

## National Youth Leadership Training

One very effective way to strengthen a Boy Scout Troop is to strengthen its Boy Leadership. That is what National Youth Leadership Training is all about. This five day in-camp training course helps older Scouts sharpen both leadership and Scoutcraft skills.

Scoutmasters are encouraged to review the specific requirements for NYLT and select those Scouts that they feel are best qualified for this extensive training experience. Selection for NYLT recognizes a Scout that demonstrates leadership potential. It tells him that the troop is counting on him and his leadership in the months and years ahead. Scouts that earn the NYLT shield are prepared to meet the challenge and to work together with adult leaders for better Scouting.

There will be a NYLT course held this summer the third week of summer camp. It will be held at Mt. Bayou Lake Scout Camp. The dates of the course are June 25 – July 1, 2006.

### **Qualifications to attend:**

To be eligible to attend a Scout must:

- Be currently registered as a member of the Boy Scouts of America who has attended long-term summer camps at least two previous years.
- Be First Class rank or higher.
- Be a member of a troop whose Scoutmaster has completed the adult Boy Scout Leader Basic Training course.
- Have approval from his parents and Scoutmaster.

## **A Vision for Boy Scout Training**

- We are recognized as one of the nation's preeminent trainers of character and leadership. Our educational experiences for youth and adults are practical, flexible, integrated, progressive, and fun.
- They are specifically designed to:
  - Assist the BSA in fulfilling its mission;
  - Help adults deliver Scouting's program and promise to boys;
  - Empower boys to lead their units and adventures; and ultimately,
  - Develop leaders for America in the 21st century

## **An Integrated System**

- A game with a purpose: Build character; train and develop leaders
- A system to train and develop leaders
- "Come to us and be trained as a leader."
- "Give us your future leaders, and we'll train them as leaders."
- An Integrated System
- Not pieces but a whole
- The next part builds on and ties into the previous parts
- A journey—a process with no end
- Recognition at each level
- Put one part into practice and come back for the next
- A common philosophy, approach, terminology and style
- Streamlined: Necessary, Sufficient and Appropriate
- Bit sized-chunks
- Just-in-Time Training
- Format determined by the intent
- Boys and adults in parallel processes—sometimes together, sometimes apart, sometimes adults do the training and sometimes boys do the training
- Clear-cut intended outcomes with metrics for measuring success
- Training that is designed to empower Scout leaders to fulfill their promises

## **What are the skills being taught?**

Communicating Well, Part I

Finding Your Vision, Part I

Setting Your Goals

Preparing Your Plans

Forming Your Team

Problem Solving

Leading EDGE

Teaching EDGE

Resolving Conflicts

Making Ethical Decisions

Leading Yourself

Valuing People

Finding Your Vision, Part II

Communicating Well, Part II

Creating A Future

The course begins with the patrols finding their team vision and ends with the individuals refining a personal vision of how to take the skills back to their home troop and communicate what he has learned.