



Commissioner Conference 2008

Commissioners Give Quality Service

Dec 6, 2007 from 9am- 4pm at Cockrell Scout Center

Conference Course Catalog

(All courses marked NEW are in their first or second year)

7101 Quick Pick for Unit Commissioners (5 hours)

Simplified registration: if you have your basic training, consider this quick pick, which will enroll you in the useful nuts-and-bolts sessions 2231 (Now You're a Unit Commissioner – What Next?), 2012 (Helping Units Resolve Problems), 2023 (Unit Lifesaving), 2054 (Effective Unit Visits), and 2045 (Helping New Units)

7201 Quick Pick for Assistant District Commissioners (5 hours)

Simplified registration: pick 7201 to enroll in sessions 5241 (Counseling Skills), 5062 (Recruiting Adults and Parents), 5253 (Commissioner Style), and 5044 (Techniques for Recruiting Commissioners)

100 series - Commissioner Basic Training courses

These courses are the bread-and-butter of commissioner service.

1011 Commissioner Basic Training (5 hours)

Required training for new commissioners. The nuts and bolts of being an effective commissioner, includes information on unit visits, recruiting, and effective unit service.

1022 Administration of Commissioner Service (2 hours)

Required for district commissioners. Strongly recommended for Assistant District Commissioners. Includes the roles of the key Scouters in building, administering, and sustaining a successful commissioner staff dedicated to helping units succeed. Recruiting, training, motivational techniques, unit service, and supporting district operations are included.

1031 District Commissioner Workshop (1 hour)

Required session for district commissioners. Recommended for administrative Assistant District Commissioners and prospective District Commissioners. Explores current issues and current progress in managing change in commissioner service within our districts and council.

1044 Commissioner Staff Management (2 hours)

For Assistant District Commissioners and District Commissioners. Covers responsibilities, people skills, evaluation, removal of commissioners when necessary, and team building.

1053 Commissioner Basic INSTRUCTOR Training (1 hour)

Required for all commissioner basic training course directors and instructors. Also for the veteran commissioner who is requested to assist with commissioner basic training. Covers course syllabus changes, how to plan, promote, and present top-notch training, and how to share your insight with new commissioners.

1071 Boy Scout and Venturing Roundtable Commissioner/Staff Training (3 hours)

For all Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing roundtable commissioners and staff. (District Commissioners as well as Venturing commissioners and staff are welcome.) Satisfies the Quality Roundtable Award requirement for 50% trained staff. Everything you need to know about planning and implementing interesting, innovative, and fun roundtable programs. Discover that being on roundtable staff can be fun. An excellent opportunity to trade creative ideas.

1093 Scouting Safety Begins with Leadership (1 hour)

Recommended for all Unit Commissioners. Risk management course that fulfills the requirements for health and safety training certification. Course details how to maintain safety in Scouting units and more.

1101 Commissioners' Role in Keeping Kids Safe (2 hours)

The roles and responsibilities of the Unit Commissioner to facilitate and assure youth protection in the units.



200 series - Commissioner service how-to courses

Once you have the basics down, take these courses to sharpen your skills.

- 2012, 2013** **Helping Units Resolve Problems (1 hour)**
The fine art of counseling and negotiating to resolve conflicts. Using intervention strategies before a conflict becomes a crisis. Understanding how to remove volunteers, if and when it becomes necessary.
- 2022, 2023** **Unit Lifesaving (1 hour)**
Responding to a unit emergency. Learn how to recognize and treat units in need of first aid, as well as those in need of intensive care.
- 2031** **Nuts and Bolts of Rechartering (1 hour)**
Strongly recommended for all commissioners and Scouters. Get the specifics on the new standardized rechartering process. Designed to make completing an on-time recharter and the Centennial Quality Unit Award application easier than ever!
- 2044, 2045** **Helping New Units (1 hour)**
Now that they've been launched, let's keep them in orbit! Learn the essentials for new units to have a fun program so they can recruit more leaders and Scouts, and earn the Quality Unit Award year after year.
- 2054, 2055** **Effective Unit Visits (1 hour)**
Recommended for all commissioners. Be an asset to your assigned unit. Learn what is expected of you when you stop by, and how to make the most of your visit.
- 2084** **Howdy, Partner - Developing Charter Partner Relationships (1 hour)**
The commissioner's role in building a positive and supportive relationship between the unit and the chartered partner.
- 2124** **Centennial Quality Unit Award (1 hour)**
Description of the award. 2007 and 2008 accomplishments, and 2009 goals and implementation. The commissioner's role in the award. How to use the award to improve the quality of the units you serve. 
- 2145** **Software for Units and Recordkeeping (1 hour)**
On-line advancement, on-line recharter, Packmaster, and Troopmaster information and updates.
- 2195** **Leader Liability - Fact vs. Myth (1 hour)**
Learn the facts about personal liability in the Scouting program and how to minimize any risks there might be.
- 2222** **Effective District Commissioner Meetings (1 hour)**
Building an effective District Commissioner team. Learn how to conduct a good, interesting District Commissioner meeting, the individual roles and purpose of the District Key 3, effective use of Assistant District Commissioners, Roundtable promotion, and assigning Unit Commissioners.
- 2231** **So Now You're a Unit Commissioner – What's Next? (1 hour)**
Okay. You have taken commissioner basic, and as far as your district commissioner is concerned, you are ready to conquer the world, but maybe you are still a bit fuzzy on exactly how to tackle the job. This hour will refocus and center you in the job, and sets the stage for the rest of the day's practical sessions. 

