



Scout's letter

Are You a Key Leader in your Troop or Crew? Do you want to be? Then This Program is for YOU!

Fun, "Challenge", "Adventure", "Learning", "Camping", "Excitement"! That's how Scouts describe "The Furnace". Strengthen your skills, improve your knowledge, become a better leader at the "The Furnace" National Youth Leadership Training!

Enjoy a challenging one-week outdoor training program for key youth leaders. As past participants have said, it's a chance to "Learn Leadership", "Make New Friends", and "Gain New Skills". It will help you be a better leader, and a better Scout.

You will experience the excitement of being a key player in a troop of top leaders. You will share ideas with other Scouts from all over the council. An outstanding staff will offer you the Leadership and Scouting skills necessary to be a more effective leader in your troop or crew while you are experiencing the fun and challenge of Scouting at its best.

Advanced Scoutcraft & Outdoor Skills

You will learn advanced pioneering, creative ecology, specialty cooking, and many other outdoor skills. You will get to go on an overnight backpacking trip using a GPS to find your way. Plus, you will learn how to help make these things happen back home in **your** troop or crew.

Meetings & Activities

You will see and participate in model troop, patrol, and patrol leader council meetings. You will learn how these relate to Venture Crew leadership. You will learn how to use games and contests to make Scouting more fun. You will learn new skills, songs, and ways to make your troop, patrol and crew campfires sparkle. And you will see how to make Scouting an adventure at every meeting and outing.

Experience Scouting At Its Best

During the course, Scouts work, play and learn as part of a patrol in a model troop. You will learn how to relate this to Crew leadership as well. Each patrol is assigned a trained youth staff member who will work with them.

The Conference creates the opportunities for you to share ideas with other youth leaders from all over the council. You will share what is cool about your troop, patrol, or crew, learn how others do things and get new ideas.

Leadership Skills

Developing an ability to be a good leader can be challenging. This course will provide special training in the skills of leadership. It explains what they are and how they can be applied within your troop or crew to form a group, to develop its capabilities, and to help get the job done. The Skills covered include: Communicating, Planning, Problem Solving, Effective Teaching, Resolving Conflict, Making Ethical Decisions, Leading Yourself, Valuing People, Finding your Vision, The meaning of Leadership.

When Is It?

"The Furnace" will run from 8:00 a.m. Sunday, June 12th until noon Saturday, June 18th, 2011. There is a mandatory, pre-course, information meeting on May 15th, 2011 at 2 pm at the Faith United Methodist Church, 300 - 9th Street, North Canton, OH 44720.

Where Is It?

The course will be held at Camp McKinley in Lisbon, Ohio.

Who Can Come?

This program is for **Senior Patrol Leaders and their assistants, Patrol Leaders and their assistants and other key youth leaders who are likely candidates for these positions.** It is also for young men and women Venture

Crew Leaders. *History shows that those Scouts without a personal desire to participate usually fail to gain much from the course.* You must be nominated by your Scoutmaster or Crew Leader.

Boy Scouts must be at least First Class rank, 13 years old by start of course, should have some leadership experience, and have two years Boy Scout summer camp experience. Venture youth must be at least 14 by the start of the course and must have taken the Venture Leader Skills Course. The course has limited enrollment, and the Course Director has the final decision on who attends.

What Is the Cost?

The 2011 course fee is **\$160.00**. This covers training materials, program supplies, meals, camp fees, troop and patrol equipment, etc. Many troops or crews pay all or part of the fee as a worthwhile investment in their youth leaders. A youth who attends NYLT for the full week will receive a certificate for \$50 off his or her Seven Ranges Summer Camp fee for the summer of 2011. Since most youth will attend Seven Ranges for summer camp, their net cost for the weeklong NYLT experience is only \$110.

Is there an incentive to go? YES! See above paragraph.

Uniforms and Equipment

Scouts will use their Unit's Official Scout uniform as well as "Scouting Casual" uniforms (Scouting-related T-shirt and Scout shorts or pants) for the course. For equipment, they need to provide only their own personal camping gear, plus a lightweight backpacking tent. An equipment list will be sent to participants when their reservations are accepted.

Trained Staff

To ensure the best training for your youth leaders, we have selected and trained an outstanding youth and adult staff. Staff members have participated in intensive training involving several staff development sessions.

The Role of the Home Unit Leader

The conference is designed to strengthen the relationship between youth leader and their Scoutmaster or Crew Leader. The Scoutmaster/Crew Leader must nominate participants. Scoutmasters/Crew Leaders are encouraged to attend the pre-course meeting.

Please Note:

While a lot of fun, "The Furnace" NYLT is a highly structured training experience, which does not include individual rank advancement, merit badge work, and the regular summer camp type program. A variety of other challenging and exciting activities are included in the course schedule. Also, to gain the greatest exposure to new ideas and methods, Scouts from the same troop or crew will be put into different patrols for the conference.

Where Can I Get More Information?

For more information, talk to your Scoutmaster or Crew Leader. You can also contact either the Course Director or our staff advisor at the following:

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