The “umbrella” movie license eliminates the liability exposure for the Local Council and the National Service Center concerning the presentation of movies or movie clips in connection with Wood Badge, NYLT or other Council facilities and events.

Every Wood Badge and NYLT course is required to pay for and obtain a copy of the National Umbrella License by visiting this link https://laserfiche.scouting.org/Forms/MPLCMovieLicense and paying the appropriate fees.

Note: The form has been updated and you can pay for multiple courses at one time

Fees:  Wood Badge - $200 per course        NYLT - $100 per course

If your council does not conduct Wood Badge or NYLT, you may still obtain a license by visiting the above link and selecting “Council events (no Courses)”. This will provide you the ability to show movies at camp or other council events in accordance with the license agreement.

If your council pays the appropriate fees for your course(s), you may use the license for other events with additional fees.

FAQ

• **How do I know if a particular movie is covered under the license?** Once you pay the appropriate fees, you will receive a copy of the license and instructions on how to check your movie title choices. This will happen automatically in a separate email. Wood Badge and NYLT movie clips, that are written into the syllabi, are already cleared.

• **What is a “Public Performance”?** How many times have you seen the FBI warning at the beginning of a DVD or VHS movie? Next time you pop a DVD into the player, read it closely. It states that the movie is for “Home Use Only.” Home Use means just that, viewing of a movie at home by family or a close circle of friends.

• **What the Law says.** Under the Copyright Revision Act of 1976 all non-private exhibitors of registered copyrighted videos or DVD’s must obtain a Public Performance License. “Willful” infringement for commercial or financial gain is a federal crime carrying a maximum sentence of up to five years in jail and/or a $250,000 fine.

• **If I don’t charge admission, do I still need a license?** Yes. Copyright laws apply whether or not admission is charged.

• **I own the movie. Do I still need a license to show it outside of my home?** Yes. Neither the rental, purchase, or lending of a video or DVD carries with it the right to exhibit movies outside the home.

• **What if we are a Non-profit organization, church, or government agency? Do we still need a license?** Yes. Copyright laws apply to all viewings of movies that take place outside of the privacy of a home, regardless of the organization holding the event.

• **Who manages the Movie License process for the National Office?** Scouting U is responsible for the movie license process. Contact Kathy Craig at kathy.craig@scouting.org with your questions.