the course will be held at Camp Conestoga. If you have any additional questions or concerns feel free to email me at theolsons23@gmail.com

Yours in Scouting,

Julie Olson
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