



Jayhawk Area Council National Youth Leadership Training At Falley Scout Reservation

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations on your Scout's commitment to attend the NYLT, the National Youth Leadership Training Course for 2025. Thank you for showing support for the Jayhawk Area Council's NYLT program.

During the week of the Course, your Scout will have the opportunity to practice new leadership skills that they can apply in their own Scout Unit(s) and other teams. Developing leadership abilities, acquiring new skills, and building lifelong friendships are at the heart of the NYLT Course. The outstanding NYLT Staff has worked hard to prepare to be *Explain* and *Demonstrate* a model Scouts BSA Troop.

With this letter to you, there is also a letter addressed to your Scout. You are encouraged to read through this letter as well to ensure that you have all the necessary information to assist your Scout in their preparations for the Course.

Arrival and Departure

ATTENTION FOR 2025: Due to the high amount of Snow Days and some school districts extending their year, the dates for NYLT have been moved to Saturday May 31 (at 11:00 AM) till Thursday June 5 (closing ceremony begins at ~7:15 PM). Please use ensure to use these dates and not originally published dates.

The NYLT Course will be held at Falley Scout Reservation (FSR). **8602 Kingman Road Oskaloosa, KS 66066-5273.** Please plan to arrive between **11:00 AM and 11:30 AM on Saturday, May 31st, 2025.** Please make sure that your Scout(s) has **already eaten lunch prior to arriving at camp** as it will be a few hours before mid-afternoon food is available.

ATTENTION FOR 2025: There is construction on US-24 that has closed the on/off ramps where US-24 meets K-4. The construction may affect how your family would like to travel to FSR, so please plan your route accordingly.

You and your Unit Leader are invited to return to camp for the Closing Ceremony: *Creating a Better Future* on Thursday. **Please arrive no sooner than 7:00 PM on Thursday.** At roughly 7:15 members of the Adult NYLT staff will give a presentation about what the Scouts accomplished during the week. The Closing Ceremony will take place after a short walk to Inspiration Point where everyone will watch the skits that the Scouts have prepared during the week. **The course will be dismissed after the ceremony, between 8:45 and 9:00 PM.**

Cell Phone Policy, Course Code of Conduct, and Disciplinary Action Guide

With this letter is a copy of the NYLT Cell Phone Policy and the Course Code of Conduct. The Cell Phone policy is reviewed by both the Adult and Youth Staff and was written to help ensure that Scouts get the most from the course. While the course would be best if no Scout brought a cell phone, the Staff recognizes that certain situations require the use of technology. These situations could include medical, emergency, or developing/unique family situations. If after reviewing the policy you still feel the need that your Scout has their phone with them, please check the appropriate box and give a brief description on the Cell Phone Policy.

Please review and sign both documents in their entirety and bring a signed copy of the document with you to check in.

Also, available on the website is the NYLT Disciplinary Action Guide, you are not required to do anything with this document, but we ask that you read through it so that you are aware of our policies.



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Preparing for NYLT

Packing and Equipment

A packing list of equipment is included with the letter address to your Scout. This list is reviewed every year to ensure that it has the necessary equipment for the course. If your Scout has not already done so, they are encouraged to write their name and unit number on important personal equipment.

Scouts will be doing a short backpacking hike prior to their outpost night. Please ensure that you scout has a pack suitable for carrying their gear.

Waterproof gear as much as possible

To make your Scout's campout more enjoyable in the Kansas rain, they are encouraged to pack items in plastic Ziplock or other waterproof bags. Large trash bags can be used to help waterproof a backpack if you don't have a pack-cover. Waterproofing spray can be found in the camping section (and often the shoe section) at Walmart to help keep shoes and rain-jackets from soaking through.

Tents

For the majority of the course, NYLT participants will be staying in canvas wall tents provided by Falley Scout Reservation. Scouts will be provided a foam mattress and cot to use in these tents.

~~Thursday~~ **Wednesday** night, the patrols of NYLT will go on a backpacking outpost adventure to a different part of Falley Scout Reservation. Because of this, Scouts will need to bring backpackable sleeping bag, air/foam mattress, and a tent. One or two person backing tents are acceptable. If your family does not have a backpacking tent, check with your Unit as you might be able to borrow one for the week. NYLT prefers that Scouts bring two-person tents so that they can buddy up with Scouts who were unable to bring a tent.

Emergency and Important Contacts

For Critical Communication with your Scout please use the contact information found at the end of this letter.

Please be aware that while the Adults at NYLT will have their phones with them at all times, they still try to limit their technology use. Please know that their highest priority during the course is the safety of all participants and staff. Please leave a message if they are unable to answer and we will make sure to reach back out to you.

We look forward to an exciting week! Once again thank you for supporting your Scout and the Jayhawk Area Council NYLT Course.

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