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Leatherstocking Council Training News

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AWARD HIGHLIGHT!

Unit Leader Award of Merit

Why?: To encourage units to be strong & viable by attaining certain benchmarks.

This award can be earned by Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Advisors, and Sea Scout Skippers



Seven requirements must be met, with nomination by the top youth leader.

REQUIRED TRAINING

Youth Protection Training

Youth Protection Training (YPT) must be renewed yearly.

Many adult leaders' YPT expires in April 2025. Adult leaders, please check your expiration date.

Key threes of units, please help your adult leaders stay head and renew before lapsing.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING



Thank you to all the Scouts, Scouters, and facilitators who helped make University of Scouting a huge success!



Photos from Baden-Powell facebook page



AWARD RECOGNITION

When youth see adult leaders recognized, it reminds them that the adults care about them and the program!

Unit Commissioners and Unit Training Coordinators should recognize adult leaders with awards.

In the absence of a Commissioner or Training Coordinator, the Unit Advancement Chair should track, recognize, and give out awards.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

IOLS & BALOO

Leather stocking Council
IOLS training for
Scoutmasters and
Assistant Scoutmasters,
BALOO Training for Cub
leaders
May 17-18
[Register here](#)



Cub Position Training



Your training team began offering this as in-person training for small groups in November. If your Pack would like in-person position training, please contact a training team member or your district leadership, and we will set up an opportunity. Ideally, we would combine multiple units from a district into a training class.

SNEAK PEAK!

Cast Iron Cooking Training!

August Date TBD

Learn to plan, cook, and enjoy
cast iron cooking
in a small group setting!



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)



NYLT is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all First Class and above BSA Scouts and Venturing/Sea Scouts with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home unit and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. NYLT is a week-long outdoor experience for current and future Troop, Crew, and Ship leaders. It utilizes the patrol method which is easily applied to Crews and Ships. It presents leadership skills in multiple formats providing the opportunity for participants to live and practice these leadership skills. Nearly all of the training is conducted by the youth staff. The course follows Scouting America's National Youth Leadership Training Curriculum.

NYLT is a six-day course. The six-day course schedule parallels the program month of a typical Scouting unit. The patrol method is used extensively throughout the training. Patrols are on their own to set up campsites, cook meals, and carry out other activities without direct adult supervision. A Troop Guide is assigned to each patrol to advise and be a resource to the participants throughout the learning process. The Troop setting provides an opportunity for youth to practice the newly learned skills providing the home unit with improved effectiveness and enthusiasm from the youth leaders. Troop instructors will help guide their learning. The training guidelines and rules are the same for those found in the Scout Oath & Law, the Outdoor Code, and other national and council practices and procedures.

Longhouse Council and Leatherstocking Council are co hosting our 2025 Course at Camp Woodland in Constantia, NY, August 3-8

Participation Requirements:

Must be a registered member of a Scouting Unit.

Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record form Parts A, B, and C

Have a Unit Leader recommendation

Scouts, BSA members:

Must be at least 13 years old.

Must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops

Must be First Class rank before attending NYLT.

Venturers and Sea Scouts (male and female) must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships.

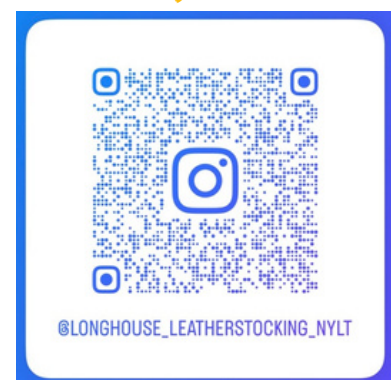
It is recommended that they have had at least one year of camping experience.

While NYLT is not an outdoor skills course, it is important that each participant have basic camping and outdoor cooking experience.

For questions or more information, contact course director Moriah Hamm at moriah_hamm@icloud.com or 508 843 3031.

[Register here](#)

We're on Instagram!



DISTRICT NEWS

Adirondack Foothills

Stay tuned for:
Finances and Fundraising Training
Coming this Spring!
Contact Melanie Chambrone for information

Susquehanna Headwaters

Interested in becoming part of the
Susquehanna Headwaters Training Team?
Contact District Chairman Will Warner

Powderhorn

Do you need in-person Cub leader training for your pack.
Contact Jim Pike or Diane Drake to set up training.

Interested in becoming part of the Powderhorn Training Team?
District Committee meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.
For more information contact District Chairman Brandy Thurston



New Training Page
coming soon to the
Leatherstocking
website!

Helpful links

[Position trained requirements](#)

[Position specific courses](#)

Council Training Committee

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