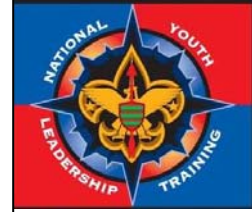


"THE 101st ANNIVERSARY FURNACE"

Where the best become better!
National Youth Leadership Training
June 12 to June 18, 2011
Camp McKinley, Lisbon, OH



Dear Scout Leader,

As you know, training the youth leaders of a Boy Scout troop or Venture Crew is important in helping the individual Scout and the Troop or Crew grow. The Boy Scouts of America has an exciting weeklong training experience that has proven very valuable in the training of youth leaders - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). The Buckeye Council will offer NYLT in 2011 and your nominated Scouts are invited to participate. The goal of the Conference is to offer the participants the **Leadership** and **Scouting** skills necessary to be effective leaders in their troops and crews, while helping them experience the fun and challenge of Scouting at its best. During the Conference the participants will be members of Training Troop 1 and will be split into patrols. Crew members will be instructed as to how a troop is organized and how this related to a Crew's organization. NYLT is run in a troop setting, utilizing the patrol method, and simulates a one month program of a troop, complete with troop meetings and an overnighter. Each patrol is assigned a Troop Guide (youth staff member) to help them along.

To attend, a Scout must be at least **First Class in rank, 13 years of age by the start of the course, currently filling a leadership position in the troop and be nominated by his SM. Venture Scouts must be at least 14 years old by the start of the course and have attended a Venture Leadership Skills Course.** Two years of summer camp experience is helpful as well. In discussing NYLT, *The Scoutmaster Handbook* recommends, "This should be a 'must' for the senior patrol leader." The conference is also endorsed in *Scouting* magazine, and in the *Scoutmaster's Junior Leader Training Kit*. We suggest that you discuss the conference with the members of your Troop Committee or Venture leadership and the patrol leaders' council as soon as possible. The conference will be conducted in a camp setting so it is very important that the Scout have skills in hiking, camping, and cooking.

Ace McKinzie will be serving as conference Course Director. He has assembled an excellent staff of experienced youth and adult leaders to serve as the conference faculty.

Enclosed is a "Scout's Letter" you can share with Scouts and parents. Also enclosed is a copy of the nomination form for the Scout Leader to fill out and turn in. Please note that the course has a limited enrollment of 72 Scouts, so please register as soon as possible.

This is a great opportunity for the Scouts, Troops and Crews of our Council. We think this program will make a positive difference in the lives of the Scouts who participate.

To the Scouts who attend, "The Furnace" is "**Fun**", "**Challenging**", "**Adventure**", "**Camping**", "**Excitement**", "**Learning Leadership**", "**Making New Friends**", and "**Gaining New Skills**".

Scoutcraft & Outdoor Skills

Participating youth leaders will learn advanced pioneering, creative ecology, specialty cooking, GPS and many other outdoor skills. The patrols will go on an overnight backpacking trip. Plus they will learn how to make these things happen back home in **their** troop.

Meetings and Activities

Your youth leaders will see and participate in model troop, patrol and patrol leader council meetings. They will learn how these relate to crew organization. The Scouts will learn how to use games and contests to make Scouting more fun. They will learn new skills, songs and ways to make their troop and patrol campfires sparkle. They'll see how to make Scouting an adventure at every meeting and outing.

Learning from others

The Conference creates opportunities for your youth leaders to share ideas with other young men and women from all over the Council. They will share what is cool about their troops, patrols and crews, interact between Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts, learn how others do things and bring new ideas home with them.

Leadership Skills

One of the biggest challenges of a Scoutmaster or Crew Leader is in developing youth leaders. 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.

- NOMINATIONS:** Scout Nomination forms due in the Council office with **\$30 deposit by 5/13/11.**
PRECOURSE MTG: **MANDATORY!! - Sunday, May 15, 2011, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**
Faith United Methodist Church, 300 - 9th St, N. Canton, OH 44720
NYLT DATES: **8 am Sunday, June 12 to noon Saturday, June 18, 2011**
NYLT LOCATION: **Camp McKinley, Lisbon, OH**
COST: **\$160 (includes everything). \$50 rebate for Scouts who attend NYLT and 7R Summer Camp in the same summer. A Trading Post may be available.**

Uniforms and Equipment

Scouts will wear their official scout or crew 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.

The Role of the Home Scout Leader

The conference is designed to strengthen the relationship between the youth leader and his or her Scout Leader. The Scout Leader must nominate participants. Scout Leaders are encouraged to attend the pre-course meeting. A letter is included in this mailing to help you instill an interest in your youth leaders to attend the course.

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 types of programs. A variety of other challenging and exciting activities are included in the course schedule.

To gain the greatest exposure to new ideas and methods, Scouts from the same troop will be put into different patrols for the conference.

We look forward to hearing from your unit! **PLEASE REMEMBER TO HAVE YOUR NOMINATION FORM AND \$30 IN THE SCOUT OFFICE BY 5/13/11.**

Sincerely,

Ace McKinzie

Enclosures: Letter to Scouts, Nomination Form

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