

COMMISSIONER CABINET TRAINING NEWS



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BSA ELIMINATES COMMISSIONERS CORPS!!!

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No, that headline is not real. Commissioners are needed more now than ever. However that might become the news if we don't increase our ranks and provide our units with the support they need.

The retention mission of the commissioner corps is best achieved by providing an adequate number of trained unit commissioners who provide a link to district committee resources in support of a quality unit program.

In order for Scouting to thrive and the Commissioner staffs to remain relevant, we must increase the quantity and quality of Unit Commissioners. Send at least two people to the upcoming training. This is a hands-on session where each District will leave with a list of prospective Commissioners!

MEMBERSHIP STANDARDS CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION

scouting.org/training/membership_standards

January 1 is right around the corner. Panicked unit leaders will be asking questions and making assumptions. It's our job to set them straight and provide accurate information. We strongly suggest:

1. You become familiar with the information in the resources on the National website.
2. Be proactive with each of your units. This could include:
 - Conduct a training at the unit's committee meeting (include parents).
 - Meet with their sponsoring organization.
 - Encourage the unit leader to review this with the youth at a meeting. Attend the meeting and be available to answer questions (or correct misinformation).

BASIC COMMISSIONER TRAINING

basic.commissioner-bsa.org

More information: Dan Urban chiefsnipe@outlook.com.

- **Saturday, December 14 @** Flag Plaza Service Center – hosted by Area 4.
Register: tinyurl.com/14Dec-Commish
- Also February 15, 2014 hosted by Area 2.



RETENTION ROLE? RECHARTER EVERY UNIT! ON TIME!

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Give yourself a gift of "no stress" this holiday season. Work with your units to submit their charters before the December 15 deadline! Suggestion: work with problem units first and assign them to your best Commissioner.

- ✓ Registration fee change: \$25.
- ✓ Insurance fee change: \$2 for Cub Scouts, \$3.50 for Venturers and Boy Scouts.
- ✓ Boys' Life: no change, still only \$12.

"TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PROGRAM IN EVERY UNIT IN AMERICA!"

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

SAVE THESE DATES

November 29 – Ten Commandments Hike

February 20 – Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Awards Dinner

March 15 – Scout Leader Training Conference @ IUP (*includes Commissioner College*)



CUB HUB

cubscouts.org



This is a place for parents to learn more and improve their Cub Scout experience.
This is one more way to communicate with potential members and current members.
This is a sharing of information and ideas.
Check it out and educate your Pack leaders about it!

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 (old) Commissioner Logo**
scouting.org/Commissioners/CommissionerLogos
Wrap a wreath around the first class logo and viola. The “new” Commissioner logo is actually a throwback to the original Commissioner emblem and matches the Commissioner patches.
- **Cooking Merit Badge**
blog.scoutingmagazine.org
Remind your units. Cooking becomes a required merit badge for Eagle starting January 1.
- **Revised Unit Performance Guide**
tinyurl.com/cookingmb
#522-025 is the how-to manual for New-Unit Commissioners. This methodology assures the creation of sustainable units. Watch for the revision to be released in early November.
- **Finally Official! Uniforms Must Be Tucked In**
tinyurl.com/tuckin
It's more than neat appearance, tuck in that shirt. Ladies too!
- **Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator**
scouting.org/Awards/ReligiousAwards/Coordinator (video)
A new patch is available # 618744 at the Scout Shop. More info to help the unit here praypub.org/rec



INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

scouting.org/messengersofpeace



Messengers of Peace is a global initiative designed to inspire millions of young people around the world share what they've done and inspire fellow Scouts. Units can use this award as a way to complete requirement # in JTE and, of course, Scouts can use their service hours for advancement.



tinyurl.com/international-scouter

Do you know a Scouter who likes to be unique and different? Want an award that very few other Scouters have? Check out the International Scouter's Award. It's easier than you think! And, you don't have to leave the USA.



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