

2016 Commissioner College Courses

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BCS 101	The Commissioner Concept	An overview of Commissioner Service and the single most important resource - <i>The Commissioner Fieldbook for Unit Service</i>
BCS 102	Supporting Timely Charter Renewal	Learn how to guide units and chartered partner organizations through the renewal process, including membership inventory and use of the online charter renewal tool.
BCS 103	The Commissioner and the District	Learn typical structure and functions of the District, the relationship of District professional staff and volunteers, and how to use the resources of the District to better support the units you serve.
BCS 104	Contacting Units	Insights on effective unit contacts, what to look for, and how to be a help. How to track your contacts with Commissioner Tools.
BCS 105	Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs	A Commissioner's primary purpose is to help units succeed, develop a better program, and operate effectively. Frequently Commissioners are called upon to assist units with concerns that could hinder the unit's success. Participants in this course will become familiar with how to respond to these concerns using Commissioner resources and early warning signals.
BCS 106	Commissioner's Priorities	Steps to handling unit problems, and using the Journey to Excellence. How to focus on your main job and not be side tracked by other demands on your time.
BCS 107	Unit Journey to Excellence	Learn about the elements of the Unit Journey to Excellence and what it takes to ensure success in every unit
BCS 110	Commissioner Style	A commissioner's style, how they provide service, is as important as what they do in the service process.
BCS 112	What Would You Do?	A group participation/discussion session on 10 fascinating situations that commissioners might encounter.
BCS 113	Essentials of Serving Scouts w. Disabilities	Reviews specific commissioner actions to provide adequate care for new units.
BCS 114	Volunteer-Professional Relationships	Both commissioners and professionals share responsibility for building good working relationships in Scouting. No matter what your job or task in the council, skill in working effectively with your professional is important. This course looks at a few general qualities and practical tips for building a good relationship.
BCS 115	The Commissioner & Diversity	The United States of America is a unique microcosm of the world's people. Its makeup is unlike any other country in the world. This has been one of the key elements of our power and success as a nation. In the past, this country was called "the great melting pot". Customs and cultures from many lands were expected to blend together like ingredients in a cream soup. But was this really accurate? Today, we have a better understanding. We're starting to realize that the United States is more like a beautiful tapestry with the variety of threads with different colors and textures woven together to make this work of art.
BCS 116	Collaborative Assessments	This course focuses on how to conduct an Action Planning Meeting with a unit using the Unit Self-Assessment Tools and the guidelines for the Action Planning process.
BCS 119	Webelos to Scout Transition	Participants of this course will become familiar with the timetable of events that should occur and the responsibilities of the participants (Packs, Troops, District and Commissioners). The timetable is year-round and focuses on facilitating a good decision by the Webelos Scout in how and where he will continue his Scouting experience.
BCS 121	Introduction to Venturing Commissioner Service	Many Commissioners do not understand Venturing and how it fits into the overall BSA program. This course is a brief overview of the structure and methods of Venturing.

