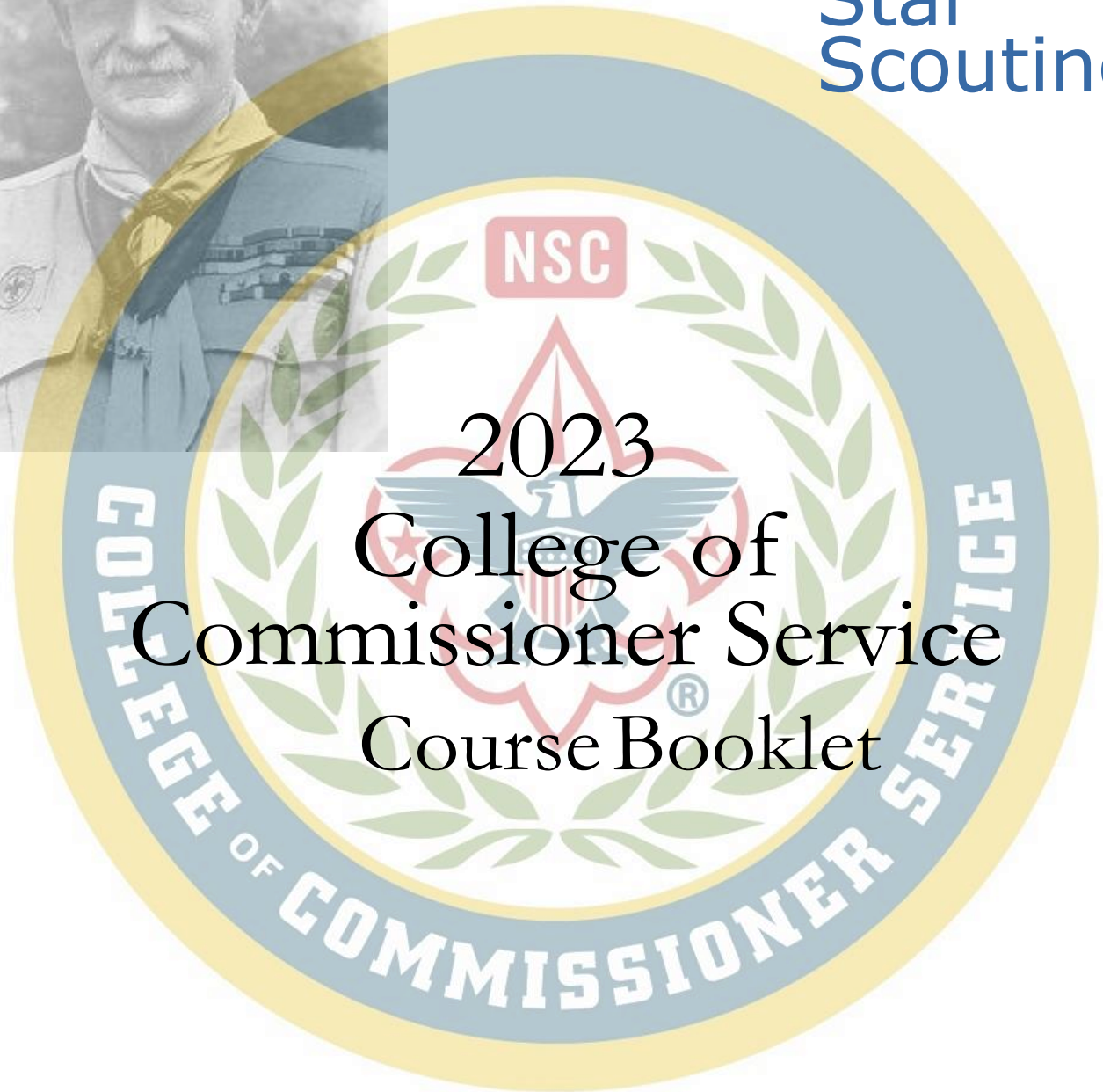




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2023
College of
Commissioner Service
Course Booklet

