

## ***Presenting NYLT and Wood Badge during the COVID-19 pandemic.***

*Many councils have NYLT or Wood Badge courses scheduled to occur during the summer and fall of 2020. Those council staffs are discussing how to present the curriculum while maintaining increased sanitation, disease prevention and suggested or mandated social distancing while still adhering to the NYLT or Wood Badge curriculum. Scouting U maintains these courses **must be presented in-person and face-to-face**. However, to accommodate local and government guidelines, we recruited experienced NYLT and Wood Badge course directors and volunteers knowledgeable about challenge events to evaluate each curriculum and propose modifications, which may be used by a course staff. These modifications can only be used when a council course is restricted from using the published curriculum due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attached, you will find a list of activities for each curriculum with allowable, alternate activities that provide more distance for participants and a healthier environment.*

*Additionally, NYLT and Wood Badge course directors must confirm with their local council whether the course may occur, the maximum size of the group that can gather, and other restrictions appropriate for the jurisdiction. Councils can make these determinations by working closely with their council health supervisor and local health department. NYLT and Wood Badge staff should refer to BSA "Safety Moments", <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/communicable-disease-prevention>, <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/pre-event-medical-screening/>, the BSA recommendations for prevention of communicable diseases, [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-103\(18\) Prev of CommunicableDiseases.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-103(18) Prev of CommunicableDiseases.pdf), <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html> and local guidelines to determine any change in course preparations and logistics of a local course. Such changes may occur in the way you serve food, congregate as a group, tenting, sanitation, etc.*

*If your council chooses to postpone your NYLT or Wood Badge course, please email your Area Training Chair, Kathy Craig, [Kathy.Craig@scouting.org](mailto:Kathy.Craig@scouting.org) and Skylar Henderson, [Skylar.Henderson@scouting.org](mailto:Skylar.Henderson@scouting.org). Provide your council name, any assigned course number, current scheduled date of course, new scheduled date of course, name of course director, assistant course director and scheduled venue; a new application is not required. If your council is changing a course director, assistant course director or the host venue, then you must submit a new application to host a NYLT or Wood Badge course.*

### ***Attachments:***

- 1. FAQs for postponing or cancelling NYLT or Wood Badge courses due to COVID-19*
- 2. Replacement activities for Wood Badge*
- 3. Replacement activities for NYLT*