300 series - Roundtable-focused courses

These courses are mainly for Roundtable Commissioners and staff, but are open to anyone.

- 3044** **Cub Scout Roundtable Program Planning (2 hour)**
Targeted especially for Cub Scout Roundtables, but can be useful for all Roundtable staff!
This two-hour session is intended for all Cub Scout Roundtable staff and others interested in the Cub Scout program year. We will be planning out the Cub Scout Roundtable Themes Conference, including identifying resources, taking volunteers for leadership, and developing presentations.

400 series - Program-specific courses

Does your service focus on a particular program? Here are some focused sessions for you.

4042 Commissioner Support for Venturing Crews (1 hour)

For all commissioners, but particularly recommended for those serving crews.

How to serve a Venturing crew, with a discussion of how their needs differ from packs and troops. This will also be a preview of the reconstituted Council Venturing committee, with a look at how that committee proposes to help crews with program and training support.

NEW!

4131 About Sea Scouts (1 hour)

Did you know that our council has one of the most active Sea Scouts programs in the country?

For all Commissioners. Overview of the Sam Houston Area Council's Sea Scout program and how Commissioners can promote the program.

NEW!

500 series - Auxiliary and supplemental courses

The 'kitchen sink' of the Commissioners' Conference - we've got something for everyone!

5015 Publicity (1 hour)

Creative ways to promote and advertise unit activities and achievements. How to shape your image within the community.

5044 Techniques for Recruiting Commissioners (2 hours)

Fill your vacancies with dynamic staff by determining "the right stuff" that makes a good commissioner. Identifying prospective recruits is a useful skill for unit commissioners - learn how in this course.

5062 Recruiting Adults and Parents (1 hour)

For all commissioners. How to get the adults and parents involved and interested in their kids' units and the Scouting movement. This is information you can pass on to the units you serve to help *their* recruitment.

5072 Tool Kit - Training and Resources (1 hour)

For all commissioners. Learn about the top ten supplemental training opportunities, and how to get an invitation to the Philmont Training Center.

5081 Unit Finance and Budgeting (1 hour)

Learn how to plan, recruit and finance a unit's year in Scouting.

5163 International Scouting (1 hour)

There's a world of Scouting beyond the nation's borders. Come learn how Scouting works worldwide, what opportunities are available to your Scouts for international travel and service, and how you can host foreign Scouts here.

5181 What's Next After the Next Generation? (2 hours)

Understanding the characteristics of each generation – baby boomers, generation X, generation Y, and the millennials. Improve your ability to understand and communicate with them.

NEW!

5191 Removing Adult Volunteers (1 hour)

It's not easy or pleasant, but there are times when it has to be done. Learn when and how to remove volunteers while preserving dignity and minimizing damage to the program.

NEW!

5204 Commissioners and Camp Promotion (1 hour)

The importance of and the commissioners' role in promoting Summer Camp, Winter Camp, and Day Camp.

5211 Order of the Arrow (1 hour)

What is the Order of the Arrow? How does it help Boy Scout Units? How can commissioners promote the Order of the Arrow?

5231 Conflict Resolution (2 hours)

Analyzing conflict- what it is and why it occurs so often. How to resolve conflicts - what steps are necessary to resolve conflicts. Using positive communication - how to avoid conflicts from developing in the first place by practicing some positive communication techniques.

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- 5241 Counseling Skills (1 hour)**
Presents counseling as an effective method to help units succeed. Covers the elements of good counseling. **NEW!**
- 5253 Commissioner Style (1 hour)**
Presents important qualities of commissioner diplomacy, the concept of "exceptional service", and service recovery. **NEW!**
- 5273 National Council Program Updates (1 hour)**
BSA is constantly improving and updating the programs to better serve our youth. In 2008 and 2009, this is ever so true with changes ranging from Tiger Scout to Tenderfoot to Eagle. This course will explain them all. **NEW!**
- 5284 Dispelling Myths about Advancement (1 hour)**
Have you ever been broadsided by an advancement question that you're not sure if it's fact or fiction? Be prepared. This course will give you the truths many of those advancement misunderstandings. **NEW!**
- 5295 Self-Assessment for the 21st Century (1 hour)**
How are you doing? What we mean is "Do you really know HOW effective you are to the units and leaders you serve?" Now you can get the tools to truly assess your service. **NEW!**
- 5314 Partnering with a Professional (1 hour)**
Commissioners were the earliest form of the field professional, so naturally the two positions should have a strong relationship. Learn how to effectively balance this relationship to make a win-win situation. When we perform well together, the units benefit the most. **NEW!**
- 5322, 5324 Diversity in the Scouting Program (2 hour panel discussion)**
This panel discussion will cover the topic of serving units with religious, ethnic, or socially diverse cultures, and should give commissioners insight on how best to serve those youth. **NEW!**
- 5343 So What's Up with ScoutParents? (1 hour)**
The *ScoutParents* initiative is a new program which the BSA has rolled out in the fall of 2008. The initiative has the potential to greatly strengthen parental involvement in units. As Commissioners we should understand the plan so that we can share it and encourage it in the units we serve. **NEW!**
- 5995 SPECIAL OFFERING!**

A Talk with Tico Perez, National Commissioner (1 hour)

It is our pleasure to have Tico Perez, the BSA's National Commissioner, as our guest of honor at this year's Commissioner Conference. Before the Distinguished Commissioner awards are given out at the end of the conference, spend an hour with Tico to hear his perspective on the program and the place of commissioners in it.

