

# **National Youth Leadership Training**

**Course Dates: August 7-9, 2009 and 13-15, 2010  
At Camp Raven Knob**

Training of the youth leaders of a troop is important in helping the individual Scout and the unit grow. The Boy Scouts of America has developed a training experience that has proven very valuable in the training of youth leaders.

The course will stress two areas of benefit to youth leaders: (1) outdoor living skills and how they can be passed on to the other members of the unit and patrol, and (2) the skills of leadership that will make the youth leader more effective in his/her job.

## **What is National Youth Leadership Training?**

The National Youth Leadership Training is an outdoor experience for youth leaders in support of the Unit Leader's (i.e. Scoutmaster or Advisor) responsibility for the training of a Unit's youth leaders. Participants will sleep in tents, prepare their own meals by patrols, and will be expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

## **What is its purpose?**

- To give Scouts the confidence and knowledge to lead the unit program
- To give Scouts a basic knowledge of the eleven skills of leadership and help them relate these skills to their unit responsibilities
- To give Scouts the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from other troops
- To create an atmosphere in which Scouts will experience the patrol method at its best
- To enhance the relationship between the Scout and his/her Scout leader
- To have fun!

## **Who may attend?**

Scouts will participate in the NYLT course in patrols formed of Scouts from throughout the Council, typically with Scouts they have not met before the course. It is highly recommended, therefore, that each course participant be of sufficient maturity and experience as reflected in these requirements: First Class Scout, 13 years - old, and have served or are currently serving as a Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, or Senior Patrol Leader, or likely to assume one of these positions soon. The Scout should also have a strong personal desire to attend the course. (Equivalent requirements should be followed for selecting Venturer and Sea Scout participants)

The course is limited to 48 participants. It will be on a first come first serve basis. Should more than 48 participants register, a waiting list will be formed. Those not selected for this course will be eligible to be considered for the course to be held in 2011 (date to be determined).

## **What are the dates and location of the Course?**

The NYLT course itself will be held at Camp Raven Knob. Participants need to arrive for check-in starting at 9:30 am on Saturday, August 7, and need to have eaten breakfast. Everyone must be checked-in by 10:30 am; the course will commence at this time. Scouts can be picked up on Monday, August 9 at 6:00 pm. For the second weekend, participants must arrive by 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 12. A cracker barrel will be provided that evening. The graduation ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm on Sunday, August 15.

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## **What is the cost?**

The course fee is \$125 and includes all meals, program supplies, and recognition items. A deposit of \$50 is to accompany the registration form, with the balance of \$75 due by July 23, 2010. The full amount can be paid with this registration. If the course fee is not paid by July 23rd, the next boy on the waiting list will have the opportunity to participate. After July 23, 2010, no refunds will be given unless the slot is filled by another youth. No additional registrations will be accepted after July 23, 2010. The course will be limited to 48 participants, so early registration is encouraged. If you pay by check, please make it out to Old Hickory Council and note "Top Gun" NYLT on the check.

## **Are any other forms or special equipment required?**

An equipment list will be sent to each participant with his course confirmation by July 26, 2010. Most Scouts participating in an active troop or crew with a good outdoor program should have the necessary gear (Sea Scouts and Explorers may need to look into acquiring or borrowing the appropriate gear). There are no special uniform requirements, but each participant should bring their official Scout uniform (Class A), and ensure that badges are properly placed and that the Scout uniform is worn correctly. Each participant should submit a Personal Health and Medical Record with their registration form, but must be received no later than July 23, 2010 (this is the same medical form required for summer camp). They are available from the Old Hickory Council or its website, [www.oldhickorycouncil.org](http://www.oldhickorycouncil.org).

## **New for this year!**

This year, Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts can enroll in Top Gun! In order to offer every young person in Scouting the opportunity to grow and develop leadership skills, this course is now open to young men and women who are Scouts in a Venturing Crew, Explorer Post or Sea Scout Ship in addition to Boy Scouts who meet the minimum requirements.

## **Where can we get more information?**

Additional information, medical forms, and registration forms can be obtained from:

"Top Gun" National Youth Leadership Training  
Old Hickory Council  
6600 Silas Creek Pkwy.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

## **Course Director Information**

This year's course director is Juan "Kojak" Torain, better known as JT. JT is highly qualified to be course director, as he is Wood Badge trained and is part of Wood Badge staff; has been on the staff of TOP GUN for the past two years; is an OHC trainer; was course director for past council and district events; a member of the District Committee; has been ASM and is now SM for Troop 877.

Any questions about the course can be directed to him by his cell phone or email:

Cell Phone: 336-775-6113  
Email: [juanvtorain@yahoo.com](mailto:juanvtorain@yahoo.com)

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### NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM (Part 1) Course Dates: August 7-9, 2010 and 13-15, 2010, Camp Raven Knob \$125 Participant Fee

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My friends call me \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ School and Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
District \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leadership Position \_\_\_\_\_  
List other leadership positions and how long they were held \_\_\_\_\_  
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Scouting awards held:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State a fair evaluation of your physical condition:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Scouting training courses and dates:  
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Other awards and extracurricular activities  
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State why you decided to participate in NYLT and what you expect to gain from it.  
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#### Deliver or Mail Registration Form to:

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**Office use Only**  
**Event "Top Gun"**

Date Registration Received in Office \_\_\_\_\_

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### NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM (Part 2)

Here is my registration for the National Youth Leadership Training to be held at Camp Raven Knob, August 7-9, 2010 and August 13-15, 2010. I understand the course fee is \$125 and must be paid by July 23, 2010. A deposit of \$50 or the full amount accompanies this registration.

On my honor as a Scout, I promise that I will faithfully live according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law during the National Youth Leadership Training and thereafter. I will represent my troop with honor and do all I can to pass along my new knowledge and skills to my fellow Scouts. I understand that I must be at least a First Class Scout, 13 years of age, and hold a troop leader position (patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, or senior patrol leader) or are capable of filling a leadership position.

**Participant Understanding** (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

**Approval of Parent or Guardian:** I approve the attendance of my son named above at the National Youth Leadership Training to be held at Camp Raven Knob, August 7-9 and August 13-15, 2010. I understand I must complete the Personal Health and Medical Record for my son/daughter by July 23, 2010. Additionally, in the event of illness or accident in the course of this activity, I request that measures be instituted without delay as the judgment of medical personnel dictates.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Person to be contacted in emergency if parent or guardian cannot be reached:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Leader Approval:** This Scout has my approval to attend the National Youth Leadership Training. This Scout is currently serving in a leadership position, or has the potential, and he is at least First Class Rank and 13 years of age; OR, this young man or woman is serving in a leadership position, or has the potential, and is a Venturer, Explorer or Sea Scout.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Address \_\_\_\_\_