

# October Commissioner Cabinet

Saturday, October 26, 2013

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| <b>Subject</b>           | <b>Commissioner Cabinet Meeting</b>   |
| <b>Date and Location</b> | Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:00AM-11:45AM, Gateway High School   |
| <b>Attendees</b>         | Rick Bausher, presiding<br>Mercy Faust, Conestoga<br>Scott Harding, Lackawanna<br>Bill Koller, Seneca<br>Greg Weidman, Lackawanna<br>Bill Milliron, Venturing<br>Jack Boyde, Beaver Valley<br>Mike Marks, ACC<br>Sam McClure, Deputy CC<br>Tom Lusk, ACC<br>Bill Milliron, ACC<br>Bob Reese, ACC<br>Ken Volle, Japeechen<br>Vern Smith, Frontier<br>Don Grimm, Chief Logan<br>Mick Bolvin, Area 6, ACC<br>Bob Reese, Leadership School of Scouting<br>Joe Milharcic, DFS<br>Myke Morrell, FD<br>Jake Kraus, FD<br>Ryan Geraghty, DD<br>Bob Zellnick, Trailblazer Exec<br>Darnell Bonner, Scoutreach Exec<br>Naudain Radcliffe, USE<br>Clay Shumway, USE |
| <b>Message</b>           |   |

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## Notes

### **OPENING**

- Opened with video on High Adventure
- Another video on Cub Scouting
- Youth Retention
  - Handbook
  - Den Meeting within first week
  - Bobcat within 60 days
  - Communication
- Next Trainings
  - Basic Training December 14th
  - ADC for Recruitment Training November 12th, 7pm
  - Leadership School of Scouting March 15th at IUP (DLC)
- Will still have degrees from DLC
- Can take program electives normally offered at University of Scouting
- Before the next cabinet meeting, will have a working training on MyScouting tools
- Commissioner Award of Excellence now available
- Commissioning certificates available

### **TRAINING--WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION**

- We are losing quite a few Webelos and Boy Scouts across the country
- In LHC, we lost 2.7% Boy Scouts, increased 5.5% Webelos, 5.7% decrease in Tiger Cubs
- Den Chiefs are incredibly important, but also a Web to Scout chairperson
- Crossing over needs to be a celebration
  - Important for the Webelos
  - Important for the Troop
  - Important for the parents
  - Important for the younger boys
- Goal should be 100% crossover
  - Who
- Unit Commissioner is the connecting link in the chain between the Troop and the Pack
  - Who else
- Cub Pack
- Troop
- District Webelos to Scout Chair
  - Why
- Give all Webelos a chance to experience the fun of Boy Scouting
  - When
- Year Round Process
- Monthly Action Items
- Begins long before crossover
  - How
- Good relationship b/w pack and troop
- Promote communication via meeting of key volunteers
- Help plan visits and joint activities
- Assure crossover ceremony @ B&G
- Attend ceremony
- Be sure new scouts have completed app, copy of troop calendar
- Know when/where troop meets
- Ensure Webelos move from pack roster to troop roster
- Work with Webelos transition chair to make sure boys don't fall through cracks
- Assure Webelos join troop in time for summer camp
- Other Players-How
- PACK: work with troop
- TROOP: assign SA, Den Chief
- DISTRICT: coach, track, report
- ALL: communicate/coordinate
- Resources available
  - Brochures, videos, manuals, calendars
  - Commissioner-bsa.org
- JTE #9
  - Have a Webelos to Scout transition plan
  - For both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts
- Discussion
  - Units cross boys over too late
  - Merits of doing a district crossover

- Crossover is not the entire problem; we lose more boys from Web I to Web II than we do Web II to Boy Scouts

- Need partnering through the Pack and Troop

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#### ***CHARTER RENEWAL AND JTE***

- Chart
- Tracks where units are in terms of the online system
- USE's will keep it up to date for the commissioner
- Will track membership JTE and give us a base mark for 2014
- Rechartering the District
- Done in June
- Commissioners will have a hand in this for 2014

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#### ***BREAKOUT TOPICS***

- Due to number of visitors, no breakouts this month
- Commissioners recruited, we will work on that at the ADC training
- UVTS is low this time of year, but we are ahead of last year
- Voice of the Scout surveys are being sent out currently

#### ***COUNCIL UPDATE***

- Mike Surbaugh is leaving us and will become the Director of Human Resources, Innovation and Research
- Interview process to replace him will begin before the end of the year
- 496 more Cub Scouts September to September; Shows stronger units, and great leadership from both our commissioner staff and membership committees
- Myscouting tools will be continually updated, and we will review them at the next cabinet meeting
- Thanks to Area 6 for dealing with the technology challenges of video conferencing, but it is getting better; We are updating the technology and equipment to better facilitate the meetings

#### ***OPEN FORUM***

- Changes to Venturing are coming in May; Crews are now back in the traditional districts; Each district will have a VOA which will feed into the Council VOA
- Ken Volle will be the next Wood Badge course director, gave a plug for it
- Membership and Marketing committees have been joined; will be recruiting people at the unit level to focus on those areas
- Website is not up to date, will be discussed after the meeting
- Talk to USE's for those units who have not sold popcorn, and help to pay their bills