

# **National Youth Leadership Training**

Training of the youth leaders of a troop is important in helping the individual Scouts and the units 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 their Unit Leader's (i.e. Scoutmaster or Advisor) responsibility for the training of a Unit's youth leaders. Participants will backpack, 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 & 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. As long as the qualifications are met, 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 2012 (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 6, 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 8 at 6:00 pm. For the second weekend, participants must arrive by 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 11. A cracker barrel will be provided that evening. The graduation ceremony will begin at 6:30 pm on Sunday, August 14.

The logo features the words "TOP GUN" in a large, bold, metallic font with a red and white striped wing-like graphic on either side. Below this, the words "National Youth Leadership Training" are written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

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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 1, 2011. The full amount can be paid with this registration. If the course fee is not paid by July 1st, the next boy on the waiting list will have the opportunity to participate. After July 1, 2011, no refunds will be given unless the slot is filled by another youth. No registrations will be accepted after July 1, 2011 without prior approval from the Course Director. 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/her course confirmation by July 5, 2011. 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 it must be received no later than July 1, 2011 (this is the same medical form required for summer camp). They are available from the Old Hickory Council office or online at [www.OLDHICKORYCOUNCIL.ORG](http://www.OLDHICKORYCOUNCIL.ORG).

### **Not New for this year but still new!**

Last year the Old Hickory Council was one of a select few to lead the way with offering the course to Venturers, Explorers and Sea Scouts. This year we are expecting even more to 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.

### **Course Director Information**

This year's course director is Jimmy "Zoom" Holder. Jimmy is very qualified to be course director: he is Wood Badge trained; has been on the staff of TOP GUN for the past two years; attended NYLT Course Director Conference; and has been ASM for several years with Troop 919 in Pfafftown, NC.

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

Cell Phone: 336-399-7257

Email: [jholder@jksmotorsports.com](mailto:jholder@jksmotorsports.com)



**National Youth Leadership Training  
REGISTRATION FORM (Part 1)**

**Course Dates: August 6-8, 2011 and 12-14, 2011,  
Camp Raven Knob  
\$125 Participant Fee**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My Callsign \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

City, ST, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ School and Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leadership Position(s) \_\_\_\_\_

List past leadership position(s) and how long they were held \_\_\_\_\_

State a fair evaluation of your physical condition:

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List any completed Scouting training courses and dates:

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State why you decided to participate in NYLT and what you expect to gain from it.

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**Statement of Understanding**

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 I am capable of filling a leadership position.

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## National Youth Leadership Training REGISTRATION FORM (Part 2)

All NYLT course participants are selected to represent their local troops and councils based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. NYLT course participants and their parents or guardians must read this Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding, and the Scout must agree to abide by them as a condition of participation. Ultimately, each participant must be responsible for his own behavior, and any serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion from the NYLT Course.

### Code of Conduct

1. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the NYLT course. I agree to obey the safety rules and instructions of all staff members.
2. I understand that NYLT adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of all staff and participants, and will maintain discipline, security, safety and adherence to the NYLT course Code of Conduct. I understand that all NYLT adult leaders will abide by the Scout Oath and Law and all U.S., state and local laws.
3. I will label all my personal items and leave valuable items at home. Neither NYLT course staff nor the BSA camp staff will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items.
4. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed & presentable in the proper NYLT course uniform.
5. I will attend and participate in all scheduled programs and will cooperate with other NYLT course participants.
6. In consideration for other participants, I agree to follow the "Lights Out" and sleep schedule of the course.
7. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean and neat. I will do my share to prevent littering of the BSA camp we are using.
8. I will demonstrate respect for NYLT course and BSA camp property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
9. I understand that the following behaviors are expressly forbidden and will be grounds for my immediate expulsion from NYLT:
  - purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages
  - purchase, possession, or consumption of illegal drugs
  - possession or use of firearms or dangerous weapons
  - possession or detonation of fireworks
  - theft
  - intentionally threatening or injuring others
  - intentionally damaging property
10. I understand that serious and/or repetitive personal behavior violations, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, possession of lasers of any type, gambling, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, cursing, hazing or any action which fails to show respect for an individual will result in my expulsion from the NYLT course.
11. I understand that serious violations of this code may result in expulsion from the NYLT course at my own expense. There are no refunds of course fees. All decisions by the Course Director are final.

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

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### REGISTRATION FORM (Part 3)

#### Approval of Parent or Guardian:

This registration packet is for Scout \_\_\_\_\_ to attend National Youth Leadership Training to be held at Camp Raven Knob, August 6-8, 2011 and August 12-14, 2011. I understand the course fee is \$125 and must be paid by July 1, 2011. A deposit of \$50 (non-refundable) or the full amount accompanies this registration. Furthermore, I approve the attendance of my son/daughter named above at the National Youth Leadership Training to be held at Camp Raven Knob on the above dates. I understand I must complete the BSA Annual Health Form for my son/daughter by July 1, 2011. 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/she 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### Deliver or Mail Registration Form along with BSA Health Form to:

"Top Gun" National Youth Leadership Training  
Old Hickory Council  
6600 Silas Creek Pkwy.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27106  
Phone: 336-760-2900 / Fax: 336-531-0736

**OFFICE USE ONLY for event "Top Gun"**  
Date Registration Received in Office \_\_\_\_\_