“What is your vision?” is just one of the questions for you when you attend the Great Rivers Council National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course. You’ll learn leadership skills and concepts that are based on the very best of modern leadership theory and practices. The course will help you become a better leader, a better scout, and a better individual. You’ll learn skills that will help you at home, at school, at church, in a job, and for a career.

This course could change your life. You’ll get to work with others to learn that a vision is a picture of success. You’ll acquire a toolbox of leadership skills. You’ll practice, with your patrol, to put plans into action. You’ll make new friends and learn how to make your own scout and crew activities more fun and exciting. You’ll learn about the stages of leadership, and how to effectively serve others.

Leading yourself and others. You’ll learn what you must BE (your character and what you are as a person), what you must KNOW (your knowledge and skills), and what you must DO (your actions) to be an effective leader.

FUN activities and campfires. You’ll participate in model planning, activity, and outing meetings that you can take home to your own troop or crew. The course is like a model “month in the life of a Unit.” You’ll participate in outdoor cooking, a geocaching and GPS activity, team games, and an overnight backpacking trip. You’ll learn ways to make scouting exciting at every meeting. You’ll learn new games, contests, songs, and ways to make campfires sparkle. You’ll eat ice cream almost every day.

This course is the best of Scouting. You will gain the skills and confidence to lead well. You’ll camp, work, play, and learn as part of a patrol in a model Unit. Your patrol will be assisted by a staff member who will help you succeed.

Get ready for NAYLE, the advanced opportunity at Philmont. This course is required to attend the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

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When Is It?
The course will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2020, and end at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020.

Where Is It?
The course will be held at Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation (Camp Hohn) near Laurie, Missouri.

Who Can Attend?
Scouts/venturers who want to learn, have fun, camp, lead, and do their best! Scouts/venturers who want to learn how to be a servant leader.

By the start of the course, Scouts must be at least 13 years old, be First Class rank, and have two years of Scout summer camp experience. Venture/Sea Scouts must be at least 14 years of age or 13 and have completed 8th grade.

What Is The Cost?
The course fee is $260 if the total is paid by July 1, 2020. This covers training materials, program supplies, meals, camp fees, troop and patrol equipment, three T-shirts, hat, patch, Silver Bars recognition beads, and a certificate. Most Units help pay all or part of the fee as an investment in their scout leaders.

There is a non-refundable $50 deposit due in the Council Office to register. The balance of $210 is due by July 1, 2020, to avoid the late fee. The late fee is $50.00. A total fee of $310 is due if paid after July 1, 2020. There will be no refunds for cancellations after July 1, 2020.

How Do I Sign Up?
Complete the registration form and send it with your deposit to the Council Office. Forms are at the Council Office or www.bsa-grc.org.

Uniforms and Equipment
Participants will need their Field Uniform (Class A) shirt only. Three (3) NYLT T-shirts and hat will be provided. NYLT shirts will be laundered twice during the course.

For equipment, you should provide your own personal camping gear plus a lightweight backpacking-type tent. An equipment list will be sent after the deposit is received.

Role of Your Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor
The course is designed to strengthen the relationship between you and your unit leader. Your scoutmaster, assistant scoutmasters, parents, crew advisor, and crew president are encouraged to attend the closing feast and final ceremony on Saturday, August 1, 2020.

The feast begins at 5:30 p.m. at the “Show and Do” shelter at Lake of the Ozarks Scout Reservation. The closing ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Fingland Shelter. Scouts will be ready to depart at 8:30 p.m.

Please Note!
The NYLT course is a highly structured training experience. Scouts/Venturers will work on leadership skills, not rank advancement or merit badges. There is no "down time" during the week.

Where Can I Get More Information?
The Council Office will have registration forms and information fact sheets. You can also find these resources at www.bsa-grc.org under Training/NYLT. For course specifics, please contact Course Director Dawn Seiling at DawnSeiling@yahoo.com and 573-999-9453.