



Hello Fellow Scoutmasters and Scouters,

From August 5 to 11, 2012 Potomac Council will hold its very first NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) Course.

NYLT is an exciting, action packed program designed to provide all 13-18 year old BSA Members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in day to day life situations. For more information about NYLT go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/BoyScouts/Resources/nylt.aspx>.

This past spring, I served as an NYLT staff member and my son went thru the course, called Twin Arrow, which was held by Greater Pittsburgh Council in Ligonier, PA. We can both assure that the experience was rewarding to both of us. While I gained experience to use in implementing the course for Potomac Council, my son had a great time participating in the well planned games and went on an outpost camp with his patrol. This course is very similar to the Adult Wood Badge. The purpose of NYLT is to build leadership skills in your scouts so your Troop can become a boy run Troop. Best of all, when the methods being taught are implemented it works!!!

Now for the purpose of this letter: There are many hours of planning and training in order to make a course like this work. We also must reach a minimum amount of participation to implement the course. We are asking you to please consider who you might send to the course next year. The boys must be at least 13 and hold the First Class Rank by August 5. It is also important to understand that this course is not to teach "Scout Skills." Scouts would need to come ready and able to do the skills they learned while reaching First Class.

If you have boys who you think will meet these requirements by August 5, 2012 and who you see filling future leadership positions in your Troops, please email a list to Mike Manner - mmanner@bsamail.org by Oct. 1, 2011. We will use the created list to send invitations and to determine if there is enough interest to move forward with all the planning and hard work that goes into making NYLT a success.

Your in Scouting,
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