LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

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## **DISTRICT COMMISSIONER 2014 PRIORITIES**

Recognizing the Commissioner staff needs to grow in order to be effective, Council Commissioner, Rick Bausher has declared recruitment of new Unit Commissioners the number one priority. Making Commissioner Service FUN and improving the visitation of units round out the top three priorities for District Commissioners in 2014!

#### Recruit UC's

- -Work recruitment process
- -Partner with USE's
- -Train & mentor UC's

### **Recognize Commissioners**

- -Commissioning ceremonies
- -Recognize publicly & privately
- -Encourage earning awards

## Improve Unit Visitation

- -Work with UC's to enter visits
- -Report UVTS status
- -Make personnel changes







### **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 2

**Saturday, February 15 @** BC3 in Cranberry Township – register: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/15Feb-Commish">http://tinyurl.com/15Feb-Commish</a> Make sure 100% of Unit Commissioners are trained!



#### **ROUNDTABLE BASIC TRAINING**

**Saturday, February 15** @ BC3 in Cranberry Township – register: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/15Feb-rtcommish">http://tinyurl.com/15Feb-rtcommish</a>. For the first time in Laurel Highlands Council, we will be conducting the Roundtable Basic Training. Learn about the new syllabus for Boy Scouts and Cubs Scouts! Share best practices and ideas! All roundtable staff members and District Commissioners should plan to attend.

## COMMISSIONER COLLEGE @ U OF S

http://lhc-bsa.org/Program/Training/UofS

25 Awesome Commissioner Classes! - Training for unit leaders galore!

Opportunity to meet and network with unit Scouters! - Great food! - Easy location!



## COMMISSIONER CABINET TOUCHPOINTS - PAGE 2

# COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE & RETREAT - JUNE 7, 2014 - CSM\*

http://commissioner-bsa.org/conference

Déjà vu?! Yes. This is the Commissioner Barbecue rescheduled for June 7, 2014. We'll have a lot more activities and training sessions (including classes that will count toward your Commissioner College Degree). Add this to your calendar! Come for the day or the weekend! \*CSM=Camp Seph Mack



- Steak dinner
- Corn-hole tournament
- Horseshoe tourney
- COPE

- Planning
- Training
- Relaxing
- FUN!

#### **SAVE THESE DATES**

February 12 – Whitney M. Young Dinner

February 18 – Commissioners Welcome Tim Garber

February 22 – Wood Badge Reunion

March 15 – *New Expanded* University of Scouting

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.

• Do YOU have the 4111?

http://www.scouting.org/programupdates

In case you've been living under a rock for the last couple of years, the Scouting program is going through significant changes. To "Be Prepared" check out the update website regularly.

• Unit Performance Guide updated

http://tinyurl.com/UPG-522-025

Recently revised, this is the "bible" to starting and sustaining units.

Merit Badge Resources

http://tinyurl.com/meritbadgecounselors

Looking for the latest merit badge fliers? Want to know which new merit badges are in the works? Want to propose a new merit badge? Click on the link above to get all that and more.







#### VOS INFO NOW LIVE

The results of the fall survey are now available on MyScouting. Check out our Net Promoter Scores. Be sure to take a minute and read some of the comments from volunteers, Scouts and parents.

**COMMISSIONERS: WE SERVE UNITS**