

COMMISSIONER TOUCHPOINTS



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THE ONLY CONSTANT IS CHANGE

The BSA needs to stop chasing members – rather we need to get our members chasing us.

Our organization will shift from making members fit in today's Scouting experiences to creating relevant experiences our members and future members, want.



Wow! The above quotes from the leadership of the BSA signal an major shift in direction and approach. Change is happening in the BSA. You will soon hear about "Experience Oriented Scouting." This will include an emphasis on the digital experience and Scouting U.

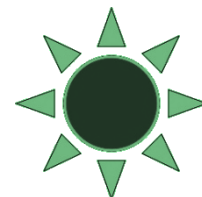
What is our job as Commissioners during all these changes? Listen and learn. Ask questions. Understand new initiatives and programs so well we can explain them to others. Then become champions & cheerleaders! Help Scouts, Scouters and parents understand the what, how, when and (most important) why.

Change can be uncomfortable. Resistance is likely. But we, as the rock solid Commissioner staff, will help led the organization toward our main goal.

SPECIAL GUEST COMING TO COMMISSIONER CONFERENCE– JUNE 7, 2014 @ CSM

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

Brenna Leary, newly selected Northeast Region Venturing President, will be presenting at our Conference on the "new" Venturing Program. This is an opportunity to hear it from someone who is truly in the know!



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
- Meet NER Venturing President
- Advanced training (counts toward College degrees)
- Plan the upcoming year with your team
- Latest & greatest scout news

BASIC TRAINING

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

Saturday, June 7 @ the Commissioner Conference. Hosted by Area 6 at Camp Seph Mack.



Commissioner Basic Training:

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/7Jun-Commish>

More info: ChiefSnipe@outlook.com

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



NITE @ WILD THINGS – NOW OPEN TO ALL SCOUTS & FAMILIES!

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

Sunday, August 24. Cost: \$15 includes the tailgate party. Free parking. All Scouts, Scouters and their families are invited! *Leaders who bring groups of 10 or more go FREE!*

This is a great opportunity for Packs to reconnect with their families before the fall kickoff. Also counts toward Summertime Pack Award. It's an awesome alternative for a Troops meeting.

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. There have been a ton of announcements recently here are just a few. Expect even more after the National Annual Meeting:

- Requirement changes for Swimming Merit Badge
<http://tinyurl.com/swimmb>
- 2014-2015 Roundtable Guides released
<http://tinyurl.com/RTGuides>
- National Commissioner Newsletter
<http://tinyurl.com/NatComNews>
- New format-for Guide to Safe Scouting
<http://tinyurl.com/minigss>
- Online Advancement Reporting to be Required
<http://tinyurl.com/advonline>
- Spring/Summer edition of Safety Newsletter
<http://tinyurl.com/NewsHSBSA>
- World Jamboree Registration is now open.
<http://scouting.org/worldjamboree>
- New PR Website Released
<http://scoutingnewsroom.org>
- Training Times Spring Edition
<http://tinyurl.com/TrainBSA>
- Cub Scout Day Camp Videos are Awesome!
<http://tinyurl.com/daycampvid>
- Digital Technology Merit Badge released
<http://tinyurl.com/digitaltechmb>
- Summit 1 & 2 Day Visitor passes on sale
<http://summitblog.org>

SAVE THESE DATES

- 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



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