Saturday, November 11, 2023
Live & Virtual Training

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What's New for 2023

- **New course offerings** to enhance the training experience for all our commissioners.
- **New Location:** Northern Star Council at the **BaseCamp / Leadership Center**
- We have added **additional electives** to provide more choices for both new and experienced commissioners.
- **Basic Commissioner Training Available**
- **Advanced Studies Roundtable Training Courses**
- **Enjoy the 2023 Commissioners College** in-person or from the comfort of your living room or den!
- **Hybrid Learning**, The Bachelor's, Master's, Doctorate, Advanced Studies, and Continuing Education programs will be offered both virtually and in person. Those choosing the virtual format for all Degrees may only choose electives marked with “V” in the catalog.
- **Additional Advanced Studies courses** (those who have completed their Master’s or Doctorate degree): in addition to the Advanced Studies core required courses, you are able to register for any class offered at the college that will best suit your training needs if attending in person.
- Back by popular demand, we are offering open discussion **Continuing Education Sessions** for commissioners who want to hone their commissioner skills, without following the college degree format.
- **The Focus Session** will feature being a Commissioner using a Community Engagement Model.

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Welcome!

Welcome to Northern Star Scouting's College of Commissioner Service.

I want to thank you for your commitment to service and for supporting our scouting units to deliver the promise of scouting. Your investment in our units and their communities is enhanced by your commitment to continue growth in knowledge, skills, and relationships.

Together we can learn and share experiences within the wreath of service. Continue to look for new (and old) ways to build connections – at the unit and the community level. Our support of each other will enable us to grow and help Scouting grow as well. Listen, be creative, try new things, learn from both success and failures – all in the spirit of unit service.

Your investment also pays dividends for your peers as we work to “help other people at all times.” Thank you for investing in yourself and in Scouting!

Looking forward to connecting in November!

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Kaus

Council Commissioner
Northern Star Scouting

What Program Do I Register For?

Bachelor of Commissioner Service: The Bachelor's program is open to anyone who has completed Unit Commissioner Basic Training. The Bachelor's program offers courses to supplement and build on your basic training skills.

See page 7.

Master of Commissioner Service: The Master's program is advanced training that follows completion of the Bachelor's program. This program offers courses to enable commissioners to work effectively with specific unit needs and special needs of Scouts in your unit. Learn concepts like "unit lifesaving" and learn skills for developing unit leaders. **See page 8.**

Doctorate of Commissioner Service: The Doctorate program follows completion of the Master's program and includes carrying out a project that benefits an area of scouting. Doctoral candidates will attend advanced training courses and make a presentation on their completed project. **See page 9.**

Advanced Studies: The Advanced Studies program offers courses to supplement previous commissioner training. The program is intended for commissioners who have completed the Master's program or Doctorate program and who are interested in learning more – plus enjoying fellowship with other commissioners. **See page 11.**

Continuing Education: The Continuing Education program is a degree Opportunity for Commissioners of any level to participate in a group discussion on key unit issues Commissioners need to address. **See page 13.**

Basic Commissioner Training: Basic Commissioner Training will be offered for new Commissioners.

Schedule

The degree granting programs require completion of 8 sessions in one day. Below is the schedule of the day.

In person participants will get a personalized class schedule at check-in. Virtual participants will receive a link for participation.

7:45 - 8:15	Registration and Fellowship-
8:15 - 8:30	Opening and Welcome
8:30 - 9:00	Session 1 - Keynote
9:15 - 10:00	Session 2
10:05 - 10:50	Session 3
11:05 - 11:45	Session 4 - Focus Session
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch and Fellowship
12:35 - 1:20	Session 5
1:25 - 2:20	Session 6
2:25 - 3:10	Session 7
3:15 - 4:00	Session 8
4:05 - 4:45	Graduation and Pictures
4:45	Closing

Session 1 is a Keynote presentation to start the day with an inspirational message!

