

LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

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HOLIDAY BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

The wreath of service is shining brighter than ever in the Laurel Highlands Council!

Highly successful units with a good program are the hallmark of a successful council. The commissioner staff is the only team of council and district adults whose total mission is to help units succeed.

Effective commissioner service is one of the major causes of a growing council membership. No event involving district/council Scouters in our council happens more frequently than commissioner visits to units.

As a commissioner, you are part of a worldwide movement composed of people dedicated to a common goal.

Thank You for your commitment to the Scouting Movement through Commissioner Service.

DLC2013 - SAVE THE DATE

http://dlc.scouting-bsa.org



- > Saturday, October 12, 2013 ~ Indiana, PA.
- > \$40 per person.
- Overnight accommodations available at CSM or nearby hotels.
- ➤ Expanded offering for District Committee & General Scout Studies
- > Awesome keynote speaker. Special Guests.
- As much fun and learning legally allowed by the GSS!

University of Scouting

http://www.lhc-bsa.org/Program/Training/UniversityofScouting

You have knowledge: you have experience. Why not share what you know with new leaders by teaching a class at the 2013 University of Scouting training?

Saturday, March 16, 2013.

Contact Richard Krapp to volunteer as an instructor. (412) 854-3626 or thekrapps@verizon.net.



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PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER - COMMISSIONER WEEK

http://www.philmontscoutranch.org

Week 3: June 23-29. *The* mountain-top training experience in Scouting.

- The Council Commissioner
- District Commissioner and Assistant District Commissioner Training
- District Committee
- Effective Roundtables
- Focusing on the "Main Thing"
- How to Conduct a Commissioner College
- The Unit Commissioner



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.

Unit & District Tools

https://myscouting.scouting.org (login – select MyScouting tools)
Check out these great new tools that will make it easier to communicate to unit leaders.



On Increasing Advancement

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/512-047_WB.pdf

Interesting report on increasing the rate of advancement as measured by the Journey to Excellence. Includes information on how Unit Commissioner can affect "truly notable" increases in advancement.

NEW Eagle Scout Application

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-927.pdf.zip

Same information requirements as before – new functionality including expandable pdf boxes and the ability to insert images (pictures).

COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING SCHEDULE

http://basic.commissioner-bsa.org

A training opportunity every two months.

And now only 3 hours long. Dan Urban chiefsnipe@comcast.net (412) 462-7984

- February 23, 2013 8:30 AM @ Lebanon Presbyterian Church, West Mifflin Register: http://tinyurl.com/23Feb-Commish
- Also April 20 and June 15, 2013



ASK THE COMMISH

Encourage volunteers to send their questions to: AskCommish@commissioner-bsa.org



COMMISSIONERS OWN RETENTION & ON-TIME RE-CHARTERING