

# COMMISSIONER CABINET TRAINING NEWS



LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

APRIL 2012

## FREE COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING

<http://www.doubleknot.com/registration/calendardetail.asp?ActivityKey=1033538>

### Invite your new and untrained UC's. **ATTEND WITH THEM!**

*Yes, we all have important things to do on Saturday (especially those honey-do lists).*

*BUT what could be more important than helping a new or struggling Commissioner start their service to units on the right foot? And show them this is important leading by example!*

Saturday, April 28th. Registration 8:00 AM, Start 8:30 AM, Finish 4:30 PM

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## COMMISSIONER COLLEGE – NEEDS YOU!

<http://college.commissioner-bsa.org> -and- <http://facebook.com/Commissioner.College>



Saturday, October 20, 2012 at Heritage Reservation (weekend accommodations provided)

All District Commissioners will be part of our staff!

**The success of this training depends on YOU!** *Use the weekend for team building.*

*Promote it, Attend it, Enjoy it!* Registration & More Details at the May Cabinet Meeting.



## ARE YOU USING YOUR RESOURCES?!

Every new Unit Commissioner should be immediately directed to the **Commissioner Fast Start!** This will provide a great overview of their new position –and– make them feel like their new job has purpose. The video by Tico Pirez is tremendous! Login to MyScouting for access.

## WHY GO TO PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER? (JULY 15-21)?

<http://philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/conferences2012.aspx>

Mountaintop experience. Family vacation. People like you who love Scouting. Spectacular Sangre de Cristo mountains. Tex-Mex food. Cream of the crop staff. Patches. Wear the Philmont bull on your shirt-jac. New stories for the campfire. Earn a new knot.

**Hands down, the BEST training to be found in Scouting. Period.**



## REMEMBER THE "MAIN THING"

[http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Membership/Youth\\_Recruitment.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Membership/Youth_Recruitment.aspx)

Serving more young people with a quality Scouting experience. **MEMBERSHIP.** By definition, Commissioners will help units succeed if they point them to resources that help increase membership.

Forget about the old Troop Open House. Be creative with recruitment! (<http://youtu.be/UthHzztdokyM>)

Try the recruitment event ideas: [http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Membership/Youth\\_Recruitment/Events.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Membership/Youth_Recruitment/Events.aspx)

Check out the (Cub) recruiting ideas: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/RecruitingIdeas.pdf>

Promote the Council Spring Recruitment incentives. (see Rick's e-mail of 11 April)

Help your units add a pin to the Be A Scout website!

<http://lhc-bsa.org/-/media/Councils/Council527/Membership/BeAScoutInstructions.ashx>



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## NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

<http://www.scouting.org/nationalannualmeeting.aspx>

*Continuing Our Journey*

Have you ever wondered what goes on at the “super-secret” National Meeting of BSA? First of all, every registered Scouter is invited (with the approval of the Scout Executive). Council Commissioners and District Commissioners are *encouraged* to attend!

You'll learn about the latest Scouting initiatives, attend training you won't get anywhere else, meet the movers and shakers of Scouting (both volunteer and professional), and attend the some most inspiring events you'll ever experience in BSA. PLUS see our own Tom Cordaro receive the Silver Antelope!

It's only an inexpensive plane ride to Florida. Consider doing this at least once in your lifetime!

## NEW “STUFF”

Commissioners aren't expected to know everything... but staying up to date and passing along useful information to units is an important part of the job.

- **Welding Merit Badge**  
[http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/AlumniAlive/Program/2012\\_04\\_welding.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/AlumniAlive/Program/2012_04_welding.aspx)  
ALSO can be used as a membership/retention opportunity  
<http://blogs.mcckc.edu/insider/2012/03/boy-scouts-earn-welding-merit-badges-at-mcc-bt/>
- **Tour & Activity Plan back online May 1**  
Training: <http://youtu.be/dCPZ0NM0Kpc>  
Demo: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/HealthandSafety/DemoTourPlanPhone.aspx>  
FAQ: <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/DemoTourPlanFAQ.aspx>
- **The Commissioner available as a pdf** (National version)  
<http://scout-wire.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Commissioner-Winter-Issue-2012.pdf>
- **2013 Jamboree – still look for Staff (and Participant)**  
[http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Marketing/jambo\\_2013.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsourc/Marketing/jambo_2013.aspx)
- **New Scout Backpacking Cookbook & Dutch Oven Cookbook**  
\$11.52 on Amazon.com or \$16.95 ScoutStuff or Scout Shop

## UVTS HOTLINE FOR COMMISSIONERS ONLY



Please encourage all commissioners to use the UVTS hotline if they experience any computer access issues, problems, or difficulties using UVTS. This useful support service can resolve problems much faster if they talk directly to the user/source with the UVTS issues.

The Unit Visit Tracking System support service provides personal assistance from an operator, along with helpful details about the UVTS system, and informative links to each section of UVTS content.

**The UVTS hotline number is for commissioners only: 972-672-4389.**

The operator is on call to answer questions from 8 a.m.–10 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

If the operator is handling another UVTS call, please leave a voicemail message and they will call you back, usually within 48 hours

## LHC COMMISSIONER WEBSITE

<http://www.commissioner-bsa.org>

Moving slowly. Under Construction. Thanks for your patience.