Session 4 is a general session, with a focus topic for everyone attending the college.

Sessions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 cover the core and elective courses of different degree programs.

Keynote Presentation

Commissioners are a vital component of Scouting. It is critical to have Commissioner Service for the success of the individual Units. Commissioners Have a huge role in making that happen. We hope to “*Be the Heart*” of service. We try our hardest to “*Build Relationships*” to communicate the reason for Scouting, and how to help do it. And if it works well, we will “*Change Lives*”. To talk to us today is Julia Mae-Shen Lesko.

Julia Mae-Shen Lesko is the Council Commissioner and chief morale officer for the National Capital Area Council. A passionate trainer, she has served on several BSA national training task forces, and trained Scouts and Scouters from around the world at Philmont Training Center, Summit Bechtel Reserve, Florida Sea Base and the National Order of the Arrow Conference. Julia is also the recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award, Silver Antelope Award, Silver Beaver Award, Vigil Honor, and numerous other square knots and training awards. Julia currently serves as Deputy Director for Case Management and Attorney Development at the U.S. Surface Transportation Board.

Focus Session

Commissioning and Community Engagement

The Focus Session. This Focus Session will introduce you to an alternative way to deliver Commissioner Service using a Community Engagement model. Following a pilot program, this format has been utilized in a couple districts and has been very effective with Troops and Packs with significant size. You will have the opportunity to view what a Community Engagement meeting will look like and also provide feedback on how to set up this model in your District.

BACHELORS OF COMMISSIONER SERVICE DEGREE

Jeff Wiser, Dean

A. Prerequisites

1. Completion of Unit Commissioner Basic Training
2. Current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate

B. Requirements

1. Register as a candidate for the Bachelor's degree, with proper fees
2. Complete a minimum of eight courses of instruction from the college, including the core courses specified below for the Bachelor's program curriculum.
3. Be recommended for the degree by the dean of the bachelor's program.

C. Course detail for this degree: You must take the six core courses listed below, plus two electives from the list below. **Virtual program will offer all core classes, plus electives marked with V.**

BCS 101 – Core Concepts of Unit Service (Core) V

BCS 105 – Commissioners Building Unit Relationships (Core) V

BCS 201 – Let's Get Started Using Commissioner Tools (Core) V

BCS 212 – Utilizing Scoutbook Tools (Core) V

BCS 213 – Your Role in Improving Youth Retention (Elective) V

BCS 220 – Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers (Elective)

BCS 221 – Selling the value of Scouting to Cub Scout Parents (Elective) V

BCS 222 - The Mystery of the new Roadmap to Success Explained (Elective)

MASTERS OF COMMISSIONER SERVICE DEGREE

Jay Herbrand, Dean

A. Prerequisites

1. Hold an earned Bachelors of Commissioner Service Degree from this college or another recognized BSA College of Commissioner Service.
2. Hold a current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate.

B. Requirements

1. Register as a candidate for the Master's degree with proper fees
2. Complete a minimum of 16 total courses of instructions from this college or another recognized BSA College of Commissioner Service, including the core and elective courses specified for the Master's degree curriculum, and are recommended for the degree by the dean of the Master's program.

C. Course detail for this degree: You must take the five core courses and three electives that you select from the list below. **Virtual program will offer all core classes, plus electives marked with V.**

MCS 201 – Keynote (Core) (V)

MCS 202 – Focus Session (Core) (V)

MCS 304 - Service to Units at Risk (Core) (V)

MCS 306 - Mentoring Skills (Core) (V)

MCS 309 - Good Commissioners Need Both Head & Heart (Elective) (V)

MCS 408 - Selecting and Developing Your Doctorate Project (Core) (V)

MCS 410 - Coaching for Success and Managing Conflict (Elective) (V)

MCS 411 - Engaging Today's Leaders (Elective) (V)

MCS 307 - Serving Newly Formed Units (Elective)

MCS 311 - All About the ADC Role (Elective)

MCS 312 - Building a 21st Century Commissioner Team (Elective)

DOCTORATE OF COMMISSIONER SERVICE DEGREE

Kirt Boston, Dean

A. Prerequisites

1. Hold an earned Master of Commissioner Service Degree from this college or another recognized BSA College of Commissioner Service.
2. Hold a current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate.

