

2017 NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

PARTICIPANT STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND CODE OF CONDUCT

PARTICIPANT NAME (Please Print): _____

Participants agree to comply with this Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct signed by themselves and their parents. Participants also agree to obey the Scout Oath and Law. These rules are in effect throughout the entire NYLT week to further ensure the safety, well-being, and enjoyment of all participants. Although the below items are covered by the Scout Oath and Law and we expect you will follow this personal code of conduct, these items are enumerated in the unlikely event a participant must be sent home.

Statement of Understanding: All participants (Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders) are selected to represent their units based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct as a condition of participation. It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the NYLT course. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior and, only when necessary, will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from NYLT.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout NYLT.
2. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform and NYLT identifying items are the only acceptable apparel.)
3. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other patrol members and leaders.
4. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the patrol, unless otherwise directed by the NYLT program.
5. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all NYLT recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the camp grounds.
6. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any adult or youth member is prohibited.

7. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by participants, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the NYLT course or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The Alamo Area Council NYLT Staff Advisor must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.
8. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
9. I understand that possession of lasers of any type and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
10. I will demonstrate respect for unit and camp property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
11. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
12. While participating in any aquatics or other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
13. In accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
14. Scoutmasters, Assistants, and all Scout Leaders will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.
15. Scoutmasters, Assistants, and all Scout Leaders must receive, prior to NYLT, Venturing Youth Protection Training and follow the guidelines therein if and when onsite at NYLT.
16. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" with hazing.
17. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct participants to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
18. Participants' and staff members' personal skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates, bicycles and golf carts, will not be permitted at the NYLT.
19. Any actions compromising the health and safety of any participant or leader is grounds for dismissal.
20. Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from NYLT at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.

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**KEEP THE ABOVE STATEMENT OF
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FOR YOUR RECORDS AND SUBMIT ONLY THIS
SIGNED SIGNATURE PAGE!!!**

PARTICIPANT NAME (Please Print): _____

I agree to the above Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct and understand that I may be sent home at my parent's expense and with no refund, if, in the opinion of the Course Director and Council Staff Director, I am guilty of gross misconduct or rule violation.

Participant Signature

Date

APPROVAL OF PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

On behalf of my Scout/Venturer and myself, I hereby approve and agree to all the terms and conditions of the Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct. I certify that he/she can meet the health and physical fitness requirements of the NYLT Course and has been examined by a licensed healthcare practitioner. I have read and agree to the provisions in the Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct set forth by the Alamo Area Council as a condition of participation in the upcoming National Youth Leadership Training Course.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date