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Dear Scoutmaster:

Bear Claw National Youth Leadership Training is the youth leader development course for the Theodore Roosevelt Council. The course will be offered for one week in July at Onteora Scout Reservation (August 5-11, 2012). The **application and associated forms** are available at www.trcbsa.org on the Bear Claw NYLT page.

- Scoutmasters and parents are invited to an informational meeting Thursday night, March 1, 2012 at 8:00 PM, Kellenberg HS – Uniondale.
- A mandatory meeting for enrolled participants, parents, and leaders will be held Sunday, May 20, 2012 at 2:00 PM, Kellenberg HS – Uniondale.

Bear Claw strives to improve the leadership skills of the youth attending the course. We will teach your youth leaders how to be a leader by introducing him to team building skills that are essential for any troop leadership role. Over the course of their daily chores and activities, the scouts will practice the skills on each other by exchanging roles and sharing responsibilities. In addition, the tools of leadership are taught.

Each youth leader applying for the course must be at least First Class, **13 years of age by June 1** or older to be eligible, and currently filling a leadership position in your Troop or likely to assume a leadership position soon. In addition to the self-assessment that each participant will submit, Scoutmasters will fill out the SM assessment form for the participant, which must be submitted with the application.

No exceptions can be made to age and rank requirements. (Experience has proven that scouts under the age of 13 do not have the maturity to get the full potential from the course, and that 14-17 year old scouts are the ideal age group).

Scouts must have a working knowledge of camping, hiking and open fire and low-impact cooking skills. All meals will be prepared by the participants.

This year, the course will be comprised of 8 patrols of 6 scouts each. Registration for the courses is available from February 1, to May 1, 2012. Each troop will be able to submit one participant for registration, and may submit an additional 3 participants to be placed on a waiting list. **Please make as many copies of the application and evaluation pages as you need.**

We look forward to working with your youth leaders.

Yours in Scouting,

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Course Director