B. Requirements

1. Register as a candidate for the Doctorate degree with proper fees. Submit Topic by October 15th to the Dean.
2. Contact the dean of the Doctorate program for a special registration password, at kcbostn129@aol.com or 612-281-4439, by **November 1, 2023**.
3. Complete a minimum of 24 total courses of instruction from this college or another recognized BSA College of Commissioner Service, including the core and elective courses specified for the Doctorate program curriculum.
4. Complete an approved project on a topic of benefit to Scouting related to commissioner service.
5. Be recommended for the degree by the dean of the Doctorate program

C. Course detail for this degree: You must take the six required core courses and two electives that you select from the Doctorate elective list below or Master's degree elective list on page 8.

DCS 201 – Keynote (Core) V

DCS 202 – Focus Session (Core) V

DCS 514 – Building Meaningful Relationships (Core) V

DCS 506 – Coaching Commissioners (Elective) V

DCS 604 – Doctorate Project Presentations Seminar - I (Core) V

DCS 605 – Doctorate Project Presentations Seminar - II (Core) V

DCS 507 – Recruiting for Diversity (Elective) V

DCS 509 – A Legacy of Servant Leadership (Elective) V

Also see list of master's degree electives on page 8.

The Doctoral Project

Candidates for the Doctorate degree will typically complete their Doctoral project in the 12 months between completing their Master's degree and the next session of the college. Projects should be substantially completed before a candidate registers for the Doctorate degree.

Project Requirements

1. The Dean of the Doctoral program or the commissioner College President must approve the project's topic before you start.
2. The project must be on a topic of benefit to Scouting related to commissioner service.
3. The project topic must show initiative through originality or by adapting an established activity to a new environment or theme. A typical project requires planning as well as implementation.
4. A typical project involves a medium level of effort – similar to a Wood Badge ticket item. The level of effort might involve two months of part- time Scouting work.
5. The project must not have been used to fulfill requirements for other training or service recognitions.
6. The candidate must attend the College of Commissioner Service and describe the project during a Doctorate Project Presentations Seminar (DCS 604 or 605).

A project abstract is required for approval by the dean of the Doctoral degree program. The abstract should be between half a page and one page in length when using 12 pt size font. The abstract will provide a summary of the project that includes the name of the project in the title, why the project was performed, how the project was performed, how the project benefits Scouting and the timeliness of the project.

Contact Kirt Boston, Dean of the Doctorate program, for a special registration password at kcbostn129@aol.com or **612-281-4439**, by **November 1, 2023**.

ADVANCED STUDIES COMMISSIONER SERVICE DEGREE

Bob Elliott, Dean

A. Prerequisites

1. Hold an earned Master of Commissioner Service or Doctorate of Commissioner Service Degree from this college or another recognized BSA College of Commissioner Service.
2. Hold a current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate.

B. Requirements

1. Register as a candidate for the Advanced Studies degree with proper fees and be recommended for the degree by the dean of the advanced studies program.
2. Complete a minimum of eight sessions of instruction from the college.

C. Course detail for this degree: You must take the four required core courses and four other sessions that you select from the Advanced Studies, Doctorate, Master's, Bachelor's, or Continuing Education courses. The registration system will present the list of possible courses you may choose from as part of your registration process.

