



NYLT FAQs 2023

What is NYLT?

- National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a youth-friendly, leadership curriculum developed by nationally recognized leadership consultants for the Boy Scouts of America as part of the continuum of learning offered by the Boy Scouts of America.
- NYLT is designed to build upon the experiences youth have as leaders in their own troops and crews and the Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (ILS-T and ILS-C) they receive at the unit level.

Who can/should go to NYLT?

- Scouts (male and female) must be 13 years of age and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program registration. They should be ranked a First Class Scout or higher and 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 should have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships.
- Scoutmasters with questions can email the course director at nylt.dwc@gmail.com

What is unique about Daniel Webster Council's offering of NYLT?

- Like many councils, DWC began offering the National Curriculum in 2000, when it was called Junior Leader Training. This happened to be the same year Camp Bell was opened as Patrol development focused camp to complement the individual/troop experiences offered at Camp Hidden Valley.
- The uniqueness of NYLT offered by Daniel Webster Council is in the way we teach and the way we tie it back to serving our local troops.
 - Unlike other councils, we encourage participants to tie their first experience at applying their lessons learned to addressing a need in their scout troop, rather than to just advancing a personal goal.
 - Additionally, since we do not have electricity to present the course material through DVD players and Power Point presentations, we have worked closely with local educators to leverage the resources of the camp to make the learning more experiential.
 - This means we invest significantly more time in developing our course staff so that they can effectively teach the curriculum to their peer group.

When can I meet my child's scoutmaster?

- We recognize that many of our participants have never been away from their family or local scout troop for more than a sleepover, let alone a full week, so we want to meet with you to address any of your concerns and theirs ahead of time.

- We ask that you do everything possible to attend our Pre-Camp Meeting on the first Sunday in June, from 1:00 to 2:30pm at Griswold Scout Reservation. Parents, Participants, and Scoutmasters/Crew Advisors are strongly encouraged to attend.
- While your child is off getting to know their Patrol Counselor and fellow patrol members, we will have breakout sessions for parents and for scoutmasters to review the course expectations and to answer all of your questions.

When/where is drop off and pickup?

- **Staggered Drop offs** will be between 11:00 and 12:30 on Sunday at the Camp Bell parking lot. Participants will be told about their drop off time at the pre-camp meeting. Bag lunches will be provided.
- COVID protocols will be shared at the precamp meeting and via email from DWC.
- Scouts who are carpooling or sibling scouts are asked to arrive at whatever time is earlier.
- Drivers are required to arrive and depart using the "Bell highway" that connects the camp to Hidden Valley.
- **Pick up is precisely at 8:00pm on Friday evening.** Parents are invited to observe the Closing Ceremony at the Council Fire ring (in between the horse corral and the farm) at Camp Bell at 7:30pm.
- We have a very brief dismissal ceremony where we march the course down the road to the lower parade field, so it is best to be parked by 7:55. The Course Director will share a few words before the participants are released back to you at approximately 8:05.

What do I need to bring with me to camp, and what is provided?

- All normal Council requirements for summer camp apply to NYLT.
- NYLT will provide an NYLT hat and two NYLT t-shirts. Please see the [packing list](#) for more specifics on what to bring and what is not needed.
- Why a backpack and not a footlocker?
 - Patrols carry all of their personal gear up a significant hill to their campsite. Backpacks work best.
- Why a set of clothes that can get filthy?
 - We have plenty of fun at camp, and two of our most well regarded activities include activities that prove to be challenging in the washing machine after hanging out in a laundry bag all week: our obstacle course seems to be most fun when it is mostly mud, and the realistic first aid class seems to bring out the most exuberant creativity even though the food coloring tends to be hard to wash out.
- We wear the complete scout uniform at morning and evening flag ceremonies, to certain presentations throughout the week, and for breakfast and dinner. We encourage participants to borrow uniform items from scouts in their home troop

I already sent in med forms for my child's week at summer camp with their troop. Do I need to submit a separate copy of my child's medical form(s) for NYLT?

- YES. In accordance with state health laws, the camp health staff must pre-screen and retain copies of medical forms for each scout for each week at camp.

Where can I get copies of the Med Forms?

- The link to the BSA Med Forms can be [found here](#):
Regarding medicines, allergies, and food preferences.
- Participants are not allowed to carry their own prescription or over-the-counter medicines while at camp. Parents are asked to bring medicines necessary for their child at camp on the first day of camp to registration/drop off and turn them into the camp health staff using the original prescription bottles (loose medications cannot be accepted)
- Camp health staff can only dispense medications in accordance with the label on the prescription bottle unless they have a signed directive from a physician stating otherwise. The camp staff will record of dispensing medications.
- If your child's physician has directed them to carry an epi pen or an inhaler, an additional form signed by your child's healthcare provider will be required.
- Participants at NYLT prepare their meals as a patrol, still, we are able to address individual requirements and preferences through prior planning and communication.
- The camp commissary can provide substitutes related to many of the common allergies, but parents are encouraged to contact the Reservation Service Center the week prior to NYLT to clarify your scout's specific needs during camp. Parents are welcome to bring supplements for their child's needs/preferences to the commissary during check in/registration. Those items will be sent up with the patrols meal kits as coordinated during the week.

Who do I call when I hear about an emergency at one of the camps?

- Our commitment is that if something directly involves your child, we will do everything in our power to connect with you personally. That being said, if something of public interest happens at camp, please do not call the camp phone numbers, rather, look for the council service center to update their social media and notification systems.