



CHIPPEWA VALLEY COUNCIL



National Youth Leadership Training Boy Scouts of America

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Dear Scoutmaster:

I am pleased to announce the Chippewa Valley Council will be conducting the Tall Pines National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course June 8-14, 2008. A few of the items that will be included on the course syllabus are: Vision, EDGE (**E**xplain, **D**emonstrate, **G**uide, and **E**nable), Team development, Planning, and Communication skills. The Tall Pines NYLT Course is designed to supplement the Scoutmaster's efforts by teaching advanced skills using resources not normally available to a Scoutmaster.

For one week Scouts from across the council will be taught leadership skills and shown ways to implement them. The Scout will come back to his home troop able to implement his new skills in the troop setting under your supervision. Scouts participating in this course will be given one special National Youth Leadership Training Troop Council Shoulder Patch, a Tall Pines hat, a NYLT neckerchief, and a NYLT Class B T-shirt. All of these items will be given to the Scout when he arrives for the first day of the course.

Scouts completing this course will receive a NYLT patch-they will need to earn the Leadership Pin to complete the patch and will also be able to apply to the National NYLT Course held each year at Philmont Scout Ranch. The only way to attend National is to first complete this course. We also are interested in recruiting youth who demonstrated leadership qualities to become staff members for our local course.

The cost of this year's course is \$205.00. Your troop may want to consider scholarships for all or some of the fees. The course will be completed prior to the opening of summer camp this year. Therefore, the Scout will be able to begin the immediate implementation of the skills he learns.

The application process is simple. Scouts meeting the criteria on the application need to complete the application and turn it in to the Boy Scout Service Center along with the deposit. You, the Scoutmaster, have to endorse the application. All Scouts attaining the ranks of First Class and 13 years of age since our last course were mailed an invitation. Please copy the enclosed application and pass it on to other Scouts you feel have met the criteria.

National Youth Leadership Training is a continuation of our commitment to the youth of our communities. The leadership training of NYLT gives youth a better foundation for future life experiences. The course is designed to enhance the basic scout skills the Scout has already learned.

When your scout comes back to the troop, he is going to have a head full of new ideas and leadership skills. To help you understand the new leadership skills, we would like to invite you to observe our National Youth Leadership Training any time during the week. Please call me and make an appointment. We will give you a card with all of the new acronyms and their meanings. We will discuss the new leadership skills and how they relate to the old leadership skills. You will also get a chance to meet with your scout and his Troop Guide to discuss how the week went.

Training Youth to become leaders is what we as Scoutmasters do. Watching them develop into those leaders is our reward. Let's work together to create tomorrow's leaders.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy B. Carlisle".

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