



Dear Scoutmaster,

The **National Youth Leadership Training Conference** is scheduled for Monday July 5 to Saturday July 10, 2010. The course will stress how training and good leadership is critical to the success for Boy Scout Troops. This course is designed specifically for Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and scouts who might serve in those positions in the coming year.

To become a **TOP GUN** trained leader, a candidate must be at least a Star Scout, 14 years old, and has met or will be meeting the leadership positions mentioned above to register for this training course. The Conference will be combined with the latest technology and low-impact backpacking. Therefore, it is important that the Scout has good hiking, camping, and cooking skills. It is highly recommended all candidates have earned the following merit badges prior to the conference: First Aid, Camping, Hiking, Wilderness Survival, and Cooking. **A Scout must meet your recommendation to be considered for this course.**

The Troop and attending Scout leaders will benefit on two major areas of concentration from this conference: how to teach scout skills to other scouts and how leadership skills and practical application will make the Troop youth leader more confident in running his Troop.

**This Conference is limited to 48 participants.** Registration is on a first come basis and each unit can register two (2) participants and (2) alternates per Troop. The date your registration form is received and a deposit is paid at the Council office will determine your Scouts' placement in the conference. Candidates and alternates listed on the registration form must meet all criteria in order to be considered registered, including the pre-conference interviews. 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-conference interviews and until all spaces are filled. If an alternate is not called, his deposit can be transferred to your Troop's attendees' account balance or refunded under Council policy. Attached is the registration form for the course.

**As a prerequisite to the course, Scoutmasters must attend a pre-conference session on the skill of leadership. At this pre-conference session, please bring the results of your Scoutmaster's Conference and your own evaluation of each registered participant to this meeting. You also must commit to attend a post-conference session with your Scouts on how to best use the newly trained Leader in his Troop. With your help, this Training Course can make a positive difference in the lives of the attendees and their home Troops.**

If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Fowler, Course Director, by e-mail using the Council's Training Web Site at <http://www.mcctraining.org>. **TOP GUN** will be opening its web site soon from the MCC Training site. All communications will be posted there.

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE**  
**July 5 – July 10, 2009**  
**TOP GUN RESERVATION FORM**

**From: Troop No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**District** \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll the following Scouts in the **TOP GUN** National Youth Leadership Training Conference scheduled for July 5 – July 10, 2010. It is understood that the scouts listed are currently serving as the Troop Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, or has been elected to serve in one of these positions in the upcoming year. Each Scout has achieved the rank of **Star and is (or will be) 14 years of age or older when the conference begins.** Please do not list more than 2 alternates.

**NOTE:** Reservations cannot be accepted without Scoutmaster's approval. Registration will close on Friday April 10, 2010.

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **(when conference begins)**

**Phone Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **(when conference begins)**

**Phone Numbers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rank** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTERNATE ONE**

*(Please print legibly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ (when conference begins)  
Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALTERNATE TWO**

*(Please print legibly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ (when conference begins)  
Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**National Youth Leadership Training Conference for the Mecklenburg County Council**

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a **\$50.00** deposit for each of the applicants (including alternates). Council refund policy applies. Total cost of the conference is **\$215.00** for each registered participant and the balance must be paid by April 10, 2010 when registration closes.

TOP GUN is working with the Council to develop its own website which will be accessed from the Council Training website, [www.mcctraining.org](http://www.mcctraining.org). Communications for Scoutmasters and participants will be posted here.

Applications, personal resource forms, Medical forms, and other information will be sent directly to the Scouts listed above. **Scouts will be contacted directly to schedule the date of their interview. The target date for the interviews is May 2, 2010. Please ensure the phone numbers and email addresses are correct and legible.**

Scoutmaster (please sign) \_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmasters' Telephone #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
Scoutmaster's Email \_\_\_\_\_