ASC 201 – Keynote (Core) V

ASC 202 – Focus Session (Core) V

ASC 810 – Resolving Conflict (Core) V

ASC 811 – Destructive Behaviors and Helpful Resources (Core) V

DCS 605 – Doctorate Project Presentations Seminar - II (Elective) V

MCS 408 – Selecting and Developing Your Doctorate Project (Elective) V

Also see the list of Bachelor's degree sessions on page 7, Master's degree sessions on page 8, Doctorate sessions on page 9, and Continuing Education sessions on page 13.

ADVANCED STUDIES ROUNDTABLE OFFERINGS

Bob Elliott, Dean

ASC812 – Roundtables in Unit Service (Elective) V

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

ASC813 – Addressing Unit Challenges Through Roundtable (Elective) V

Effective roundtables help units become more successful and efficient.

Participation in roundtable never makes a unit worse. Regular attendance at roundtable can improve the performance of even the best functioning units. In fact, high performing units are in a good position to share their best practices with other unit leaders who might be struggling.

ASC814 – Planning and Implementing Roundtables (Elective) V

When it comes right down to it, the roundtable program is not a situation of “if you build it, they will come.” Rather, you must first create a *robust* roundtable program that unit leaders need, subject to change as needs arise, then implement the plan. Learn how to create the roundtable plan and implement it effectively. Come ready to share your successes.

ASC815 – Promoting Roundtables for Better Attendance (Elective) V

Once you have planned exciting and relevant roundtable sessions, then you must create a *robust* promotion plan to tell unit leaders **why** they should come to roundtable. The focus of this course will be the promotion plan. Come ready to share your successes.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Katherine Syverson, Dean

A. Prerequisites

1. Be a currently registered commissioner.
2. Hold a current BSA Youth Protection Training certificate.

B. Requirements

1. Be interested in sharing your experiences as a commissioner.
2. Participate in discussions about pertinent topics as a commissioner.
3. Be willing to learn and expand your talents as a commissioner.

C. Course Details: The Continuing Education track has been added for those commissioners who are looking for a flexible and non-degree training experience. Beyond participating in the keynote and focus sessions, four 45-minute discussion forums will be offered. This provides participants the opportunity to learn from their peers along with time for informative discussion and fellowship.

CED 201 – Keynote Session

CED 202 – Focus Session

CED 850 – Commissioner Topics: Discussion Forums A, B, C, and D

Discussion topics include the following:

Forum A – Combating Commissioner Stress/Burnout: We’ve all had moments when we ask ourselves, “Why are we involved in Scouting or Why are we doing this?” We’ll discuss ways we can help overcome those burnout and stressful situations and motivate ourselves and others toward better tenure in the BSA. (V)

Forum B – Safe Scouting – Tools for Success: Keeping youth and unit safety top of mind is critical. We’ll brainstorm ways to support and incorporate safety moments, SAFE assessment tool, incident reporting and new adult leader YPY requirements into unit activities. (V)

Forum C – Succession Planning: Leadership turnover within units can cause great upheaval and stress. Use the Seven Step Planning Process to learn how to find and assess future leaders. (V)

Forum D – Special Needs/Disabilities (SN/D) – Leading the Way: How often we hear ‘I’m working with a unit who’s supporting a scout family and they just don’t know how to handle . . .’ Discover the many SN/D tools that provide support and direction to units and the families they serve. (V)

All Discussion Forum topics will be offered both live and Virtual

DETAILED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bachelors Course

BCS 101 – Core Concepts of Units Service (Core) V

BCS 105 – Commissioners Building Unit Relationships (Core) V

Learn how to address common issues that units will face. You'll learn conflict resolution, and will be provided the skills and tools to do so.

BCS 201 – Let's Get Started Using Commissioner Tools (Core) V

The updated version of commissioner tools provides a new look and feel, with improvements to all who use commissioner tools. New features include streamlined navigation, and a complete reports section with customizable date ranges.

BCS 212 – Utilizing Scoutbook Tools (Core) V

This session will focus on utilizing Scoutbook and information available to help commissioners monitor unit usage of Scoutbook and guide their units.

