



2024 Gateway Region College of Commissioner Science Class Catalog

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College of Commissioner Science - Bachelors (Scheduled Classes)

BCS101 Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM EAB 238		Core Concepts of Unit Service The position of commissioner is one of the oldest in Scouting. This course reviews and reinforces the commissioner core concepts and identifies the key skills needed for commissioner to be able to assess the units they serve.
BCS102 Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM EAB 238		The Charter Renewal Process Chartered organizations must submit an application to Council annually to renew its charter. This fosters a formal, timely plan for regular dialogue between the chartered organization and BSA, and assures membership is current so Scouts can participate in Scouting activities and advance in rank. Commissioners support the timely, error-free completion of the renewal.
BCS104 Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM EAB 238		Contacting Units This course examines the role of contacts between commissioners and their units. This is a participant discussion format course. Course leader(s) should guide a discussion. The experience level of your participants will guide you in how much you will have to dig for them to come up with the responses. Watch your time. With group discussions, time can get away from you.
BCS105 Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM EAB 238		Resolving Common Unit Issues Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs The unit commissioner's goal in supporting a unit is to discover strengths and needs, and to help the unit improve. Some issues are common, and can be resolved readily.
BCS106 Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM EAB 238		Coaching Leaders In this course a commissioner will become familiar with the new Coaching Model and how to use it to better serve their units.
BCS114 Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM EAB 240		Understanding and Communicating with Todays Leaders We, as commissioners, need to understand the differences in relating to generations involved in scouting and inclusiveness. As commissioners we can embrace the differences and similarities to make the scouting program stronger.
BCS116 Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM EAB 238		Collaborative Assessments Relationships are the foundation of effective collaboration; in fact, relationships are the foundation of effective Unit Service. As commissioners work to build effective relationships, unit leaders should come to understand that their unit commissioner has only one objective: to help the unit better serve more youth through Scouting. Once effective relationships have started to develop, unit commissioners will likely find greater acceptance of a collaborative approach to unit assessment and plan development.

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BCS117

Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM

EAB 240



Commissioner & Unit Key 3 Selecting Quality Leaders

In this course, we examine the roles of the unit key 3 and how commissioners work with and coach each role.

BCS150

Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM

EAB 240



Roundtables In Unit Service

An effective roundtable is vital to the success of all commissioner service. This course reviews and reinforces how roundtables fit into the commissioner service structure by providing roundtable services to unit leaders.

BCS151

Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM

EAB 240



The Roundtable Commissioner Team

An effective roundtable commissioner team is vital to the success of all roundtables. The roundtable commissioner team organization is as simple as it needs to be in a small district and can be a more complex organization in a larger district. It is important that all members of the commissioner roundtable team understand the unique position of roundtable in the Scouting world. Roundtable provides a different method of unit service, but it is just as important. Roundtable also supplements unit commissioner efforts by the program support it provides.

BCS153

Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM

Computer Lab-Room 212



Roundtables and Commissioner Tools

In this course, the participants will learn how to use the roundtable tab on Commissioner Tools. They will also learn to create power pivot table reports. For a participant to be fully engaged in the course they need to have a computer to be able to access Commissioner Tools.

BCS198

Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM

Computer Lab-Room 212



Commissioner Tools Basic

Commissioner Tools is available via the my.Scouting portal. Commissioner Tools helps commissioners perform by providing access to information critical to supporting units. Here are a few examples of Commissioner Tools capabilities:

Assign commissioners to units.

Record contacts.

Roundtable administrations.

Plan, record attendance, and monitor effectiveness.

Conduct assessments to help a unit improve

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College of Commissioner Science - Doctorate (Scheduled Classes)

DCS504

Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM
 Todd Oberg
 Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM
 Todd Oberg

EAB 264



Project / Thesis Open Workshop Forum

This Q and A open forum provides Doctoral Candidates an opportunity to review completed Projects and Theses instilling confidence that this task is attainable.

DCS508

Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM
 EAB 264



Administering Commissioner Lifesaving: A Forum

Administrative Commissioners are taught to give leadership to a Commissioner lifesaving concept. It provides choices in selecting the lifesaving team approach.

DCS512

Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM
 EAB 261



Recruiting for Diversity

This workshop is designed to allow participants the opportunity to practice recruiting commissioners.

DCS514

Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM Rick
 Tolan
 EAB 261



Building Meaningful Relationships

Commissioner service is all about relationships. This session suggests ways in which Commissioners may go about building and maintaining positive relationships with those they serve. It also discusses possible pitfalls that can undermine relationships

DCS520

Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM
 EAB 261



Assessing District Health

Learn how to use resources to assist in identifying strengths and bring improvements to weaknesses found in the district.

DCS521

Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM
 Todd Oberg
 Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM
 Todd Oberg
 Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM
 Todd Oberg
 EAB 264



Doctoral Thesis Block

DCS522

Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM
 Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM
 Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM
 EAB 261



Doctorate Thesis / Project Defense Presentation- by Invitation Only

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College of Commissioner Science - Masters (Scheduled Classes)

MCS305

Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM
Chris Spiegel

EAB 251



Resolving Critical Unit Issues

In this course you will practice and discuss making a detailed assessment and unit service plan for units with different issues. This course is scenario and discussion driven.

MCS306

Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM Tom Spiegel

EAB 251



Mentoring Skills

The course will discuss the new mentoring model, differences of coaching and mentoring and how it applies to commissioner service.

MCS307

Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM
Kevin Gurlen

EAB 251



Serving Newly Formed Units

An engaged commissioner is critical for the success and retention of new units. Commissioners designated as a New Unit Commissioner focus on only new units, preferably a single unit to which they have been assigned.

