

2010 NLS and NLATS

National Leadership Seminar

The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and characteristics of leadership. It is intended primarily to enhance the leadership skills of the Order of the Arrow's key youth and adult members, as they seek to improve their service to the Boy Scouts of America and the greater community.



The NLS will provide participants with:

1. A challenging, inspiring, and enjoyable learning experience
2. A better understanding of the skills of leadership, and how to apply them
3. A better understanding of themselves and of other people
4. A realization that, with practice and work, everyone can improve their leadership skills
5. An understanding that leadership skills work in tandem with one another
6. An understanding that different situations require the application of different leadership skills
7. A model with which to evaluate themselves and others in the use of leadership skills

Each NLS is delivered by a training team selected and approved by the Region Key 3, and includes former and current Section and National Officers of the Order of the Arrow.

Who Should Attend:

Lodge officers, key youth lodge committee chairs, and up-and-coming lodge youth leadership are encouraged to attend. It is recommended that youth participants be at least 14 years of age, and completion of the LLD program is recommended, but not mandatory.

In addition, selected adults with key roles in lodge leadership are encouraged to attend, as they will better understand their role as advisers to youth leadership after studying the leadership skills presented.

The course is designed for one-time participation, and is limited to 60 participants per NLS. As such, the Region recommends limiting adult participation to 1 adult per 3 youth participants. It is understood that this recommendation may require flexibility due to transportation and youth protection issues; the important point is to make every attempt to provide priority to lodge youth leadership with this valuable learning opportunity.

NLS Weekend Schedule:

The NLS is a full weekend course designed to impart understanding of leadership skills in a "building block" fashion. As such, participants are expected to be in attendance **for the entire weekend** - missing the beginning or any other part of the weekend would significantly detract from the overall learning experience.

Each NLS begins with Registration on Friday, between 6 - 8 PM. Participants are expected to arrive during that time interval. There will be a cracker-barrel Friday night, but no Friday evening meal will be served, so make your meal plans accordingly for that evening. The NLS weekend will not be complete until 1:30 PM on Sunday, after the Closing Banquet / lunch. Please make travel plans accordingly.

National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar

The National Lodge Adviser Training Seminar (NLATS) is a weekend conference focusing on the skills and attributes of effective lodge advisers. It is intended primarily to enhance an adviser's knowledge of and connectivity with the OA's strategic plan, program and resources, while emphasizing personal skills that are essential to the development of effective youth leadership and ultimately the OA's service to the council.



What types of topics are Covered?

The NLATS program provides key advisers with information on such areas as:

- The Mission of the Lodge
- The Order's Strategic Plan
- The Lodge as an Integral Part of the Council
- Lodge and Chapter Workings
- Lodge Communications
- Lodge Finances
- Lodge Program and Awards
- The Order of the Arrow in Summer Camp
- OA Troop/Team Representative Program
- OA History and Traditions
- Unit Elections
- Ordeal Inductions
- OA Ceremonies
- Working with Youth
- New Member Support and Retention
- Lodge Leader Development Conference
- Overview National BSA/OA Program Areas of Emphasis

Who Should Attend?

It is recommended that participants be lodge advisers or staff advisers and those with lodge adviser potential, as approved by the local council Scout executive. Prior completion of a Lodge Leader Development Conference (LLDC) and the National Leadership Seminar (NLS) are desirable. The NLATS is an intensive experience in learning about the nature of lodge program, delivery of service to the council, and development of youth leadership necessary to both. While it is designed to be fun, the course is mentally challenging as well. Participants should be open to learning and prepared to actively engage in an invigorating weekend.

2010 NLS / NLATS Dates

February 19 - 21	NLS / NLATS - Canton, MS
October 1 - 3	NLS - Jacksboro, TX and Radford, VA
November 5 - 7	NLS / NLATS - Radford, VA

NLS Application Form:

http://southern.oa-bsa.org/filestore/2010_NLS_Application.pdf

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