

COMMISSIONER CABINET TRAINING NEWS



Laurel Highlands Council, BSA

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MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS UPDATE

<http://bsamembershipstandards.org>

"We believe the BSA can no longer sacrifice its mission, or the youth served by the movement, by allowing the organization to be consumed by a single, controversial and unresolved societal issue," Wayne Perry.

The National Executive Committee of the Boy Scouts of America met after completing their review of the findings from the listening phase of the Membership Standards Study. The result is a proposed change to the youth member standards that will be voted on at the National Annual Meeting. The full resolution along with the executive summary and frequently asked questions can be found at the above website. Please take a minute to review the facts.



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DATE CHANGE–MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE *INCLUDES NUC-COMMISSIONER

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

All District Commissioners should attend with at least one New Unit-Commissioner!

Saturday, **May 19** @ Flag Plaza Service Center – register: <http://tinyurl.com/18May-membership>



BASIC COMMISSIONER TRAINING *HOSTED BY AREA 6*

Saturday, **June 15** @ Ebensburg Service Center – register: <http://tinyurl.com/15Jun-Commish>

Scouters from the West are invited to visit the Jimmy Stewart Museum or Camp Seph Mack after training! www.jimmy.org

BSA TRAINING NEWS

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/TrainingUpdates>

A cornerstone of the Boy Scout programs is training. "The Training Times" is a quarterly publication of the Volunteer Training Team of the Program Impact Committee of the BSA. It contains lots of great info and news about training. We particularly like a quote in the current edition that applies to almost everything we do: *"Do what you do so well that they will want to see it again and bring their friends."*



"To Improve the QUALITY of program in every unit in America!"

<http://www.Scouting.org/commissioners>

COMMISSIONER BARBECUE & KICKOFF AUGUST 10

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

Don't miss it! Here are just some of the plans:

- Steak dinner
- Corn-hole tournament
- Horseshoe tourney
- COPE
- Bird watching*
- Training
- Relaxing
- FUN!



*Camp Seph Mack is located on the edge of Yellow Creek Lake which is a bird watchers paradise. Amongst the hundreds of species that flock to the lake is the Osprey (pictured above). This large raptor can have a wingspan of 71 inches. If you are lucky you might catch a glimpse of this majestic bird.

SAVE THESE DATES

June 23-29 – Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center

August 10 – Commissioner Fall Kick-off & Barbecue

September 20-22 – Mountainfest II

October 12 – District Leadership Conference



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.

- **ScoutParent Designation Ends July 1**

<http://tinyurl.com/scout-wire1>

Commissioners should encourage current ScoutParents to now officially register as dues-paying adult volunteers or leaders if they are not already so registered.

- **Mountain Biking added to Cycling MB**

<http://tinyurl.com/scout-wire2>

Scouts can choose to complete their Cycling merit badge with either the road bike option or the mountain bike option. New pamphlets will be ready in July.



- **MyScouting Tools – New Features**

<http://tinyurl.com/scout-wire3>

Did you know you can print your own BSA registration card? Did you know the unit Key 3 can update unit and leader information as well as download unit rosters? Keep checking the MyScouting Tools for the release of new features –AND– pass this knowledge along to your units.

QUESTION: ARE ALL YOUR UNITS GOING TO SUMMER CAMP?

<http://heritagereservation.org>



The absolute BEST retention tool we have in Scouting!

Don't forget the "Rookie Camp" for Cubs who haven't been to summer camp:
<http://heritagereservation.org/independence/rookie.php>