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BCS 128	Venturing Monthly Program Forum	Examine the basic elements of the Venturing program forum, who attends, and what constitutes a successful forum. The "AIM" of the Venturing forum is to provide training, information, and motivation to Venturing adult leaders and crew officers. Learn how here.
BCS 130	Commissioners & Advancement	Describes why and what a Commissioner should know about advancement. A Commissioner should be prepared to assist a unit with basic questions about Advancement and know the District and Council Advancement Chairs and how to contact them when necessary.
BCS 209	Summer Camp Commissioners	This course describes the task of the Summer Camp Commissioner and focuses on the things that they can do to help a unit and its youth make the most of their summer camp experience.
BCS 217	Scout Books - Speaker, Bob Scott (Morning Program)	Morning Program
BCS 218	Lunch Presentation - Dan Warren - Tufts Study	Lunch Program
MCS 301	Commitment To On-Time Charter Renewal	Explore why units lapse or drop and how to prevent it, and why this is so important.
MCS 303	Commissioner Lifesaving I	This session sets the stage for saving a unit and reviews the basic unit life-saving steps. Getting to know your units will help you identify when, and how to address issues they face in keeping the units strong and successful.
MCS 304	Commissioner Lifesaving II	This is an in-depth continuation of MCS 303, dealing with the seven unit "hurry cases." Your ability to recognize these issues, and prioritize them will assist you and the unit to continue on successfully.
MCS 306	Counseling Skills	The best way to strengthen a unit is to strengthen its leadership. Counseling is an effective method in helping unit leaders develop their potential. Even the leader who has completed formal training and has years of experience can benefit from counseling. Where the need for an answer or a solution is not immediate, counseling is preferred over teaching. Effective counseling is one of the most important skills for a commissioner to have.
MCS 308	Venturing and the Commissioner	Venturing is one of the basic programs of the Boy Scouts of America. Because as a commissioner you are a key advocate, your commitment to Venturing is essential. Your commitment to good unit service for Venturing crews is vital.
MCS 309	Good Commissioners Need Both Head & Heart	The objective of this session is to help commissioners with at least one of two years of experience to reflect on some of the important qualities of good commissioner service (the "head"). The session also provides a variety of inspirational anecdotes for them to share with unit adults as well as other commissioners (the "heart").
MCS 312	Recruiting New Commissioners	Quality programs flourish and membership grows in a Scouting district only when there is a complete team of quality commissioners. This avoids overloading the same few volunteers who rarely say no, but who may find it easier to drop out of Scouting than to complain, "That's enough! I can't do any more!"
MCS 313	Orienting and Training Commissioners	This session covers all aspects of commissioner training, including new commissioner orientation, basic training and continuing education. A variety of classroom techniques are also reviewed. The class is for administrative commissioners (ADCs, DCs, ACCs, and CCs).
MCS 315	Effective Unit Service in Urban Communities	This session refers to those urban communities where poverty is a prevailing influence, and where community considerations require refinement and flexibility for volunteer-lead packs, troops, crews, and posts to be successful.
MCS 317	How to Remove a Volunteer	As a commissioner, you should be prepared to help guide volunteers with how to remove a volunteer. Note: This session will focus on the ineffective volunteer, the person who just isn't working out. It does not address removing a person for cause or grounds for legal action such as theft, misrepresentation, or committing an immoral act.

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MCS 318	Top 10 Ways to Assure Good Commissioner Service	Today everyone has their top 10 list, including commissioners. This session is designed to help experienced commissioners review their priorities and - for some of us - to get back to the basics. This session summarizes key factors in good commissioner service.
MCS 321	New Unit Service	The commissioner plays a vital role not only in the creation of new units, but in their continued growth and success. This session looks at the special needs of starting units and how to provide for adequate care.
MCS 322	Advanced Scouting with Disabilities	Virtually every unit will experience having a youth who has Special Needs (disabilities). This course will provide Commissioners with knowledge to share with unit leaders so they can provide a program which provides these youth with the Scouting opportunities to succeed.
MCS 409	Keeping your Older Youth Engaged and Involved	Participants in this class will discuss the reasons why older scouts leave scouting, especially those who "Eagle out". The presenters will share a number of resources available to scouts and scout leaders that engage older scouts including: the Order of the Arrow, Venturing, High Adventure activities and award programs, the High Adventure bases and national and international activities, such as the upcoming Jamborees.
MCS 410	New Commissioner Recognition Program	You will learn about all of the awards and recognitions available to you as a Commissioner and there are quite a few, including a couple that are quite new.
DCS 501	Selecting a Thesis / Project Topic	This workshop/discussion-based seminar will introduce participants to the process of planning and completing a successful D.C.S. thesis.
DCS 502	Limiting the Scope of the Topic	This workshop/discussion-based seminar will introduce participants to the process of planning and completing a successful D.C.S. thesis.
DCS 503	Developing the Thesis or Project	This discussion forum will give participants an opportunity to work with peers to define and develop their D.C.S. thesis plans.
DCS 504	Thesis/Project Workshop	This discussion forum will give participants an opportunity to work with peers to define and develop their D.C.S. thesis plans.
DCS 514	The Commissioner and the Professional	This presentation will describe a model of the professional/volunteer synergy in scouting, starting with concepts of district operations. Case studies and discussion will be integrated.
CED 710	LDS Scouting	This is an overview of the materials provided for discussion on Scouting in the LDS Church.
CED 712	Sea Scouting	Overview of Sea Scouting materials including: terms, organization, training, advancement, High Adventure opportunities and what a commissioner can do.
CED 714	Special Needs Scouting - ADHD	This presentation will review the modern pedagogy for working with young people who are affected by ADHD, with particular emphasis on the scouting program. Participation in CED 714 is NOT contingent on continuation to the CED 814 laboratory.