

## **Bachelor's Program Courses**

### **BCS 101 Introduction to Commissioner Science**

An overview of commissioner service and the single most important resource—The Commissioner Fieldbook.

### **BCS 102 Unit Charter Renewal**

Review a proven plan for reregistering Scouting units on time with minimal loss in membership and leaders. Learn the role of the commissioner to facilitate and achieve on-time charter renewal.

### **BCS 103 The Commissioner and the District**

Interaction of the commissioner with the district executive and district committee. Understanding district and council operation.

### **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.

### **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.

### **BCS 106 A Commissioner's Priorities**

Suggests the priorities for a unit commissioner's Scouting time and energy, reviews steps in handling unit problems, and covers the important Centennial Quality Unit Award.

### **BCS 107 Youth Protection Training**

A seminar designed to provide a commissioner with an overview of what constitutes child abuse and the responsibility of the local council and commissioner in preventing child abuse and reporting suspected cases. The complete Youth Protection Guidelines training is presented.

### **BCS 108 Effective Roundtables I**

Designed for roundtable commissioners and roundtable staff members. Covers basic roundtable ingredients, planning cycle, and resource materials.

### **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.

### **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.

**BCS 111 Health and Safety Training**

This session is the actual Health and Safety Training Course Syllabus of the Boy Scouts of America.

**BCS 112 What Would You Do?**

A group participation/discussion session on 10 fascinating situations that commissioners might encounter.

**BCS 113 Service to New Units**

Reviews specific commissioner actions to provide adequate care for new units.

**BCS 114 Good Commissioner-Professional Relationships**

This special partnership is the core of Scouting success at a council/district level. Learn the qualities and tips that make this relationship work well.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**MCS 303 Commissioner Lifesaving I**

This session sets the stage for saving a unit and reviews the basic unit lifesaving steps.

**MCS 304 Commissioner Lifesaving II**

This is an in-depth continuation of MCS 303, dealing with the seven unit "hurry cases."

**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.

**MCS 307 Webelos-to-Scout Transition**

Covers important ways commissioners can help boys make the transition from a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop.

### **MCS 308 Venturing and the Commissioner**

This session stresses the importance of a commissioner's commitment to Venturing and suggests basic elements of a plan for a commissioner to help every crew succeed.

### **MCS 309 Good Commissioners Need Both Head and Heart**

Includes great reflections for experienced commissioners. Take home thought-provoking tips and anecdotes.

### **MCS 401 Just for ADCs**

This session emphasizes the importance of the assistant district commissioner, his or her responsibilities, the effective ADC's people skills, and the evaluation of his or her work.

### **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.

### **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.

### **MCS 404 Advanced Roundtable Leadership**

An advanced seminar for roundtable commissioners (not staff ) and other administrative commissioners. Includes roundtable staff recruitment, roundtable evaluation, and roundtable finance. Also reviews several important fine points for roundtable success, including how to support your staff.

### **MCS 405 Effective Unit Service in Low-Income Urban Communities**

This session emphasizes the importance of Scouting for low-income urban communities and suggests practical methods for recruiting local unit adults, helping units with special financial needs, and providing effective commissioner help.

### **MCS 406 Effective Unit Service in Remote Rural Areas**

This session helps commissioners tailor their service to sparsely populated rural areas, with practical methods for recruiting rural adults and working with rural units.

### **MCS 407 How to Remove a Volunteer**

An open discussion of a topic only recently put in print. The session provides a variety of practical guidelines on this sensitive topic.

### **MCS 408 The Commissioner Leader's Top 10 List**

Today everyone has their top 10 list. This group will explore a top 10 list to guarantee good commissioner service.

### **MCS 409 District Commissioner Basics**

A great overview of this important position, including all major responsibilities.

## **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **DCS 604 Thesis Workshop**

This course is for those who feel they need more help getting started on or completing their thesis.

### **DCS 608 Advanced Commissioner Lifesaving**

Administrative commissioners are taught to give leadership to a commissioner lifesaving concept. It also guides selected districts in setting up the lifesaving team approach.

### **DCS 610 Preventing Commissioner Burnout**

Covers types of burnout and how to prevent or correct it to maximize effective commissioner tenure. Includes valuable tips on time management and refers to several aspects of "commissioner wellness."

### **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.

### **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.

### **DCS 701 Beyond BCS 114: The Commissioner and Professional—A Working Relationship**

Learn more about the relationship between the commissioner and the professional. How can the two work closely together to reach a common goal of providing quality service to units.

### **DCS 716 Journey to Excellence - Districts**

Learn about "Elements of Journey to Excellence Award for Districts—to ensure success in every area, what does it take?"