LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

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COMMISSIONER TOOLS IS HERE!

Laurel Highlands Council to go LIVE on February 1, 2015



Council Commissioner, Rick Bausher, announced we will be implementing Commissioner Tools with an adoption date of February 1.

Commissioner Tools will provide Commissioners the information needed to more effectively identify the needs of the unit and link resources which will ultimately improve unit retention. UVTS will soon be history! In a few short months we will be able to:

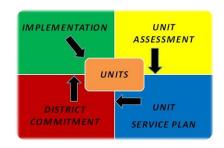
- ✓ Assign commissioners to units.
- ✓ Record contacts. A commissioner is most effective through frequent contact with their units so they can build a friendly and trusting relationship.
- ✓ Roundtable administrations. Plan, record attendance, and monitor effectiveness.
- ✓ Conduct assessments to help a unit improve. In concert with the Unit Service Plan and Journey to Excellence (JTE), the tool provides the ability to record the results and build action plans that may access and incorporate district, council, and other resources beyond the unit.
- ✓ Monitor a unit's progress. Access unit information.

UNIT SERVICE PLAN?

http://tinyurl.com/commish-plan

The Unit Service Plan is so integral to the Commissioner Tools that the Detailed Contact Assessment process in the Commissioner Tools fully incorporates the Unit Service Plan in the areas of finance, membership, program, and leadership and governance.

Training for District Commissioner at November & December Cabinet Meetings.



BASIC TRAINING

http://commissioner-bsa.org/basic

Saturday, December 13. Hosted by Area 3. February 14, 2015 hosted by Area 2



Commissioner Basic Training:
Register at: http://tinyurl.com/Dec-Commish

More info: ChiefSnipe@outlook.com

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FALL VOS SURVEY IS OUT!

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On October 7, thousands of Scouts, parents, volunteers, and chartered organizations received the fall edition of the BSA Voice of the Scout survey.

Please encourage those in your District who receive a survey to participate—their participation and support makes the difference between a good Scouting experience and an exceptional one!

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.

Latest Issue of the (National) Commissioner Newsletter
 http://tinyurl.com/TicoPerez
 Lots of great info on Commissioner Tools and training opportunities.



Venturing Handbooks are Available

http://scoutstuff.org

In support of the "new" Venturing program, the new handbooks have arrived in the Scout Shop. If you support a Venturing Crew be sure to get your own copy!

Latest Issue of Advancement News (October)

http://tinyurl.com/advance-news2

Lots of info on improving advancement, eagle applications, new Venturing awards and more!

National Jamboree Looking for Staff
 http:// http://summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers

 2017 is just around the corner. Help Scouts create memories of the NSJ that will last a lifetime.



 Latest Issue of Scouting Safely http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/fall_2014.pdf

SAVE THESE DATES

November 17 – Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner January 4 to 10 & 18 to 24– Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conference November 17 – Area 4 Key Leadership Conference

March 21 – Commissioner College @ UofS





WINTER WEEKENDS AT HERITAGE http://tinyurl.com/winter-HR

- Help the Scouts you serve stay active and healthy during the winter!
- More FUN than anyone should be allowed to enjoy!
- Weekends for all levels of Scouting!

COMMISSIONERS: WE SERVE UNITS