



TOUCHPOINTS

LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

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TEST OF AN EFFECTIVE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER:



- ✓ Your district has a full team of trained commissioners (assistant district commissioners, roundtable commissioners, and unit commissioners).
- ✓ All of the district units are visited monthly by a commissioner, who utilizes the Commissioner Annual Service Plan for Units on these visits and reports them on the Unit Visit Tracking System (UVTS).
- ✓ There is an increasing percentage of units achieving the JTE status each year.
- ✓ There is an increasing youth retention rate at charter renewal times with fewer units “dropping,” and more units being formed and chartered.
- ✓ There is an increasing percentage of unit rechartering on time each year.



LIGHT A FIRE @ NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

<http://scouting.org/NationalAnnualMeeting>

Why attend? To participate in “Spark Sessions” on the key issues important to Scouting – things like Commissioner Service; JTE/VOS/MyScouting Tools; Venturing updates; Membership and more! Meet the new National President Bob Gates. Listen to inspiring speakers. Share ideas with over 2,000 attendees. And... visit the Grand Old Opry too!

BASIC TRAINING

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

Assistant Council Commissioner Basic Training, Dan Urban, has offered to conduct special training sessions for districts or areas who need one. Contact Dan at ChiefSnipe@outlook.com.



BASIC COMMISSIONER TRAINING HOSTED BY AREA 3

Saturday, April 12– register: <http://tinyurl.com/12Apr-Commish>

Make sure 100% of Unit Commissioners are trained! Use this training to recruit more UC's!



NEW-UNIT COMMISSIONER TRAINING

Saturday, April 12 – register: <http://tinyurl.com/12Apr-nucommish>

Plan now to attend and send at least one Unit Commissioner from your District!

Valuable information on how to support new units.

“TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PROGRAM IN EVERY UNIT IN AMERICA!”

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



COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE & RETREAT – JUNE 7, 2014 @ CSM*

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

Steak dinner. Fun activities. Training. Award presentations. Relax with friends. Use this retreat to build your Commissioner Team. Check out Camp Seph Mack (CSM). Add the date to your calendar! Come for the day or the weekend!

SAVE THESE DATES

- March 15 – *New Expanded* University of Scouting
- April 11 to 13 – Area 4 Venturing Summit
- April 12 – New-Unit Commissioner Basic Training
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- June 6 – Commissioner Conference & Retreat
- June 15-21 – Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center
- July 20-26 – Northeast Region Week at Philmont Training Center



NEW “STUFF”

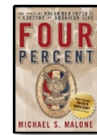
Commissioners aren’t expected to know everything... but staying up to date and passing along useful information to units is an important part of the job.

- **New National Newsletter**
<http://www.scouting.org/Commissioners/newsletter>
News, updates and useful information from the National Commissioner and his support team.
- **my.Scouting tools updated**
<http://tinyurl.com/myscouting-tools>
Easier to use interface. Better layout. Revamped news section. New Commissioner IT Toolbox coming soon (to replace UVTS)! Check out new District JTE Dashboard in the legacy system too.



Four Percent *The Story of Uncommon Youth in a Century of American Life*
<http://4percentbook.com>

This book about the history of Eagle Scouting is one of the most honored books about Scouting ever written. Makes a wonderful gift for the new (or old) Eagle Scout.



Winter Issue Training Times & February Issue Advancement News
<http://scouting.org/Training/TrainingUpdates> <http://tinyurl.com/feb2014-advance>

Recently published issues of these BSA newsletters are now available on the web.

- **New Venturing Award Names Announced**
<http://scouting.org/programupdates.aspx>
Get ready for the upcoming changes to the Venturing Program! Start learning about the new names for Venturing awards:
VENTURING • DISCOVERY • PATHFINDER • SUMMIT

SPRING 2014 VOS SURVEYS COMING SOON...



The spring surveys will be launching on February 24 and will close on March 17. Unit Commissioners can remind unit leaders and unit committees the surveys are coming as part of their next contact.

COMMISSIONERS: WE SERVE UNITS