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Dear Prospective Participants, Unit Leaders, and Parents,

Welcome to the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) section of the Tidewater Council 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. Our course will be held over two weekends (February 15-17 and February 22-24, 2019). Attendance is required both weekends. This course provides Scouts with the leadership skills they need to be truly effective. It is the most advanced youth leader 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 set 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 skills.

As the youth 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! National policy is that all NYLT Boy Scout participants **must** be 14 to 17 years old 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 January 15, 2019. All participants must have completed an ILST course. Females that will be joining Scouts BSA on February 1 have to be at least 14 and must complete an ILST program (the rank requirement is waived for 2019).

For more information and questions, please contact me using the contact information provided below. You can also check out the Council website at <http://tidewaterbsa.com/national-youth-leadership-training-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, or crew the gift of NYLT!

Yours in Scouting,

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