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Dear Perspective Participants, Unit Leaders, and Parents,

Welcome to the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) section of our Tidewater Council's Training website! I want to take this opportunity to tell you how I feel about NYLT and how it will be of benefit to you and your unit.

NYLT is an intense six-day training course for Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts and Venturers. For our course, it will be held over two weekends (March 2-4 and March 9-11, 2018). Attendance is required both weekends. This course provides those Scouts with the leadership skills they need to be truly effective. It is the most advanced youth leadership training that Scouting offers. NYLT features instruction in modern leadership skills and philosophies that can be used at home, school, on the job, and, of course, the Scout's own unit! A trained and dedicated staff of youth leaders and instructors work closely with qualified adult mentors to put on this course.

When participants arrive, they will be organized into patrols. Through a range of activities, events, games and adventures, NYLT participants will work and play together as they put into action the best that Scouting has to offer. The course is setup up to represent a month in the life of a Scout Troop. Patrols will experience the stages of team development and will discover that leadership requires vision, goals, and planning. Participants are provided a toolbox of leadership schools.

As the youth in our units progress through different skills and environments, our units encounter the most difficult, complicated, and sophisticated leadership challenges. Participants and their NYLT patrols get firsthand opportunities to practice and experience relevant leadership skills for developing highly-effective teams to assist them in handling these challenges. NYLT will strengthen the relationship between the youth and the unit leader and prepare the youth to implement a youth-led, youth-run unit.

In order to maintain the high quality of the NYLT program, each course is limited to 48 participants. Apply early! NYLT participants must be age 13 to 17 years old (for Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts) and hold the rank of First Class. Venturers and Sea Scouts must be between 14 and 20 years old. All candidates should be in a position of leadership or will be candidates for leadership positions in the near future. Youth selected to attend will be notified no later than February 11, 2018. **The course fills up fast so to guarantee your youth participants spot in this course, register early and pay in full!** We will accept the first 48 fully paid participants.

For more information and questions, please contact me using the contact information provided below. You can also check out the Council website at <http://training.tidewaterbsa.com/nylt>. In addition, the NYLT Youth Staff would be happy to attend one of your unit meetings and talk about NYLT.

"TRAINING BOY LEADERS TO RUN THEIR TROOP IS THE SCOUTMASTER'S MOST IMPORTANT JOB. TRAIN SCOUTS TO DO A GOOD JOB, THEN LET THEM DO IT. NEVER DO ANYTHING A BOY CAN DO."

- Lord Baden Powell

Give your troop, team, ship or crew the gift of NYLT!

Yours in Scouting,

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