## NYLT Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

## **Statement of Understanding:**

All NYLT course staff and participants <u>are selected</u> to represent their local councils based on their qualifications and character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, NYLT course staff, participants, and their parents or guardians are asked to read this code of conduct and statement of understanding as a condition of participation. Misconduct may result in expulsion from the NYLT course. Ultimately, we want each staff member and participant to be responsible for their behavior.

## **Code of Conduct:**

- 1. The Scout/Venturing Oath and Scout Law will guide my actions during the NYLT course.
- 2. I will set an excellent example through neatness of dress in the NYLT course uniform.
- 3. I will attend all scheduled programs and actively participate in the NYLT course.
- 4. I will keep my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will do more than my share to prevent littering in our camp.
- 5. I understand alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are prohibited.
- 6. Severe and/or repetitive behavior violations will result in immediate expulsion (examples include and are not limited to cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing).
- 7. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
- 8. I understand the improper use of lasers and possession of fireworks will result in expulsion.
- 9. I will demonstrate respect for course materials and camp property and be personally responsible for any loss, damage, or vandalism due to my actions.
- 10. Staff is not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and leave valuable items at home.
- 11. I will obey Youth Protection Guidelines, the Guide to Safe Scouting, and staff instructions.
- 12. Firearms and other weapons are prohibited per local and federal laws.
- 13. The Scout/Venturing Oath and Scout Law will guide unit leaders and assistants.
- 14. All NYLT staff (adults and youth) must complete Youth Protection Training before the course.
- 15. Hazing, bullying, or any action that fails to show respect for an individual has no place in Scouting. It may result in expulsion from the NYLT course.
- 16. Violations of this code may result in expulsion from the NYLT course. All decisions will be final.
- 17. All NYLT adult leaders are responsible for supervising all staff and participants.
- 18. I certify that my parent/guardian and I have read the Statement of Understanding and agree to abide by the conditions in the Code of Conduct.

 _Scout Signature
 _Scout Name Printed
Parent Signature