

Gateway Region

2024 College of Commissioner Science



Date: **Saturday, March 2th, 2024**

Location: Webster University
8274 Big Bend Blvd St. Louis, MO 63119
Free parking is available (See map for details)

Times: Check-in Saturday morning from 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Program begins at 8:30 AM, concludes before 5:00 PM

Registration: The College of Commissioner Science is primarily for Commissioners and prospective Commissioners. However, there are many courses that can be beneficial to Unit Leaders and other Scouters. Therefore, our College is open to all registered Scouters. Pre-registration is required. Tuition is \$30.00 per person and Staff is \$20.00 per person. Tuition includes course materials, breakfast, lunch, and degree certificates!

Course offerings and registration are available at: <https://scoutingevent.com/312-2024GRCCS>

Come meet National Commissioner William Scott Sorrels!



Guest Speaker:

William Scott Sorrels - BSA National Commissioner



Scott Sorrels has served the Scouting movement on the world, national and local level for more than fifty years. He is the 12th volunteer to serve as the National Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America.

On the world level, Scott was Co-Chair and Camp Chief for the 24th World Scout Jamboree, a gathering of approximately 50,000 Scouts and Scouters from more than 200 nations and territories that are members of the World Organization of Scouting Movement (WOSM). On a national level, Scott is a member of the National Executive Committee of the National Board. His Commissioner experience includes serving as the first National Commissioner Service Chair, providing leadership to the Commissioner Corps. Scott's Scouting experience is rooted in local service to youth. Scott has volunteered as a unit leader, district committee chair, and as council president and chair of the trustees, among other roles. As a youth, Scott was a national youth officer in the Exploring program, the BSA's coed teenage career exploration program.

He has been conferred the Bronze Wolf Award, the only award presented by the World Scout Committee for service to Scouting on a worldwide level, is a Distinguished Eagle Scout, Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow, Silver Buffalo, Silver Antelope and Silver Beaver awards, the Venturing leadership award, and the Spurgeon Award, among other recognitions.

In his professional life, Scott practices law with Eversheds Sutherland, a global top 10 law practice.

About the College of Commissioner Science

Commissioner College provides advanced training and information for adult leaders. Specific training is provided for Unit Commissioners, District, and Assistant District Commissioners and their staffs, as well as other Unit, District, and Council Leaders. All adult leaders should find the experience rewarding.

We offer Commissioner Basic Training, Bachelors, Masters, Post Graduate and Doctoral Programs. New Commissioners should complete the Commissioner Basic Training before attending the Bachelors Program. Experienced Scouters should enjoy networking opportunities along with program updates.

COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING - The commissioner is the liaison between the local council and Scouting units. The commissioner's mission is to keep units operating at maximum efficiency, maintain regular contact with unit leaders, counsel leaders on where to find assistance, note weaknesses in programs, and suggest remedies. The commissioner is successful when units effectively deliver the ideas of Scouting to their members. This course will provide the basic information and recourses for the new commissioner. (This course will be conducted during the morning sessions)

BACHELOR'S DEGREE - This is the first degree in the series. If you do not have a commissioner "degree", you should register for the Bachelor's program. This session will contain topics related to unit visitation and helping units succeed, as well as basic roundtable administration. Topics covered will help you to fine tune your skills for helping units provide a successful program.

MASTER'S DEGREE - This program is for those who already hold a Bachelor's Degree. Topics are more advanced, and build on the Bachelor's program. As with the Bachelor's Degree, unit service as well as roundtable topics will be included.

POSTGRADUATE AND DOCTORAL PROGRAMS- This program is designed is for those who already hold a master's degree. Topics are more advanced, and build on the Master's program. A commissioner learns through a series of training classes, followed by work experiences, to ensure a quality program throughout Scouting. This training will take a number of years to complete. The commissioner finalizes his or her training with an approved thesis or project for the benefit of the Scouting program. The completion of a minimum of ten (10) additional courses of instruction not used to qualify for other college awards (total of 24), at least five (5) of the courses at the doctor's program level as listed in the Continuing Education for Commissioners section of this manual.

DRESS CODE: Dress for the College of Commissioner Science is full Class A uniform.

Please feel free to pass this information on to all Scouters in your area. Although the basic curriculum is general to the needs of Commissioners, there is much to offer for anyone involved in the Scouting Program. Other participants also gain from the experiences that each Scouter brings to the classes.

