



# Long Beach Area Council

## *Boy Scouts of America*

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Dear Leader:

The dates for the 2008 National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT), formerly known as Pine Cone or Junior Leader Training (JLT), for the Long Beach Area Council will be June 20 – 22 conducted at Will J. Reid and June 27 – 29 conducted at Camp Tahquitz.

We ask you to distribute a copy of this letter and the enclosed NYLT Staff Application to all of your Adult Leaders and those Youth Leaders (*that have either completed PINE CONE/JLT or NYLT*) that you would recommend to be on Staff, and ask them to return the form to the Council Office, Attention NYLT Roger Olson, not later than November 23, 2007. Interviews will be conducted on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff Development Training will begin in January. **It is necessary that staff members commit to both weekends plus the Staff Development Training sessions.** The fee for staff members is \$100.00.

**WHY A NEW NAME?** The national program features new material and a new focus. A B.S.A. study found both youth and adults of the 21<sup>st</sup> century prefer the term “youth” over “junior”, and this program will be the same all across the country. That means any scout in any council gets the same training (just like Woodbadge). That means... it is a **National** course.

**WHY REPLACE JLT INSTEAD OF ADJUST IT?** JLT elements are over 30 years old – 11 leadership skills focused on a group led by a leader. Today’s leaders in today’s world must work as a **team**. NYLT teaches individual skills and focuses on applying them in team settings. NYLT uses the most contemporary and successful leadership tools available today. Many aspects of JLT and traditions remain as part of NYLT and the conference aligns more with what adults learn in “Woodbadge for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.”

**WHAT IS THE NYLT CONFERENCE?** It is a unique six day conference, presented over two three-day weekends, that simulates a month in the life of a troop. It is conducted in a Troop and Patrol outdoor setting filled with challenges and quests focusing on **BE – KNOW – DO** leadership. Leadership skills are taught not just presented, with memory tips and immediate practical application experiences. Team development and leadership behavior is experienced first hand through a wide range of lively activities such as a camp-wide geocache game using GPS devices. Upon completion participants leave with a toolbox of contemporary leadership skills. This is not a conference to send inexperienced scouts to, to learn scoutcraft skills as it is assumed those skills are already in place. The course is not an alternative to a week at summer camp. The focus is on **leadership development**, not camp or scoutcraft skills.

**HOW DOES THE CONFERENCE OPERATE?** The conference is run as a troop with an experienced older youth training staff supported by a troop committee of veteran scouters. The conference uses the patrol method throughout which gives the participants an opportunity to be a patrol leader for a day while he learns modern leadership skills. There are immediate applications of learning while having fun. The first three days cover the first three weeks in a month of a troop with planning troop meetings, PLC meetings, activities and planning for a big troop event which will test their plans. The scouts will be quite busy.

**NYLT Participant Applications**, to those scouts meeting the requirements listed below, and who you recommend, will be mailed out in October. Attendance at both weekends is also required for participants. The cost for participants will be \$150.00.

**WHO SHOULD YOU RECOMMEND ATTEND?** The course is designed for current Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, or those who may soon serve in similar positions, and older Patrol Leaders, Troop Guides, Den Chiefs or older scouts in any leadership position.

**WHAT ARE THE AGE AND RANK REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS?** By the first day of the conference the participant must be at least 13 years and completed the seventh grade and at least a First Class Scout and have not yet reached the age of 18. The participant must have at least one long term camping experience. It has been established that those younger than 13 often lack the physical and emotional maturity to benefit fully from the NYLT course. Those who have not earned the First Class rank do not have the scouting background, scoutcraft skills, or experience to fulfill their roles as members of their NYLT patrol and troop. Learning scoutcraft skills is not the focus of the conference.

In September, Scoutmaster's will be contacted by one of us to schedule a presentation, at a Troop Meeting, of the NYLT course.

If you have any questions please contact either Roger Olson or Tom Dixon.

Yours in Scouting,

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**2008**  
**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADULT AND YOUTH**  
**STAFF TRAINING APPLICATION FORM**

**(FORMERLY JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING CONFERENCE)**

**STAFF APPLICATION'S ARE DUE FRIDAY, November 23, 2007**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Verdugo Hills Council: District \_\_\_\_\_ Troop number \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Scouting \_\_\_\_\_ Current Position in Scouting \_\_\_\_\_

Other Scouting Positions held, include start/stop dates \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting Awards (include Rank) \_\_\_\_\_

Camping Experience (Summer Camp, Jamboree, High Adventure Bases) \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Training (please provide dates taken) JLT \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Protection \_\_\_\_\_

New Leader Essentials \_\_\_\_\_ SM/ASM Leader Specific Training \_\_\_\_\_

Outdoor Skills Exp \_\_\_\_\_ Woodbadge \_\_\_\_\_ Other (First Aid/CPR/AED, Venturing, Cub, etc)

What do you feel you can contribute to the NYLT course? \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to serve on NYLT staff? \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate staff position preference (1=most desired)

Assistant Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_ Quartermaster \_\_\_\_ Senior Patrol Leader \_\_\_\_

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader \_\_\_\_ Troop Guide \_\_\_\_

**Mail Applications to: Roger Olson, NYLT Course Director, Long Beach Area Council, BSA, 401 E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 7338, Long Beach, CA 90807-0338**