



PPC Commissioner Forum 2012

March 17, 2012

Agenda

Time	What?	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D
08:00	Registration & Informal discussions				
9:00	Introductions & Logistics				
9:10	Plenary: Review of Commissioning Fundamentals				
10:00	Breakout 1	Commissioner Basic Training (sign up for all 3 sessions)	Commissioner Self-Assessments	Commissioners' toolkit—tricks of the trade/our special sauce	Commissioner's Arrowhead Honor
11:00	Breakout 2	Commissioner Basic Training (cont'd)	Better Boy Scout Roundtables	Commissioner Staff-DOC Partnering	Commissioner Service to New Units
12:00	Lunch				
12:15	Lunch Plenary: Scouting Myth busters				
1:00	Breakout 3	Commissioner Basic Training (complete)	Better Cub Scout Roundtables	Recruiting and Retention of Youth: partnering with your District membership committee	How to help a troubled Unit
2:00	Breakout 4	UVTS 101 Training	A Commissioner's Priorities	Building relationships with your units	Improving Unit Visits
3:00	Awards & Recognition				
3:15	Workshop closes				

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General Sessions (all attend)

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1.	Commissioning Fundamentals (plenary)	Review of what commissioner's role is and is NOT. Our job description and why it is important to stay within our role and not try to do others' jobs for them.
2.	Scouting Myth busters (plenary)	This course will address Scouting activities that are against practice or policy, but routinely practiced because myths persist that it is OK. Examples will be given at the unit and district level. The focus will be on training, resources, and corrective actions to eliminate myths and rewards for those who deliver the Scouting program.

Workshops

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1.	Commissioner Basic Training	Learn why we have unit commissioners, the basics skills that are needed to be an effective commissioner, top priorities in unit servicing, and how to help the unit succeed in delivering a quality Scouting program. Completion of all 3-sessions will make participants eligible to wear the "Trained" patch for their role as a commissioner. The National Training Syllabus will be used.
2.	UVTS 101 Training	Computer hands-on training <u>Please bring your laptop with wifi access; a limited # will also be supplied. (adjust guidance to the venue)</u> * —
3.	Commissioner's Arrowhead Honor	Are you eligible? Participants fill out the Arrowhead sheet during the session. If you are eligible, get your DC to sign at the workshop and we will acknowledge you at the end of the day!

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Facilitated discussion Sessions

	Title	Content
1.	Commissioners' toolkit—tricks of the trade/our special sauce	Every participant brings/offers a tool (think ahead). Good commissioners need both head and heart. Presents important qualities of commissioner diplomacy
2.	Commissioner Self-Assessments	What image do we present (knowledge, attitude, uniforms, and engagement)? How to effect corrective actions with ourselves or our peers.
3.	A Commissioner's Priorities	Priorities for unit commissioner's scouting time and energy, steps in handling unit problems, celebrations, rechartering and the Journey to Excellence.
4.	Building relationships with your units	I can't penetrate the unit fortress? "They won't answer my e-mails". "They have problems, but will not let me help." Or "I go to all of their meetings/events; it's like I am one of them."
5.	Improving Unit Visits	Provides participants with insights on effective unit visits, what to look for, and how to help - not hinder
6.	Commissioner Service to New Units	Reviews how the district as a team can nurture new units. Discuss the New-Unit Commissioner position.
7.	How to help a troubled Unit	Units sliding downhill need to turn themselves around. The "what" is simple: patrol method, real pack meetings, uniforms, boy-led troop, strong committee, good relations with charter organization, etc. "How" is where we will focus the discussion.
8.	Better Cub Scout Roundtables	Review objectives of RT; discuss strategy and then tactics to "magnetize" the RT so leaders WANT to come. What special monthly topics can be useful?
9.	Better Boy Scout Roundtables	Review objectives of RT; discuss strategy and then tactics to "magnetize" the RT so leaders WANT to come. What special monthly topics can be useful?
10.	Recruiting and Retention of Youth: partnering with your District membership committee	Covers important ways that commissioners can help with recruiting and retention, such as from a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop using statistics to spot unit trouble early.
11.	Commissioner Staff-DOC Partnering	Effective partnering with DOC committees: training, membership, advancement and others