



## National Youth Leadership Training 2016



Dear Unit Leader,

The **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) Course**, also known in Mecklenburg County as Top Gun, has two course sessions scheduled this summer. Session one is Monday, June 20th to Saturday, June 25th. Session two is Monday, June 27th to Saturday, July 2nd. The course will stress how training and good leadership is critical to the success for Scout units. This course is designed specifically for Senior Patrol Leaders and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders of Troops, Presidents and Vice Presidents of Venturing Crews, Captains and Program Managers of Varsity Teams, and Boatswain and Boatswain's mate of Sea Scouts, and Scouts who might serve in those positions in the coming years.

To become an NYLT trained leader, a candidate must be at least a Star Scout or equivalent, 14 years old, and has met or will be meeting the leadership positions mentioned above to register for this training course. The participant must have attended his or her own unit level leadership training to be considered for this course. The NYLT course will combine the latest leadership training with low-impact backpacking. Therefore, it is important that the Scout has good hiking, camping, and cooking skills. It is highly recommended that all candidates have learned the following skills prior to the course: First Aid, Camping, Hiking, Backpacking, Wilderness Survival, and Cooking.

**The Scout(s) must have your recommendation to be considered for this course.**

Both the unit and attending youth Scout leaders will benefit in two major areas of concentration from this course: How to teach Scout skills to other Scouts and how leadership skills and practical application will make the unit youth leader more confident in running the unit.

**Each Course is limited to 48 participants.** Registration is on a first come first serve basis and each unit can register two (2) participants and (2) alternates total. The date your registration form, including the deposit, is received at the Council office, and the course session selected will determine your Scouts' placement in the course. Candidates and alternates listed on the registration form must meet all criteria in order to be considered registered, including attendance to the pre-course meeting, and signed code of conduct and medical forms. Alternates may *possibly* be called to replace "no shows," cancellations, and/or if the original candidate(s) does not meet the criteria at the pre-course meeting and until all spaces are filled. If an alternate is not called, his or her deposit can be transferred to your unit's attendees' account balance or refunded under Council policy. **There will be no refunds after May 8.** Attached is the registration form for the course.

**As a prerequisite to the course, unit leaders must attend a pre-course meeting about the course content and what to expect from your Scouts when they return. This meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 7th at 8:00am and will last for about 1 hour. You also must commit to hold a post-course session with your Scouts on how to best use their newly acquired skills. With your help, this training course can make a positive difference in the lives of the Scouts and their home units.**

If you have any questions, please contact Renee Hasting, Course Director, by e-mail ([cmrenee.hastings@gmail.com](mailto:cmrenee.hastings@gmail.com)). Please visit the NYLT – TOP GUN website ([topgun.mcc-bsa.org](http://topgun.mcc-bsa.org)) for additional information.



**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE  
2016  
RESERVATION FORM**

**From Unit No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
**District** \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll the following Scouts in the National Youth Leadership Training Course.

It is understood that the Scouts listed are currently serving as the unit leader or assistant unit leader, or has been elected to serve in one of these positions in the upcoming year. Each Scout has achieved the rank of **Star or equivalent and is (or will be) 14 years of age or older when the course begins and has completed the unit level leadership training.** Please do not list more than 2 alternates.

**NOTE:** Reservations cannot be accepted without unit leader's approval. Registrations must be received at the Council office by Friday April 8th, 2016. Course cost per Scout is \$285; subtract \$25 for registrations and deposit received before March 18th, 2016.

