

# *National Youth Leadership Training 2009*

## **Boy Scouts of America**

San Gabriel Valley Council  
3450 Sierra Madre Boulevard  
Pasadena, California 91107  
Allan Kershaw, Course Director

Dear Scoutmaster,

My name is Allan Kershaw, and I believe that Scouting is one of the best things that a young man can participate in during his life. I have seen many youth grow in knowledge and leadership over the years. Still, there are times when you may feel frustrated that the youth leaders just do not seem to be doing all that they could. You may have held Troop Leadership Training sessions, but even these do not seem to be enough.

Let me introduce you to:

### ***The National Youth Leadership Training Conference!***

The National Youth Leadership Training Conference is a seven day, outdoor training experience for Boy Scout youth leaders. The course design and content has been developed by the National BSA Council and is offered by the San Gabriel Valley Council. Each summer, the NYLT Conference is held at the Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch. Your scouts will be taught advanced leadership skills by an extremely well trained staff consisting of youth who have completed the course themselves.

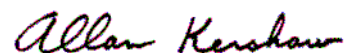
The ideal scout to recommend would be one of your troop's current (or soon to be) leaders. They must be 13 years of age and at least of First Class rank by August 1, 2009. And since the conference is held at a week long camp using the patrol method, the scout should be mature and independent enough to support himself and others in his patrol.

Please review the rest of the information I have included with this letter. Then select one or more of the eligible scouts you would like to recommend. You might want to speak to these youth before you submit their names. Most take the invitation as an honor. I have also enclosed information about the steps necessary for application by the scout, after I receive your nominations.

**But you must act now!** Space is limited for this year's course, and we have had this program fill up in each of the past several years. What's more, you must get the nominations **postmarked by March 9, 2009** to qualify each candidate for a **\$20.00 discount**. The scout has additional opportunities to get further discounts, but the first \$20 is up to you!

The units that I have been associated with have all sent scouts every year. It is an integral part of their leadership training. I have been associated with the NYLT program since 2000 and because I have such respect for what this program teaches our youth, I am committed to working with this program for the next several years. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or write to me.

Yours in Scouting,



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### **NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE INFORMATION SHEET**

#### **WHAT IS THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE?**

The National Youth Leadership Training Conference is a seven day, outdoor training experience for Boy Scout youth leaders. The course design and content has been developed by the National BSA Council and is offered by your local council as a supplement to the Troop Leader Training provided by the Scoutmasters within their troops.

#### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING?**

The National Youth Leadership Training Conference teaches the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. The course schedule parallels the program month of a troop. Three model troop meetings, a patrol leaders' council meeting in the round followed by daily PLC operating sessions, an instructional campfire, and troop operation using the patrol method create a productive troop program.

#### **HOW TO APPLY?**

The Scoutmaster must fill out the Scoutmaster's Nomination Sheet. Up to eight candidates per troop may be nominated. These candidates must be of First Class rank and 13 years old by August 1, 2009. They should be in a troop leadership position currently or within the next twelve months. The Scouts should also have some camping, hiking and cooking skills as the conference is conducted in a camp setting. After the Nomination sheet is received, an application package will be sent to each candidate. The Scout and the Scoutmaster will fill out the application package and return it to the Scout Center.

#### **IS THE SCOUTMASTER INVOLVED?**

In addition to the recommendation of those the Scoutmaster feels are qualified, the Scoutmaster will also be involved with each participating Scout in his troop after they completed the National Youth Leadership Training Conference. In concluding his training experience, each participant will have a personal leadership vision and a plan for implementing it in his home troop. Scoutmasters will work closely with these Scouts, to first approve, then counsel them and evaluate their success in carrying out their plans over a six to twelve month period of time. By completing this final phase of the NYLT with their Scoutmaster, each Scout will be eligible to receive the Oakie Medallion Award. More information will be available at a special post-conference briefing session.

#### **WHEN AND WHERE IS THE CONFERENCE HELD?**

This year's National Youth Leadership Training Conference will be starting on Sunday, August 09, 2009 at 8:00 a.m. and finishing on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at noon at the Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch. The conference activities are carefully planned and build upon each experience. For this reason, it is not possible to accept a scout who can not arrive on Sunday and stay continuously through Saturday.

