



The National Leadership Seminar (NLS) is a weekend training program focusing on leadership development. Run by the Region Chief and his Advisers, it provides an in-depth look at leadership skills and techniques. An NLS discusses how these skills can be applied in your role in the OA and in other aspects of your life.

The NLS program is offered several times a year at various locations in each region. Scheduled dates are given on the [National OA Program Calendar](#), and are published in the Order of the Arrow's *National Bulletin*. More detailed information is available from your lodge leaders, the Section Chief or Adviser, or the Region Chief or Region Chair.

Each region runs their NLS program independently, so detailed information on upcoming NLS sessions is usually available on the appropriate region web site. (The region web sites can be reached from the [Official Links](#) page.)

If you are interested in attending an NLS, please contact your Lodge Chief or Adviser for registration information.

As one Arrowman described his NLS experience:

"I just returned from one of the greatest leadership courses around. The NLS course is a winner..."

"I didn't even get out of the room after the second or third session before I was putting the new knowledge to use. The use of movie clips to drive home points of leadership works well..."

"The Staff for the training was excellent. We were privileged to have our National Vice-Chief, the Region Chief, and several Section Chiefs and various members of the National OA Committee. A Great staff."

"Well, I have now been given more useful tools to use to help the Arrowmen in my Council improve themselves and the Lodge. I feel a little less nervous about my own position...."

"If and when you get the chance to attend a NLS, GO!"



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.

The NLATS session is a brand new training program. The course is designed for one-time participation. Each Region offers at least one NLATS each year. There is also a session offered at the Philmont training center each summer.

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.

The Southern Region Training Schedule

2010

October 1-3, 2010	Sid Richardson SR (NLS/NLATS)	Jacksboro, TX
November 5-7, 2010	Claytor Lake Aquatics Center (NLS/NLATS)	Radford, VA

2011

February 18-20, 2011	Camp Widjiwagen (NLS/NLATS)	Nashville, TN
September 16-18, 2011	T Bar M Resort (NLS only)	New Braunsfels, TX
October 14-16, 2011	Florida Sea Base (SOS only)	Islamorada, FL
November 11-13, 2011	Florida FFA Center (NLS/NLATS)	Haines City, FL

The Registration Process

Registration will be made through the council. Each council will have someone designated to input the registrant's information into an on-line registration system. The council will be responsible for payment of registration fees and will be billed directly for all who are registered from their council. The Lodge must make arrangements with the council for fee transfers from the Lodge custodial account if the Lodge is paying for training fees. This means that the Lodge Chief, the Lodge Adviser and the Lodge Staff Adviser must work closely to make sure all registrations are done correctly and in a timely manner. Attached is the link to the registration portal. Please make sure your Lodge leadership knows the registration process and follows it! Each new registrant will be asked for an email address and a password. These should be the personal unique email and password for each registrant so that they can make corrections to their personal information and so that they can receive their registration confirmation and conference directions.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE YOUR OWN REGISTRATION. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS WITHOUT THE COUNCIL ACCOUNT NUMBER FOR YOUR FEE PAYMENT.

The registration link is:

<http://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x213573b1e>