

COMMISSIONER CABINET TRAINING NEWS



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

WE ARE... THE BSA!

We are the greatest youth movement the world has ever known!

The recent news about possible changes to BSA membership standards has the potential to cause dissention in the organization and strong discussions between parents and leaders.

As commissioned volunteers who proudly wear the wreath of service, we have an obligation to the organization we love and units we serve to be respectful of the opinions of others and maintain a focus on what is truly important – the youth we serve!

WHO SAYS COMMISSIONER SERVICE ISN'T FUN?!

<http://tinyurl.com/commishniteatpirates>

Join us for a nite at the Pirates. Only \$6. April 3. Tailgate 6 pm; Game 7 pm.

Limit two tickets - Commissioners and one guest.



MORE HELPFUL RESOURCES!

<http://scouting.org/scoutcast>

CubCasts have been around for a few years. Now, Boy Scouts have the same opportunity to learn more about Scouting, working with youth, and a host of other great subjects. What is a ScoutCast? They are podcasts or audio training sessions. You can listen to them on your computer or download them to your mp3 player or Smartphone.



DON'T MISS THIS!

<http://toughscout.com>

This show is a “game changer.” It will present a positive image of Scouting to the public and make it “cool” again for youth.

Make sure your units know about this show.



MARCH 4 – NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL – 8 PM

“Help the old lady across the street and kick your old man’s butt.”

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

More information: Dan Urban chiefsnipe@comcast.net (412) 462-7984

- For UC's: **February 23** – Register: <http://tinyurl.com/23Feb-Commish>
- For NUC's: **April 20** – Register: <http://tinyurl.com/20Apr-NUC>



IRON OUT; CAT IN

Sometimes change is good...

Do you really need an ADC who isn't training and mentoring their assigned UC's?

Do you really need UC's who aren't visiting their units (and entering them in UVTS)?



Do *YOUR* UNITS KNOW ABOUT SCOUTSTRONG?

<http://scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA>



Physical fitness is an integral part of Scouting so it only makes sense to see it as a requirement for the Journey to Excellence award. Item #12 requires that ScoutSTRONG be introduced to the unit.

Talk to your unit leaders about SCOUTStrong. Offer to provide them information on the PALA award.

VOS FALL 2012 INFOGRAPHIC AVAILABLE

http://scouting.org/filestore/mission/pdf/VOS_Infographic_Fall_2012.pdf



Condensed results from the Fall 2012 Survey. Interesting, worrisome, insightful, enlightening, scary. Confidence in the Scouting program remains high!

Feedback to improve the delivery continues to be number one priority, with measurable concerns voiced regarding the membership standards policy.

HMMMM... Less than 1 in 3 volunteers agree that roundtables help them being an effective leader.

THE NEW FACE OF VENTURING

- ◆ New website
- ◆ New fb page
- ◆ New video



Awesome! <http://venturing.org>

Awesome! <http://facebook.com/BSAVenturing>

Awesome! <http://youtu.be/D4EGlw4UYyw>

LHC JTE WORKSHEETS

<http://commissioner-bsa.org>

Thanks to the efforts of Steve Deemer, LHC has a significantly improved and more useful JTE worksheet.

Unit Committees should use these worksheets every month to check progress and adjust course.

Commissioners should use these to help set goals and make plans at their regular unit self-assessments.