Lodging:

La Quinta Inn & Suites 1580 South Kirkwood Rd St. Louis MO 63127 Phone: 314-717-0101

Comfort Suites St. Louis – Sunset Hills 3654 South Lindbergh Blvd St. Louis MO 63127 Phone: 314-403-7043

For more hotels, see <https://www.webster.edu/admissions/visit.php>

Webster University Map Key and Building Codes

- 1 200 Hazel Ave.
- 2 Clubhouse - 520 Garden Ave.
- 3 Community Music School (CMS) - 535 Garden Ave.
- 4 Counseling and Student Health Services - 540 Garden Ave.
- 5 East Academic Building (EAB) - 565 Garden Ave.
- 6 East Hall (residence) (EAS) - 200 Hazel Ave.
- 7 Emerson Library - 102 Edgar Rd.
- 8 Facilities Operations - 80 Plymouth Ave.
- 9 Grant Park Plaza - 568 Garden Ave.
- 10 Grant Gymnasium - 175 Edgar Rd.
- 11 H. Sam Packer Center (HSPC) - 8270 Big Bend Blvd.
- 12 Hunt House - 8350 Big Bend Blvd.
- 13 Loretto Hall (LH) - 470 East Lockwood Ave.
- 14 Loretto-Hilton Center for the Performing Arts (LHCT) - 130 Edgar Rd.
- 15 Love Foundation Alumni House - 534 Garden Ave.
- 16 Lutz Building - 455 East Lockwood Ave.
- 17 Monia Hall (residence) - 470 East Lockwood Ave.
- 18 Moriarty's Marketplace - 470 East Lockwood Ave.
- 19 Multicultural Center and International Student Affairs - 530 Garden Ave.
- 20 Office of the Registrar - 17 and 23 Old Orchard Ave.
- 21 Old Orchard Center (MIL) - 17 and 23 Old Orchard Ave.
- 22 Online Learning Center - 6556 Big Bend Blvd.
- 23 Open Theatre of Saint Louis - 210 Hazel Ave.
- 24 Pearson House (PH) - 8250 Big Bend Blvd.
- 25 Quad
- 26 Sauter Hall (SCH) - 475 East Lockwood Ave.
- 27 Swindup Hall (SVH) - 8300 Big Bend Blvd.
- 28 Thomson Music Building (MUS) - 8382 Big Bend Blvd.
- 29 University Center (UNC) - 175 Edgar Rd.
- 30 Visual Arts Studios (VAST) - 8342 Big Bend Blvd.
- 31 Western Hall (WEH) - 470 East Lockwood Ave.
- 32 West Hall (residence) (WES) - 240 Edgar Rd.
- 33 Winifred Moore Auditorium - 470 East Lockwood Ave.
- 34 Winifred Hall, Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISB) - 8274 Big Bend Blvd.
- 35 Webster Village Apartments - 520 Garden Ave.

Parking

- Designated Visitor Parking Lots: B, C, D, G, H, J, K, L, P
- Disabled Access Parking Areas: B, C, D, F, H, J, K, L, P
- Commoner Student, Faculty and Staff Parking Lots: A, C, D, G, H, J, K, L, P
- Residential Parking Only Lots: M, N
- No Student, Faculty or Staff Parking in Lots G, I, J, K and the lower level of the parking garage: Tuesday-Friday after 6 p.m.; Saturday after 3 p.m.; Sunday all day during the Repertory Theatre Season. Cars must be moved from these lots or they will be towed.

Directions: Exit off Hwy 44. At the Elm or N. Laclede Station Rd. exits.

The parking garage is located at 568 Garden Ave., Webster Groves, MO 63119



Parking: Participants must park the Parking Garage (see Red Square). Walk across the street and register in the East Academic Building (1st Floor). Follow the Red Arrow. Presenters may park in Lot K (Yellow Box). Do not park in reserved spots.

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites

- Maintain registration in any capacity as a commissioner during the entire training program listed below.
- Completion of commissioner orientation (Commissioner Field book for Unit Service and Commissioner Fast Start).
- Completion of Commissioner Basic Training.

Course Requirements

- Completion of 7 courses of instruction, at least 5 of the courses at the bachelor's program level.

Performance

- Approval of council or assigned assistant council commissioner.
- Approval of Scout executive or adviser to commissioner service.

Master of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites

- Completion of bachelor's degree or have been awarded the Commissioner's Key.
- Earned Arrowhead Honor.
- Current registration as a commissioner.

Course Requirements

- Completion of 7 additional courses of instruction (total of 14), at least 7 of the courses at the master's program level.
- Roundtable focus requires 14 Roundtable courses

Performance

- Approval of council commissioner or assistant council commissioner.
- Approval of Scout executive or staff adviser for commissioner service.

Doctor of Commissioner Science

Prerequisites

- Completion of master's degree.
- Have been awarded the Commissioner's Key.
- Current registration as a commissioner.

Course Requirements

- Completion of 10 additional courses of instruction not used to qualify for other college awards (total of 24), at least 5 of the courses at the doctor's program level.

Thesis or Project

- Completion of a thesis or project on any topic of value to Scouting in the local council.
- The topic and final paper or project must be approved by the dean of the doctor's program and the staff adviser.

Performance

- Serve on the College of Commissioner Science faculty (instructor or support staff) for at least 1 year.
- Recruit at least 3 new commissioners.
- Approval of council commissioner or assistant council commissioner.
- Approval of Scout executive or staff adviser for commissioner service