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The Great Trail Council
Presents

The 23rd Annual
College of
Commissioner
Science



Saturday, September 27,
2008

at the

First Baptist Church
Akron, Ohio

College of Commissioner Science – Bachelor Program

- Provides a continuation of the skills learned in the basic commissioner class.
- A further review of the commissioner role in the Scouting program.
- Share ideas and discuss commissioner responsibilities with fellow commissioners in the classroom environment.
- Learn about more resources and techniques to provide the best commissioner service to your units.
- Leads to the Master's program which will further your skills.

Courses in the program:

BCS101 – Introduction to Commissioner Science – An overview of commissioner service, and your single most important resource – *The Commissioner Field book*.

BCS200 – Communication Skills – Good communication skills are needed to be an effective commissioner. We rely on our ability to listen and work with the unit leaders.

BCS103 – The Commissioner and the District – Interaction of the commissioner with the district executive and district committee. Understanding district and council operation, and where do commissioners fit in.

BCS104 – Unit Visitation – Provides participants with insights on effective unit visits, what to look for, and how to be a help – not a hindrance to your units.

BCS105 – Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs – Helps commissioners understand how to respond to unit needs. Participants become familiar with Unit Commissioner worksheets and the *Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops, and Crews*.

*****Please make note that the Masters Program will be made available in the fall of 2009.**

College of Commissioner Science – Masters Program

- Learn how to deal with troubled units
- Learn more about the structure of traditional units.
- Discuss recruitment and retention techniques
- Review important trainings in Scouting safety.
- Work on unit service with experienced Commissioners.

MCS306 – Counseling – The art of working with other volunteers and the youth they serve. A Commissioner is a friend to the unit.

MCS301 & MSC303 – Commissioner Lifesaving / No Lapse Policy – Working with units that are on the verge of dropping and keeping track of the “vital signs” of your units. Learn what to look for and how to react in time.

MCS307 – Webelos to Scout Transition – What a Commissioner should know about a unit preparing for a smooth crossover. Ways we prevent Scouts from dropping through the cracks at this time of transition.

MCS308 – Venturing – What every Commissioner should know about this exciting program, which is, designed for young people between 14 and 20.

MCS402/403 – Recruiting and Training Commissioners – Filling the District staff with competent, reliable, service-oriented Commissioners. (Good for ADC's and Roundtable Commissioners, too.)

MCS309 – Head and Heart – A time to reflect on things that work well and things that need a little more work.

MCS309 – Commissioner's Top Ten List – Ten things on which a Commissioner should focus. (Unit service, rechartering, etc.)

MCS316 – Youth Protection, The Guide to Safe Scouting and National and Local Camping Policy Learn about the different Youth Protection trainings aimed at Scout-aged young people. Also, discuss – Scouting's camping and safety policies.

Doctor of Commissioner Science

The doctoral program is a great opportunity for you to share an area of interest, experience, or viable solutions to a Scouting need you recognize across the Great Trail Council.

Your doctoral program continues your advanced studies that you've prepared for by completing your Bachelors and Masters. You will gain a detail understanding of the doctoral program written thesis/research project requirements plus knowledge on advanced topics pertinent to Scouters as well. Your day of lectures will include the following topics.

DCS601 – Selecting a Thesis / Research Project Topic

DCS602 – Limiting the Scope of the Topic

DCS603 – Developing Outline / Writing Report

DCS604 – Thesis Workshop

DCS610 – Preventing Commissioner Burnout

DCS611 – Consider Your Spouse and Family

Your doctoral program continues beyond the classroom. You will have the guidance and support of a doctoral counselor to help you develop a written thesis/research project for your selected and approved subject. Your doctoral counselor will be a Scouter who is experienced and knowledgeable in writing a thesis/research project, and can either be an individual that you identify (with Doctoral College approval) or an assigned individual.

Please expect your doctoral program to be a multiple year effort. Ideally, after you attend the doctoral program at the College of Commissioner Science, the next year of the college you will present your submitted and approved thesis/research project. Your area of research may be limited by time constraints. Your research, observations, interviews, surveys, and/or field-testing that you use may take more than one year. Thus for some doctoral candidates their thesis/research project completion may be given two years from their initial doctoral classroom attended.

Cost?

Early bird registration is \$15.00 before September 19. After September 19, the fee is \$18.00, which includes the training, two meals, coffee/beverages throughout the day, your degree, neckerchief, and all training materials. A special patch will also be available at an additional cost of \$4.00. These must be ordered when registering prior to the college date.

Questions?

Call Joe Mako at 330-867-6256.

2008 College of Commissioner Science Registration Form (900032)

Register by 9/19/08	\$15	=	\$ _____
Register after 9/19/08	\$18	=	\$ _____
Special Patch	\$ 4	=	\$ _____

Method of Payment: Check Visa MasterCard
Credit Card #: _____

Exp Date: _____

Signature: _____

Unit # _____ District: _____ Degree: B PhD
(Circle One)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Return to:

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*If you have a special dietary request
please let us know _____

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