

Northern Lights Council

National Youth Leadership Training

Youth Staff Position Descriptions

Senior Patrol Leader

As in any unit, the senior patrol leader is the key leader of an NYLT course. She or he is empowered by the NYLT Scoutmaster to run the troop with the help of the rest of the youth staff and the NYLT patrol leaders.

Duties include:

- Running troop meetings, events, and activities
- Chairing meetings of the leadership council
- Delegating duties and responsibilities to other members of the NYLT youth staff
- Assisting the Scoutmaster with staff training
- Modeling the core learning and leadership messages of the NYLT syllabus
- Recruiting youth participants
- Being well-versed on all core content sessions

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

The assistant senior patrol leaders are prepared to fulfill the duties of the SPL if she or he is unavailable at some point during a course. One ASPL will take responsibility for program matters; another will accept responsibility for service.

Duties include:

- Providing mentoring and coaching to each day's program patrol
- Overseeing the preparation of campfires
- Supporting NYLT presenters with preparations for sessions, meetings, and activities, and ensuring they are prepared
- Overseeing audiovisual support for NYLT sessions
- Modeling the core learning and leadership messages of the NYLT syllabus
- Completing other assignments as determined by the SPL
- Recruiting youth participants

Duties of the ASPL for service include:

- Providing mentoring and coaching for each day's service patrol
- Overseeing preparations of the model campsite on the Orientation Trail (Day One of the NYLT course)
- Conducting daily campsite inspections and guiding patrols in complying with the Daily Campsite Inspection Checklist
- Teaching the daily service patrols to police and clean up troop areas with a Leave No Trace ethic
- Managing presentations of the daily campsite inspection recognitions
- Completing other assignments as determined by the SPL
- Recruiting youth participants

Troop Guides

The role of a troop guide is similar to that of the troop guide in a regular Scout troop. A troop guide will be assigned to each patrol of participants. The number of troop guides needed for a course depends on the number of participants. Troop Guides may be asked if fill additional roles if they are not needed in a patrol. In addition, NYLT troop guides are key to facilitating the NYLT syllabus and advancing each patrol's development.

Duties include:

- Serving the patrol to which he or she is assigned
- Coaching and mentoring each day's patrol leader
- Presenting selected sessions and activities of the NYLT course
- Modeling the core learning and leadership messages of the NYLT syllabus
- Completing other assignments as determined by the SPL
- Recruiting youth participants
- Being well-versed on all core content sessions