#### **DO PARTICIPANTS NEED A MEDICAL EVALUATION?**

Yes. The Class II medical form is part of the application package sent to each Scout nominated by his Scoutmaster.

#### **WHAT PERSONAL EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED?**

A personal equipment list outlining what is needed will be included in the application package sent to each Scout. Please make sure the Scout and his parents look over this list so they know what equipment is allowed and what should not be brought to camp.

#### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

The conference fee is \$320.00. There are several incentive discounts offered for getting paperwork, deposits and payments turned in on time (see other side for details). The fee covers the cost of food, program materials and camp fees. The staff is comprised of all volunteer youth and adult leaders.

#### **WHERE CAN WE GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

You may contact the Program Coordinator, Allan Kershaw email at [allan@kershaw.usc.edu](mailto:allan@kershaw.usc.edu).

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The four easy steps to National Youth Leadership Training:

- 1.** Scoutmasters send in their list of National Youth Leadership Training nominations.  
Send this list to:  
San Gabriel Valley Council  
Attn: NYLT  
3450 Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91107  
**Have it postmarked by March 9, 2009 and save \$20.00 for each Scout.**
- 2.** The NYLT Course Director will send each nominee the following:  
A letter of invitation to apply; an Application and Permission form to be filled out and signed by the Scout, his parents, and the Scoutmaster; a Candidate Fact sheet to be completed by the Scout; a Scoutmaster Evaluation form to be completed by the Scoutmaster, a Consent to Treat and Code of Conduct to be signed by the Scout and his parents; a Class II Medical Health Form to be filled out by the Scout's physician; and the Personal Equipment List.
- 3.** The Scout or Troop returns the completed forms along with a \$50.00 deposit for each Scout. This deposit is refundable or transferable to another Scout if the Candidate is not accepted or fails to qualify.  
**Have the application and the \$50.00 deposit postmarked by April 13, 2009 and save an additional \$20.00 for each Scout.**
- 4.** The Scout application is reviewed by the NYLT Committee and is accepted if the minimum requirements are met. The program has limited space and applications will accepted until the program is filled. The balance of the conference fee and all forms must be turned in July 6, 2009.  
**Have total fee and all forms postmarked by May 25, 2009 and save another \$20.00 for each Scout.**

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### ***Remember! You can SAVE up to \$60.00 per Scout!***

National Youth Leadership Training Conference Fee:		\$320.00
Scoutmaster Nomination postmarked by March 9, 2009	Discount	- \$ 20.00
Application with \$50.00 deposit postmarked by April 13, 2009	Discount	- \$ 20.00
Total Fee paid in full and all forms sent in by May 25, 2009	Discount	- \$ 20.00
	<b>TOTAL DISCOUNTED FEE</b>	<b>\$260.00</b>

**All Forms and Fees must be received by July 6, 2009**

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## **Scoutmaster's Nominations**

### **Scoutmaster Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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I nominate the Scouts listed on the reverse side for participation in the National Youth Leadership Training Conference to be held at Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch which starts on Sunday, August 09, 2009 and ends on Saturday, August 15, 2009. It is my understanding that these Scouts meet the following criteria:

- The Scout is at least of First Class rank
  - The Scout will be at least thirteen years old by August 1, 2009
  - The Scout is serving or will be serving soon in a Troop leadership position
  - The Scout is willing to attend this conference and will come with a positive attitude
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Upon receipt of this Nomination form, the NYLT Committee will send a package to each Scout listed containing:

- an Invitation to Participate
- an Application and Permission Form
- a Candidate Fact Sheet
- a Scoutmaster Evaluation Form
- a Consent to Treat and Code of Conduct
- a Class II Medical Health Form
- a Personal equipment list

### ***Hurry!***

**Act now and save each of these Scouts \$20.00. Each Scout listed will get a \$20.00 discount off the total conference fee (\$320.00 per Scout) if this form is postmarked or received by March 9, 2009**

Any questions or requests for more information may be made to:

Allan Kershaw

allan@kershaw.usc.edu

# Scout Nominees

Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Age (on August 1, 2009) \_\_\_\_\_

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