



Scouting Skills Go Beyond the Troop Meeting

This year, the Garden State Council held 2 National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Courses. Like Wood Badge training for adults, NYLT teaches youth leadership skills to help them lead the Scouts in their units. The results are stronger units with growing programs that fulfill the mission & vision of the Boy Scouts of America.

The skills presented in these courses go far beyond the Pack, Troop, & Crew meetings. Recently, NYLT staff alumni Pete posted this photo online:



Pete was participating in “Head RA” training at the university he is attending. He explained that the presenter had cancelled at that last minute; when Pete learned what the topic was, he was ready to step up on a moment’s notice, and teach the group those same skills he had taught to the youth Scouts attending NYLT in previous years.

After seeing the post, NYLT Staff Alumni Steve, commented about how he was teaching the RAs at his college other NYLT materials to help them plan programs for the students, as well how to develop SMART Goals. Other skills included how to use EDGE, WHWW, and ROPE.

As Pete says, “There’s so much carry over between the two.”

To all the Scouts who recently graduated from the National Youth Leadership Training Course this summer: do not hesitate to use and practice the skills taught as they will stay with you for the rest of your lives. For the volunteer leaders interested in this advanced training, be sure to register for the upcoming Wood Badge Course at dk.GardenStateScouting.org/WoodBadge.

Scouting is still as relevant today as it has always been in the past, and we thank Scouts like Pete and Steve for sharing their stories.



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