

# COMMISSIONER TOUCHPOINTS



LAUREL HIGHLANDS COUNCIL, BSA

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## NEW CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

<http://scouting.org/programupdates>

### *Analysis Revealed Program Needed Updating!*

Over 75 volunteers across the country conducted a multi-year review of Cub Scouting and determined we needed to make it better.

The new program is based on completing seven “adventures” for each rank.

- Theme-based
- Rigorous, but fun
- Defined/Required and elective
- Den based, with opportunities for family involvement



We will be exploring ways that Commissioners can support these program changes at Cabinet Meetings and the June Commissioner Conference. In the meantime, learn all you can from the Program Updates website.

*FYI: Pictured above is Ethan, the Cub Scout who will guide Scouts through each rank in the new Cub Scout program.*

## BONUS “CT” TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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

We’ve held four very successful training sessions in January with two more to go at the end of the month. We just added a bonus session on February 14 in Cranberry. Please encourage all Commissioners to attend a session.

- January 31 Moon Township <http://tinyurl.com/tool-31m>
- January 31 Cumberland <http://tinyurl.com/tool-31a>
- February 14 Cranberry <http://tinyurl.com/tool-last>

## BASIC TRAINING

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

Saturday, February 14. More info: [ChiefSnipe@outlook.com](mailto:ChiefSnipe@outlook.com)



Commissioner Basic Training

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



Roundtable Basic Training

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/Commish-RT2>

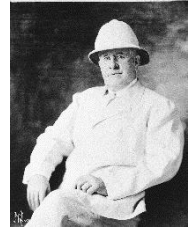
“TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PROGRAM IN EVERY UNIT IN AMERICA!”

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

## 105 YEARS STRONG

[http://scouting.org/About/FactSheets/BSA\\_History](http://scouting.org/About/FactSheets/BSA_History)

Sometimes we just don't realize just how important some of these little things are. For instance, how could a Chicago publisher know on February 8, 1910, that hundreds of thousands would gather 104 years later to commemorate something he helped start. How could he know that millions of young men would enjoy, learn, and grow in the unique environment of Scouting?



## 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.

- **Cub Scout Roundtable Material for February**

<http://scouting.org/programupdates>

The most recent information on what is coming and when can be found on this web page. Make sure your roundtables are delivering these presentations to your Cub Leaders.

- **Counselor's Compass (Fall)**

<http://tinyurl.com/mbc-cc>

In case you missed this "new" newsletter for Merit Badge Counselors.

- **Don't Use Merit Badge Worksheets**

<http://tinyurl.com/no-worksheet>

BSA discourages use of unofficial merit badge worksheets.

- **Please Conduct (Public) Charter Presentations in February**

<http://tinyurl.com/charter-ceremony>

Not "new" – but an important part of serving units! Link above downloads the official ceremony.



## SAVE THESE DATES

February 19 – Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award Dinner

March 14 – Commissioner College

April 18 – Council Coordinated Meeting

June 9 – Council Annual Meeting

June 13 – Commissioner Conference @ Camp Guyasuta



Commissioner Service is all about retention!

Consider calling some of the Scouts that were dropped during recharter and invite them to return to Scouting.

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