

COMMISSIONER CABINET TRAINING NEWS



LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

NOVEMBER 2012

COMMISSIONER SUPPORT OF “THE MAIN THING”

<http://commissioner-bsa.org/2012> (November handouts)

Serving more young people with a quality Scouting experience is The Main Thing!

Boy Scout Crossover is just around the corner. *Now* is a great time to help your units understand the Webelos-to-Scout transition process and encourage them to achieve 100% crossover! Check out the resource material on our website and use it as part of your training.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Saturday, August 10, 2013 at Camp Seph Mack (overnight accommodations available).

\$10 per person. Add this to your “must attend” list:

- ✓ Recruit new commissioners
- ✓ Get a little training; have a lot of FUN
- ✓ Eat some great food (steaks this year!)
- ✓ Enjoy the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award presentations



LHC COMMISSIONER WEBSITE

<http://commissioiner-bsa.org>



Did you know the Laurel Highlands Council Commissioners have their very own website? We are now posting the presentations, handouts, newsletters and other Commissioner Cabinet meeting information on our website.

Check out our facebook page too! <http://www.facebook.com/LHCCommissioners>

DON'T FORGET YOUR BOYS' LIFE COMMISSIONER AWARD!

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/magazine/pdf/BL_Commissioner_Award_2012.pdf

UNIT COMMISSIONER: Serve at least two 100% Boys' Life Units.

ROUNDTABLE COMMISSIONER: Present and/or assist in presenting at least five Boys' Life roundtable promotion features during 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONER: Achieve 25 percent or more of the total of packs, troops, and teams in the area of service as 100% Boys' Life Units, and/or experience a 10 percent growth in 100% Boys' Life Units, 2012 vs. 2011.



NEW SILVER BEAVER AWARD FORM

<http://lhc-bsa.org/Forms>



Be sure your units know about the new Laurel Highlands Council form to be used for nominating Scouters for the Silver Beaver Award.

DEADLINE: December 28, 2012

ON TIME (DEFECT FREE) RECHARTER? GET A HAT!

<http://commissioner-bsa.org/2012> (October training attachments)

For turning in a charter mistake free by December 15, 2012, every registered adult leader within your units will receive a Pittsburgh Steelers baseball cap from the Laurel Highlands Council.

Every Unit Commissioner will receive a free hat to show off to their units.



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.

- **NEW Tiger Cub Recruitment Materials**
<http://scouting.org/Marketing/Recruiting>
- **Cooking to become Required Eagle Scout Merit Badge**
Effective Jan. 1, 2014, the Cooking merit badge will be required in order to obtain the Eagle Scout rank. Regardless of when a Scout earned the Life rank or began working on Eagle, unless he fulfills all the requirements—with the exception of his board of review—before Jan. 1, 2014, he must earn the Cooking merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.
- **Sustainability to become Eagle Scout Merit Badge *option* to Environmental Science**
Upon its release during the summer of 2013, the Sustainability merit badge will become available as an option with Environmental Science as an Eagle-required merit badge. At that time, Scouts may choose to earn Sustainability in place of the currently required Environmental Science. Scouts who have already earned Environmental Science may also earn Sustainability, but only one of the two merit badges would count as “Eagle-required.” The other, however, may count as one of the others necessary to reach the total of 21 required merit badges.
- **International Spirit Award Replaces International Activity & Youth Exchange Emblems**
http://scouting.org/filestore/international/pdf/130-044_WB.pdf

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

- December 15, 2012 – 8:30 AM @ Flag Plaza
Register: <http://tinyurl.com/15Dec-Commish>
- Also February 23, April 20 and June 15, 2013



IT'S NOT A UNIT VISIT UNTIL IT'S ENTERED IN UVTS!



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