**CANDIDATE ONE** *(Please print legibly)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **(when course begins)** **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hat size (circle one)** S-M L-XL XL-XXL **Shirt size (circle one)** S M L XL XXL  
**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Session (circle one)** Session 1 (June 20 – June 25, 2016) OR Session 2 (June 27 - July 2, 2016)

**CANDIDATE TWO** *(Please print legibly)*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **(when course begins)** **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Hat size (circle one)** S-M L-XL XL-XXL **Shirt size (circle one)** S M L XL XXL  
**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent Email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Session (circle one)** Session 1 (June 20 – June 25, 2016) OR Session 2 (June 27 - July 2, 2016)

**ALTERNATE ONE**

*(Please print legibly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ (when course begins) Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Hat size (circle one) S-M L-XL XL-XXL Shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Session (circle one) Session 1 (June 20 – June 25, 2016) OR Session 2 (June 27 - July 2, 2016)

**ALTERNATE TWO**

*(Please print legibly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ (when course begins) Gender \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Hat size (circle one) S-M L-XL XL-XXL Shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email \_\_\_\_\_  
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A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$50.00 deposit for each applicant, including alternates) must be submitted to the Council office with this form. Council refund policy applies. **Final payment must be paid before Wednesday, May 18, 2014. Please keep a copy of your receipt.**

The course fee includes all meals, (2) wicking t-shirts, hat, and course materials. Participants will be required to wear the hat and course t-shirt during the entire week of training. (Additional t-shirts may be ordered via the [topgun.mcc-bsa.org](http://topgun.mcc-bsa.org) website)

All future communication and information will be sent directly to the Scouts listed above. **The pre-course meeting date is May 7, 2014. Please ensure the phone numbers and email addresses are correct and legible.**

I have selected and approved the above Scouts to participate in the 2016 NYLT Top Gun course.

Unit Leader (please sign) \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader's Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Leader's Email \_\_\_\_\_

# NYLT – Top Gun

National Youth Leadership Training  
 Mecklenburg County Council, Boy Scouts of America  
<http://sites.google.com/site/nyltopgun>

Scout Oath	Scout Law	
On my honor I will do my best	Trustworthy	Obedient
To do my duty to God and my country	Loyal	Cheerful
and to obey the Scout Law;	Helpful	Thrifty
To help other people at all times;	Friendly	Brave
To keep myself physically strong,	Courteous	Clean
mentally awake, and morally straight.	Kind	Reverent

<p><b>Statement of Understanding</b></p> <p>All NYLT-Top Gun course participants are selected to represent their local troops and councils based on their qualifications in character, backpacking/camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. NYLT-Top Gun 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 or her own behavior, and any serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion from the NYLT-Top Gun Course.</p> <p><b>Code of Conduct</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the NYLT-Top Gun course. I agree to obey the safety rules and instructions of all staff members.</li> <li>2. I understand that NYLT-Top Gun adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of all staff and participants, and will maintain discipline, security, safety and adherence to the NYLT-Top Gun course Code of Conduct. I understand that all NYLT-Top Gun adult leaders will abide by the Scout Oath and Law and all U.S., state and local laws.</li> <li>3. I will label all my personal items and leave valuable items at home. Neither NYLT-Top Gun course staff nor the BSA camp staff will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items.</li> <li>4. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable in the proper NYLT-Top Gun course uniform.</li> <li>5. I will attend and participate in all scheduled programs and will cooperate with other NYLT-Top Gun course participants.</li> <li>6. In consideration for other participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the course.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. I will demonstrate respect for NYLT-Top Gun course and BSA camp property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.</li> <li>9. I understand that the following behaviors are expressly forbidden and will be grounds for my immediate expulsion from NYLT-Top Gun:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages</li> <li>• purchase, possession, or consumption of illegal drugs</li> <li>• possession or use of firearms or dangerous weapons</li> <li>• possession or detonation of fireworks</li> <li>• theft</li> <li>• intentionally threatening or injuring others</li> <li>• intentionally damaging property</li> </ul> </li> <li>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-Top Gun course</li> <li>11. I understand that serious violations of this code may result in expulsion from the NYLT-Top Gun course at my own expense. There are no refunds of course fees. A decisions by the Course Director are final.</li> </ol> <p>Scout Signed: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><b>Scout Name:</b> _____ <b>Troop:</b> _____</p> <p>Parent Signed: _____ Date: _____</p> <p><b>Parent Name:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Parent Primary Phone:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Parent Alternate Phone:</b> _____</p>
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