

Dear NYLT Participant,

SAVE THE DATE! **Sunday, December 5th at 1:00PM** at Camp Carpenter in the Dining Hall

Our 2021 National Youth Leadership Training final course gathering will begin on Sunday, December 5th at 1:00PM at Camp Carpenter in the Dining Hall. All 2021 NYLT Course participants are asked to attend this event in full uniform. Vaccinated Parents, Scoutmasters, and Crew Advisors are also encouraged to attend. (We are also investigating a means of a live Zoom option.) Those in attendance will be wearing masks (save the speaker) and conclude before 3:00 pm.

Now is a good time to update your home scoutmaster on the status of your "personal vision." Once you have completed your personal vision, please send an email to both your home unit leader and your NYLT scoutmaster (see email addresses below) with a summary paragraph of what you have accomplished for your personal vision to let us know that you have satisfactorily completed your personal vision.

At our final Course Gathering, you will be given an opportunity to share a short summary (60-90 seconds) on what you were able to accomplish. (Remember to grab our attention with your "why" then share your "how" and "so what".) See page 3 in your life or contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours in Scouting,

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A while back I was asked by a parent whether or not their scout should attend the December NYLT Gathering. She was basically asking me, "Why should I drive all the way to camp for a two minute speech when they aren't even finished with their vision?" Here is the "Why" that I shared with her:

The NYLT winter gathering was designed to give participants a chance to report out on their personal journey through leadership:

- How effectively did you apply what you learned at NYLT towards your vision?
- How did your work impact the scouts in your troop/crew/school?

In one part, it is about public speaking, being able to convey your vision and explain why it was important, but, more importantly, I believe, it's about actively listening to everyone else's 90 seconds and trying to assimilate how they took the problem set they had and applied their skills to achieve their results. Sure, public speaking in front of 200 people is a true "crucible moment" for a high school student, but the active listening and being able to draw upon the examples of other scout's experiences is where the growth really occurs.

In short, the purpose of the gathering really has nothing to do with earning the end of course commitment pin- that is just another one of our branding elements. Parents and scouts should weigh the value of this learning experience with their other commitments. (We can always snail mail a commitment pin to any participant who completes their vision, but could not attend.)

Addressing a crowd of 200+ about your success and struggles,... transformative.

Drawing lessons from how your peers capitalized on our shared experience, ...priceless.