



MISSISSIPPI VALLEY COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Dear Scoutmaster and Venture Crew Advisor

I'm pleased to announce that a new changes in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)! For the first time both Boy Scout and Venture Crew members will be eligible to attend. This change only means we can now offer this outstanding training to more youth in our council.

NYLT in 2012 will also see some new things as we plan to utilize both of our camp properties (Saukenauk Scout Reservation and Camp Eastman) as tools for our advanced leadership program. **The course will be held June 10-16, 2012.** We are also utilizing **YOU** as a resource to help us find the best candidates, as you will have the opportunity to recommend young men/ women from your unit to participate. We will then contact those individuals and start the recruiting process. We encourage you to recommend those youth that are, or will be, Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, President, Vice President, etc.

The course is delivered in an outdoor setting with an immediate application of learning in a fun, high energy environment. Participants will sleep in tents, cook their own food on stoves, and work together as a team. Each participant is expected to understand and be able to apply the outdoor skills of camping and cooking using Leave No Trace principles. We encourage you as a adult leader to continue your practice of outdoor skills to all your youth so they are all prepared.

Also recommend this year is that your unit committee consider helping youth pay for their training. It is felt that the direct benefit from this training will not only help the youth but help your unit be a stronger, youth lead unit. It is recommend that your unit consider covering up to ½ the cost to attend this training. While participants will be able to apply for camperships there is no guarantee that full camperships will be available and as always we encourage all Scouts to be "Thrifty" in earning their way in all that they do.

The NYLT process this year will consist of:

1. Scoutmaster or Crew Advisor complete and returns the NYLT Recommendation form to the Burlington Scout Office no later than February 17, 2012. Please complete a separate recommendation form for each youth recommended. Please note that NO money is required at this point.
2. Each recommended youth will be contacted and sent a NYLT Application form
3. The youth and his/ her partens (s) complete the NYLT Application and return it to the Burlington Scout Office by March 31, 2012.
4. Those scouts that are accepted into NYLT will be mailed an acceptance letter and reistration packet around the first week of April.
5. The Scouts and his parents will bring the completed registration packet and payment to a orientation meeting in May (dates and locations of which will be included in the Registration Packet).

You are encouraged to recommend as many youths for NYLT as desired. However, the course is limited to 48 participants. In order to give each unit the oportunity to have a young leader attend, we will select the first recommendation form each unit and then fill remaining slots with the remaining recommendations. We look forward to serving the young leaders of your unit, and are available to answer any questions.

Yours In Scouting

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