MCS311

Session 5 03:00-04:00 PM Tom Spiegel

EAB 251



All About the ADC's Role

This course will educate the audience on the purpose of the ADC role and how it benefits commissioner services.

MCS312

Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM
Kevin Gurlen

EAB 251



Recruiting a Commissioner Team

In the 1940's, a super-salesman named Elmer Wheeler made what Time magazine called "a handsome living" advising U.S businesses. His concept was - "Don't sell the sausage - sell the sizzle!" Elmer knew the big secret to successful selling is that you don't advertise the sausage itself because it's the desirable sounds and smells which get the juices flowing and the people hungry. We should keep that in mind when recruiting new commissioners - when making the sales pitch. Scouting is exciting, adventurous, and a whole lot of fun. We need to sell the "sizzle" of Scouting.

MCS313

Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM

EAB 254



Onboarding New Commissioners, Orienting and Training Commissioners

The purpose of the onboarding progress record is to make commissioner in their new position successful via ensuring they know the tools that are available and via a seasoned mentor.

MCS317

Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM
Chris Spiegel

EAB 251



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 does not address removing a person for cause or grounds for legal action such as theft, misrepresentation, or committing an immoral act. This session will focus on the ineffective volunteer, the person who just isn't working out.

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MCS351

Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM Rich Evans

EAB 254



Conducting the Roundtable Planning Session

An effective roundtable program requires advanced planning. With this in mind, every district and council should have an advanced roundtable plan supported by the assistant council commissioner and assistant district commissioners who focus on roundtable as unit service.

MCS352

Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM

EAB 254



Roundtable is Over - Now What

The district roundtable isn't over when the last chair is put away or when the host has closed the virtual meeting space. There are things that need to be completed to help get ready for the next roundtable. This course discusses the importance of feedback and applying for successful future roundtables.

MCS353

Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM Cherrie Hudson

EAB 254



The Cub Scout Roundtable Breakout

This course will help you use the Cub Scout breakout to develop a plan to help units solve their problems using program specific interest topics and resources, employ the breakout sessions to focus on the needs of leaders in unique positions, and apply unit service resources to help pack leaders solve their own problems.

MCS354

Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM Cherrie Hudson

EAB 254



The Scouts BSA Roundtable Breakout

The Scouts BSA breakout session focuses on the needs of troop leaders and helps them solve their problems. The Scouts BSA breakout session should help adult leaders learn scout skills as needed to help their youth leaders plan and run the troop program.

MCS357

Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM Rich Evans

EAB 254






Managing Long Distance Roundtables

This course will provide an understanding of the current resources available to enhance long distance roundtables.

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Commissioner Basic Training (Scheduled Classes)		
CBT100 Session 1 09:00-12:00 PM EAB 232		Commissioner Basic Training D20
CBT101 Session 5 01:00-03:00 PM EAB 232		ADC / DC Basic Training D18 This course is designed for new ADC's and DC's covers such topics as recruiting, coaching, matching UC's to units, area management, team management and strategies for Commissioner area service.
CBT102 Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM EAB 232		Roundtable Commissioner Basic D19

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College of Commissioner Science - Continuing Ed (Scheduled Classes)

CED113 Session 6 02:00-03:00 PM Eleanor Philips EAB 236	 Essentials of Serving Scouts With Disabilities Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has had fully participating members with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities. The first Chief Scout Executive, James E. West, had a disability. While there are troops composed exclusively of Scouts with disabilities, experience has shown that Scouting works best when such boys are mainstreamed-placed in a regular patrol in a regular troop. The best guide to working with Scouts who have disabilities is to use good common sense. It's obvious that a Scout in a wheelchair may have problems fulfilling a hiking requirement, but it might not be so obvious when it comes to the Scout with a learning disability. Use the resources around you, and this pamphlet. Begin with the Scout and his parents; seek guidance from them on how best to work with the Scout. Seek help from the Scout's teacher, doctor, or physical therapist. Each Scout will be different, so no single plan will work for every Scout. If the troop is short on personnel, ask the Scout's parents to help, or assign one or more skilled older Scouts to be of assistance. It will take patience, but the rewards will be great, for you and for the members of your troop.
CED701 Session 1 09:00-10:00 AM EAB 236	 Combatting Commissioner Stress/Burnout
CED713 Session 2 10:00-11:00 AM Eleanor Philips EAB 236	 Advancement for Scouts with Special Needs - The Commissioner's Role Virtually every unit will experience having a youth who has disAbilities. This course will provide Commissioners with knowledge to share with unit leaders regarding ADVANCEMENT so they can provide a program which provides these youth with the Scouting opp
CED718 Session 7 03:00-04:00 PM Greg Caldwell EAB 236	 Effective Communications The course will identify communication, and tools to be more effective
CED831 Session 3 11:00-12:00 PM EAB 236	 STEM Scouting for Commissioners In this course, we will dive into the STEM Nova and Supernova programs, the mission of the STEM In Scouting National Committee and the focus on STEM as a future survival skill. Coming out of this course, participants will understand the STEM Nova program and know how to help their units implement an activity and awards based program by incorporating exciting STEM experiments into their outings and meetings while encouraging their Scouts to earn Nova awards and prestigious Supernova awards.
CED834 Session 5 01:00-02:00 PM Computer Lab-Room 212	 Scoutbook Basic Training for Commissioners Learn to track advancements, awards, contact list, upload photos and, send messages to your unit, plan events a year in advance all from one tool. Work smarter by using this user friendly web based tool that will keep your unit informed, connected and engaged. This tool is both Windows and Apple friendly, will work with your desktops, laptops, iPad and yes, even your cell phone.

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College of Commissioner Science - National Camp School Camp Commissioner (Scheduled Classes)

NCC100

Session 1 09:00-12:00 PM
Roger Engelbart

EAB 234



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