

2010 Commissioner College Courses

Bachelor's Program Courses

BCS 101 Introduction to Commissioner Science – An overview of commissioner service and the single most important resource – *The Commissioner Fieldbook*.

(Offered in Session #1 – 8:00am)

BCS 103 The Commissioner and the District – Interaction of the commissioner with the district executive and district committee. Understanding district and council operation.

(Offered in Session #2 – 9:00am)

BCS 104 Unit Visitation – Provides participants with insights on effective unit visits, what to look for, and how to be a help – not a hindrance.

(Offered in Session #3 – 10:00am)

BCS 105 Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs – Helps commissioners understand how to respond to unit needs. Participants become familiar with Unit Commissioner Worksheets and Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops and Crews.

(Offered in Session #4 – 11:00am)

BCS 106 A Commissioner's Priorities – Suggest the priorities for a unit commissioner's Scouting time and energy, reviews step in handling unit problems, and covers the important Centennial Quality Unit Award.

(Offered in Session #5 – 1:00pm)

BCS 108 Effective Roundtables I – Designed for roundtable commissioners and roundtable staff members. Covers basic roundtable ingredients, planning cycle, and resource materials.

(Offered in Session #6 – 2:00pm)

BCS 109 Effective Roundtables II – Designed for roundtable commissioners and roundtable staff members as a continuation of BCS 108. Covers promotion and publicity, roundtable location, and a variety of morale builders.

(Offered in Session #7 – 3:00pm)

BCS 110 Commissioner Style – Presents important qualities of commissioner diplomacy, a concept of “exceptional service”, thoughts about “roots and wings”, service recovery, and explains how to remove a volunteer.

(Offered in Session #1 – 8:00am)

BCS 115 Commissioners and Diversity – BSA's leadership and membership reflects the demographic character of our nation. Commissioners can use diversity to make Scouting stronger and more effective.

(Offered in Session #2 – 9:00am)

BCS 116 Using the Unit Self-Assessment Tools – How to conduct an Action Planning meeting with a unit using the Unit Self-Assessment Tools and the guidelines for the Action Planning process.

(Offered in Session #3 – 10:00am)

Master's Program Courses

MCS 301 No-Lapse / No-Drop Commitment – The group will explore why units lapse or drop and how to prevent it, how to develop a no-lapse / no-drop plan for a district, and why this is so important.

(Offered in Session #1 – 8:00am)

MCS 302 Unit Finance – An overview of the unit budget plan, who pays for Scouting at all levels, a variety of successful unit money-earning projects, and how to help units with special financial needs.

(Offered in Session #2 – 9:00am)

MCS 303 Commissioner Lifesaving I – This session sets the stage for saving a unit and reviews the basic unit lifesaving steps.

(Offered in Session #3 – 10:00am)

MCS 304 Commissioner Lifesaving II – This is an in-depth continuation of MCS 303, dealing with the seven unit “hurry cases”.

(Offered in Session #4 – 11:00am)

MCS 306 Counseling Skills – This session presents counseling as an effective method for commissioners to help units succeed. It covers many elements of good counseling.

(Offered in Session #5 – 1:00pm)

MCS 309 Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart – Includes great reflections for experienced commissioners. Take home thought-provoking tips and anecdotes.

(Offered in Session #6 – 2:00pm)

MCS 402 Recruiting New Commissioners – This bread-and-butter session for all administrative commissioners covers the steps of recruiting commissioners, group recruiting techniques, and sources of prospects.

(Offered in Session #7 – 3:00pm)

MCS 403 Orienting and Training Commissioners – A session for all administrative commissioners – covers all aspects of commissioner training, including new commissioner orientation, basic training, Arrowhead Honor, the Commissioner's Key, and continuing education. A variety of classroom techniques are also reviewed.

(Offered in Session #5 – 1:00pm)

Doctor's Program Courses

DCS 601 Selecting a Thesis / Research Project Topic – This session introduces the participants to the thesis project, discusses what constitutes a good thesis or research topic, and helps them select their general thesis topic.

(Offered in Session #1 – 8:00am)

DCS 602 Limiting the Scope of the Topic – Participants receive help in reducing the thesis topic to workable size and ideas for thesis/project research.

(Offered in Session #2 – 9:00am)

DCS 603 Developing the Thesis Outline and Writing the Report – This session covers the thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for writing and revising the report.

(Offered in Session #3 – 10:00am)

DCS 610 Preventing Commissioner Burnout – Covers types of burnout and how to prevent or correct it to maximize effective tenure. Includes valuable tips on time management and refers to several aspects of “commissioner wellness”.

(Offered in Session #4 – 11:00am)

DCS 611 Consider Your Spouse and Family – Suggests ways to enhance family relations and resolve family conflicts regarding Scouting. Discusses how commissioners’ spouses can receive recognition from Scouting.

(Offered in Session #5 – 1:00pm)

DCS 620 Assessing Council and District Health – Learn about the resources necessary to assess a council’s or district’s health related to providing quality unit service. Learn how to use the tools available to commissioners in evaluating success.

(Offered in Session #6 – 2:00pm)

DCS 715 Quality District – Learn about “Elements of Being a Quality District” – to ensure success in every area, what does it take?

(Offered in Session #7 – 3:00pm)