

COMMISSIONER TOUCHPOINTS



LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

SEPTEMBER 2014

WELCOME BACK!



Sign-Up Nights, Haunted Camps, Popcorn, Fishing, Camping, Hiking...

We hope you had time to recharge your batteries this summer cuz it's going to be a busy fall!

- ▶ Packs need a little extra attention as they recruit and onboard new boys and parents.
- ▶ Troops will need uniform inspections and reminders about camporees.
- ▶ New Crews should be established in your District and supported by a Commissioner.
- ▶ All units should be preparing to recharter, training leaders and planning for the new year.

Oh yes, and don't forget to go camping!

WHY WE SERVE

Considering everything a Scoutmaster must do to operate his troop successfully, he probably spends 30 to 40 hours every month dealing with all the tasks and problems. In addition, he is expected to use a week of his vacation time each year to provide a long-term camping experience. Although the Scoutmaster likely enjoys time spent with the Scouts and feels satisfied with the good work he's doing, it is still a demanding volunteer position.

It's not surprising if he becomes discouraged and frustrated once in a while. It is in those moments that a Scoutmaster feels alone and wonders if it's worth the effort. It's one thing if his troop's chartered organization forgets him, or if the troop committee isn't very helpful, but it's almost devastating if the Boy Scouts of America seems to be neglecting him.

If a unit leader has an effective unit commissioner, they will never feel alone.



BASIC TRAINING

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

Saturday, October 4. Hosted by Area 3. Saturday, December 13 hosted by Area 2.



Commissioner Basic Training:

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

More info: ChiefSnipe@outlook.com

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

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

INTERNET ADVANCEMENT REQUIRED

<http://user-sihuegu.cld.bz/LHC-Flip-book-rev2#32>



All advancement records will be required to be submitted and managed through Internet Advancement beginning January 1, 2015. Why?

- ✓ Provides straightforward, intuitive interface for volunteers
- ✓ Helps in certification of Eagle Scout Rank Applications
- ✓ Records ranks, badges, and awards in accordance with BSA advancement rules
- ✓ Consolidates data files to reduce or eliminate record gaps
- ✓ Assures advancement is counted in the JTE

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 Training Times

<http://tinyurl.com/train-summer>

Includes information on My.Scouting Tools Training Manager Updates.



- StemScouts

<http://stemscouts.org>

STEM Scouts is a brand-new program focused on fun ways for girls and boys, grades 3 – 12 to learn more about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

- Latest Issue of Advancement News

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

Info on improving advancement, eagle applications, new Venturing awards and more!



- World Jamboree Registration is Open

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree>

30,000 Scouts and leaders from 161 countries around the world will converge on Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi, Japan, in 2015.

SAVE THESE DATES

October 25 – Council Coordinated Meeting

November 17 – Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner

January 4 to 10 – Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conference

January 18 to 24 – Florida Sea Base Volunteer Training Conference



MANDATORY TRAINING



Youth Protection – All Registered Leaders 2014

Leader Specific – All Direct-Contact Leaders 2015

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