BCS 213 – Your Role in Improving Youth Retention (Elective) V

This course provides a roadmap in retaining and transitioning Cub Scouts at all rank levels. A necessity for any commissioner instilling the value of Scouting in leaders and the families they serve!

BCS 220 – Recruiting and Keeping Volunteers (Elective)

Parent volunteers are our most valuable asset! Learn how to engage and empower them to build them up to the point where they can lead your unit.

BCS 221 – Selling the Value of Scouting to Cub Scout Parents (Elective) V

How often have you heard, "We are already so busy" as the reason why a family passes on the opportunity to join Cub Scouts? This session will help you learn why it is essential to effectively communicate the value of Scouting to Cub Scout families and give you some tools to do so.

BCS 222 – The Mystery of the new Roadmap to Success Explained (Elective)

The new Roadmap to Success is a guide to unit success. Learn how to use the roadmaps best practices to positively strengthen your units and realize your unit service goals.

Masters Courses

MCS 304 Service to Units at Risk (Core) (V)

This session discusses how early detection and systematic problem-solving is critical for Commissioners to identify and support units when they encounter problems which may prevent them from functioning effectively.

MCS 306 Mentoring Skills (Core) (V)

This session explores the best way to strengthen a unit is to strengthen its leadership. Mentoring is an effective method in helping unit leaders develop their potential.

MCS 307 Serving Newly Formed Units (Elective)

This session will see how an engaged commissioner is critical for the success and retention of new units. New-Unit Commissioners focus on only new units and see what that takes.

MCS 309 Good Commissioners Need Both Head & Heart (Elective) (V)

This session helps define the role of a commissioner relative to the Units current leadership. Learn how to engage units to find needs and understand their culture.

MCS 311 All About the ADC Role (Elective)

This session will help you define what makes a good Assistant District Commissioner and help with the DC – ACD relationship. What are the different roles an ADC can serve in the District.

MCS 312 Building a New 21st Century Commissioner Team (Elective)

This session familiarizes commissioners on the considerations and techniques that support recruiting volunteers who represent the generations of the 21st century.

MCS 408 Selecting and Developing Your Doctorate Project (Core) (V)

This session will provide an overview of the process to develop a Doctorate Project to benefit an area of Scouting in commissioner service.

MCS 410 Coaching for Success and Managing Conflict (Elective) (V)

This session will focus on developing coaching and problem-solving skills to retain/reenergize volunteers. It will also focus on gaining skills to manage an ineffective volunteer or issues and finding a common solution.

MCS 411 Engaging Today's Leaders (Elective) (V)

This session will focus on building skills to share ideas, leadership styles and create a game plan to utilize all leadership styles for effective commissioning. We'll share best practices and how to enhance your leadership skills to work with leaders.

Doctorate Courses

DCS 506 – Coaching Commissioners (Elective) V

Coaching is about relationships. It is the ability to listen, to observe, to share, to support and to engage in a way that will help others solve their own problems, grow as individuals, and attain their full potential. This course will explore how to coach in order to help others arrive at conclusions through their own analysis of the situation and facts.

DCS 507 – Recruiting for Diversity (Elective) V

How we ensure every unit is supported to offer a quality Scouting program depends on our ability to recruit and empower commissioners. This course explores the need for and the definition of diversity. It will also explore practices to add to our recruiting practices.

DCS 509 – A Legacy of Servant Leadership (Elective) V

The course explores characteristics of servant leaders, seeks a deeper understanding of servant leadership within Scouting, and recognizes the legacy of servant leadership, expanding on the concept of servant leadership introduced in earlier courses.

DCS 514 – Building Meaningful Relationships (Core) V

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.

DCS 604 – Project Presentation Seminar I (Core) V

These are sessions in which doctoral candidates have five minutes to present their pre-approved project abstract to other doctoral candidates and interested attendees at the College of Commissioner Service.

DCS 605 – Project Presentation Seminar II (Core) V

Continuation of the project presentation seminar.

