Youth Leadership Training

Helping our youth develop leadership skills is an important component of what we do in Scouting. BSA offers a three tier structure to provide training, each tier builds upon the other. It is vital we empower our youth with these building blocks down the Scouting path. Your units will undoubtedly see the benefits.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews (ILSC)

The ILST/ILSC courses teach Scouts/Venturers with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Scouts/Venturers understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. ILST/ILSC is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Scouts/Venturers.

Links to Training Material: [ILST (Scouts BSA)](https://www.bsacommons.org/vc/leadership-ilst) / [ILSC (Venturing)](https://www.bsacommons.org/vc/leadership-ilsc)

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the six-day course as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment.

Eligibility: at least 13 years old, First Class Rank, Completed ILST or ILSC

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)

The NAYLE course is an exciting program that enhances leadership skills and expands upon the team-building and ethical decision-making skills learned in NYLT. NAYLE emphasizes leadership, teamwork, and selfless service, and uses the core elements of NYLT to help youth internalize and strengthen these skills. The National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience course is available at Philmont and The Summit. The material presented is basically the same at both venues but is site-specific.

Eligibility: at least 14 years old, Completed ILST or ILSC, and NYLT