

COMMISSIONER TOUCHPOINTS



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ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS: *ONE KEY TO SUCCESS!*

Assistant District Commissioner is not an honorary position. ADC's can make or break a district's ability to see that every unit receives competent commissioner service. ADC's are assigned certain units in the district, and they supervise the unit commissioners who serve those units. Here are their top priorities:



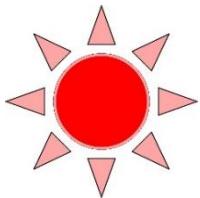
- ✓ At monthly district commissioner team meetings, help their unit commissioners plan how to help meet priority needs of units; hold their commissioners accountable for the previous months' plans and assignments.
- ✓ Measure unit commissioners' progress, not in the number of meetings they attend, but in the way they handle their responsibility of visiting units.
- ✓ Keep the unit commissioners focused on unit service. There are many other things to distract them from the essential goal of visiting units and reporting these in UVTS.
- ✓ When a unit commissioner resigns or cannot adequately fulfill the responsibilities of the position, temporarily assumes the vacant position.
- ✓ Help the members of the district Key 3 achieve their goals

RECRUITMENT – THE #1 PRIORITY FOR DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

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

Commissioner recruitment is right on track! With a quarter of the year gone, we are just over 25% of our goal to recruit 87 new Commissioners! Mon Valley, Japeechen, Frontier, Mingo Trails and Potomac have all reported successes in their efforts to find new Unit Commissioners!

If half our current Commissioners invited a friend to join them on the Commissioner Staff, we will obliterate the goal!



COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE & RETREAT – JUNE 7, 2014 @ CSM

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

This will be the highlight of the year for Commissioners!

Only \$13 per person. Come for the day or the weekend!

- Steak & shrimp dinner
- COPE, corn hole, horse shoes, etc.
- Distinguished Commissioner Service Award
- Sunset pontoon boat ride
- Basic training for DC's & ADC
- Advanced training (counts toward College degrees)
- Plan the upcoming year with your team
- Latest & greatest scout news

Use this retreat to build your Commissioner Team! Check out our camping "gem" in Indian, PA! Relax with friends!

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

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

BASIC TRAINING

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

Saturday, April 12 two opportunities to train Commissioners. More info: ChiefSnipe@outlook.com.



Commissioner Basic Training:

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/12Apr-Commish>



New-Unit Commissioner Basic Training

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/12Apr-nucommish>



COMMISSIONER NITE AT WILD THINGS

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

Sunday, August 24 is the date. Be prepared for an afternoon of tailgating and an evening of some great baseball! Cost will be \$15 which includes the tailgate party. Free parking. All Commissioners and their families are invited! *This is a great way to recruit new Commissioners too!*

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.

- **Simplified Annual Health and Medical Record**

<http://scouting.org/HealthandSafety/ahmr>

Direct your units to get their forms using this link. Note the forms differ based on activity! To learn more join the webinar on April 4 at 1 p.m., Central time at <http://www.livestream.com/bsanationalcouncil>.

- **Healthy Unit Patch**

<http://tinyurl.com/healthyunitpatch>

Encourage your units to hold healthier meetings... while earning this patch.

- **Commissioner Toolbox in my.Scouting Tools**

<http://scouting.org/Commissioners/tools>

Great new tools to make the Commissioner job easier are coming! Likely release now June 1.

March Issue Advancement News

<http://tinyurl.com/mar2014-advance>

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

New Fieldbook Coming

Often described as “the best all-around guide to outdoor adventure on the market today,” the Fieldbook fifth edition will be arriving in Scout shops and bookstores during the month of April.



SAVE THESE DATES

May 1 – DCSA nomination deadline

May 21-23 – National Annual Meeting

June 7 – Commissioner Conference & Retreat

June 10 – LHC Annual Meeting

June 15-21 – Commissioner Week at Philmont Training Center

July 20-26 – Northeast Region Week at Philmont Training Center



COMMISSIONERS: WE SERVE UNITS

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