Advanced Studies Courses

ASC 810 – Resolving Conflict (Core) V

Conflict can be the natural outcome of team development. But when the conflict begins to become destructive, the outcome is seldom good.

In this session, you can become better about resolving conflict, managing the conversation, and from practical examples and discussion, improve your abilities to manage conflict.

ASC 811 – Destructive Behaviors and Helpful Resources (Core) V

As a commissioner, your role as the “go to” person for help has expanded. As units begin to trust you as a partner in Scouting, the resources you need to know about have increased to meet the current mental state of our youth. Here are some helpful guidelines for identifying behaviors and some resources to help.

ASC 812 – Roundtable In Unit Service (Elective) V

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ASC 813 – Addressing Unit Challenges Through Roundtable (Elective) V

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ASC 814 – Planning and Implementing Roundtables (Elective) V

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ASC 815 – Promoting Roundtables for Better Attendance (Elective) V

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Doctorate of Commissioner Service Knot Award

The DCS Knot award recognizes completion of a standardized program leading to the award of the Doctor of Commissioner Service (DCS), along with tenure as a registered commissioner, and demonstrated performance of commissioner skills.

The DCS Knot encourages commissioners to provide support to units in their delivery of a quality program experience for all youth in Scouting, and also provide councils an opportunity to recognize commissioners for their tenured service, their dedication in learning more about delivery of quality Scouting, and their involvement in support of others.

The DCS Knot is separate from the CCS Doctorate degree, and requires additional effort to earn. The DCS Knot is available to any currently registered commissioner who has completed the requirements.

Applicants must serve as a registered commissioner for a minimum of five years. They must also complete the Doctor of Commissioner Service (DCS) Degree at a recognized College of Commissioner Service. Additionally, they must serve on the College of Commissioner Service staff (instructor or support staff), recruit or positively influence at least three new commissioners at any level, and earn the Commissioner's Key.

Application forms are available on the Northern Star Scouting web page at: <http://www.northernstar.org/Portals/2/Forms/NSC-DCS-knot-application.pdf>

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Bruce Hallahan	Northeast Iowa Council Commissioner
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Registration Details

Registration fee is \$35.

Fee is discounted to \$30 until 11:59 PM November 1, 2023.

Staff members not registering for a degree pay a fee of \$12.

For more information see the website at:

<https://www.northernstar.org/about-the-college-of-commissioner-service>

Register on-line at: <https://www.scoutingevent.com/250-ccs2023>

Registration includes courses, fellowship with other commissioners, lunch, patch and certificate presented at the graduation ceremony.

For more questions regarding registration or if you have any dietary requests, please contact:

Charles Wangerin, Dean of Registration, at: lcwangerin@gmail.com or
Patrick Hahn, Northern Star Scouting Staff Adviser,
at: phahn@northernstar.org

Doctoral candidates:

Please contact the Dean of the Doctorate Program, Kirt Boston, for a special registration password by **November 1, 2023**. at:
kcbostn129@aol.com or **612-281-4439**.

The College of Commissioner Service is a uniformed event. Please wear your official BSA Uniform.

About Base Camp

Base Camp / Leadership Center

Site of the 2023 College of Commissioner Service

New Adventure Comes to Life in an Old Building

Base Camp is located at historic Fort Snelling with two buildings. One is in the Teambuilding Center in a former cavalry drill hall and the other is the brand-new Leadership Center. Teambuilding Center is brought to life with opportunities including rock climbing, ropes courses, archery, and team games while Leadership Center has state-of-the-art technology. Owned and operated by [Northern Star Council, BSA](#), our mission is to serve all youth through field trips, lock-ins, retreats, summer camps, private parties, and community group activities.

Location: Base Camp / Leadership Center

[6202 Bloomington Road](#)
[Fort Snelling, MN 55111](#)

See you on November 11th!

Directions



[New 62623\Directions-to-Base-Camp.pdf](#)

