



25 April, 2017

Reference: National Youth Leadership Training  
Western Massachusetts Council, Boy Scouts of America

Dear School Administrator:

The Western Massachusetts Council of the Boy Scouts of America holds a National Youth Leadership Training conference every year at the Moses Scout Reservation located in Russell, Massachusetts. This is a weeklong nationally recognized program. It prepares youth for leadership roles in their Troop, School, Community, and Nation. The council has scheduled this conference for the last week of June for the past 47 years. This year's snow days are presenting a challenge with the extended school calendar. We are requesting that you release the eligible students, who plan on attending this year's conference on Friday, June 23, 2017 so they may arrive on Saturday, June 24 for this Leadership conference.

The Conference covers various sessions including Vision, Communicating, Planning, Problem Solving, Conflict Resolution, Making Ethical Decisions, The Leading and Teaching E.D.G.E., (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide and Enable) Smart Goals, Valuing Others, Diversity, in addition to team building and other leadership skills which provide the youth with skills for their lifetime.

The daily routine is rigorous as they are up early and engaged for the entire day. Your support of this program is deeply appreciated. If you have additional questions about this educational leadership program opportunity, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank You

Yours in Scouting,

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The Parents of \_\_\_\_\_ are requesting early release from school without penalty.

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