

COMMISSIONER CABINET TRAINING NEWS



LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

MAY 2013

JAMBOREE VISITOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

<https://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013>

50,000 Scouts, Venturers, volunteers, and staff from all over the country will soon gather together for one big celebration of Scouting! This is the first ever Jambo at The Summit. Have you thought about going as a visitor? *Volunteer staff still needed and welcome to sign up.*

July 15 - July 24, 2013. Mount Hope, West Virginia. (only four hours from Pittsburgh)

2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE
**GO BIG.
GET WILD.**™

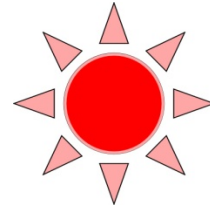
BARBECUE & KICKOFF ~ AUGUST 10

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

We started something fun last year. You don't want to miss this one!

Mollie and her team are planning fantastic activities and serving mouth-watering food.

- Steak dinner
- Corn-hole tournament
- Horseshoe tourney
- COPE
- Award presentations
- Boat rides
- Training
- Chillaxin
- FUN!
- Fishing



Overnight accomodations available. Lobster dinners available on request.

DC's & ADC's: Use this event to recruit new Commissioners!



BASIC COMMISSIONER TRAINING *HOSTED BY AREA 6*

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

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

SAVE THESE DATES

June 5 – Laurel Highlands Council Annual Meeting

August 10 – Commissioner Fall Kick-off & Barbecue

September 20-22 – Mountainfest II

October 12 – District Leadership Conference @ IUP



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[HTTP://WWW.Scouting.org/COMMISSIONERS](http://www.scouting.org/commissioners)



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. The two best sources for the latest and greatest in Scouting are:

- **Scout-Wire**
<http://scout-wire.org>
Although Scout Wire is an e-newsletter for local and National Council employees, it contains announcements that are invaluable to Commissioners. Updated every two weeks.
- **Bryan on Scouting**
blog.scoutingmagazine.org
This award winning blog for adult volunteers has timely news and useful information. Updated regularly (sometimes several times a day).



PUT YOUR COMMISSIONER HAT ON!

<http://tinyurl.com/unit-self-assessment>

It's time to complete your Unit Health Assessments.

The Unit Assessments are an integral part of the BSA Membership validation process and, of course, part of good Commissioner Service. The link above will take you to a description of how to perform these assessments. The forms to help you can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/Commissioners/resources.aspx>

Assessment is just one part of the process. *Are you doing the rest?!*

1. The Unit Service Executive meets with the commissioner team to evaluate the units in the district. (This should be a part of the goal-setting process in January.) Unit progress toward achieving the various levels of the Journey to Excellence award should be noted.
2. For every unit, a plan is developed by the unit-serving executive and his commissioner team based on how this unit can achieve the highest level of the Journey to Excellence award based on their current status. This plan is shared with the council commissioner and the staff leader of the executive. These plans should be kept on file by the registrar. Specific actions should be identified monthly, and progress should be reported. Priority should be placed on units with "life-threatening" problems.
3. Twice a year, unit status should be compared to the last report. Units categorized as "fair" or "poor" that aren't changing in status should be given immediate attention by the youth-serving executive's staff leader with help from the appropriate assistant district commissioner, district commissioner, or service team.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOLUNTEER EFFORTS!