



College of Commissioner Science 2026

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College of Commissioner Science - Bachelors

BCS 125	8:00-8:50	Commissioner Culture (Updated 5/1/2025) Culture is a way of life for a particular group of people – the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, and that are passed along by communication and imitation. This course examines the culture of unit service – Be the Heart, Build Relationships, and Change Lives
BCS 103	9:00-9:50	Linking District Resources (Updated 5/1/2025) This course explains the relationship between the commissioner staff and the district, linking resources.
BCS 101	10:00-10:50	Core Concepts of Unit Service (Updated 9/15/2025) An Introductory course to familiarize a new commissioner with the commissioner concept as perceived by the BSA.
BCS 106	11:00-11:50	Coaching Leaders (Updated 6/30/2025) This course will discuss new coaching model and how it applies to Commissioners service.
MCS 403	12:40-1:30	Keynote Speaker CST-16 Commissioner Perspective
BCS 119	1:40-2:30	Building Relationships (Updated 4/25/2025) This course discusses how commissioners can build and maintain positive relationships with those they serve and explore possible pitfalls that can undermine them.
BCS 152	2:40-3:30	Planning, Implementing, & Promoting Roundtables (Updated 7/15/2025) This course will provide information on the roundtable planning process, how to create an annual plan to provide unit service to the district, and how to promote roundtables.

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MCS 304	8:00-8:50	Service to Units at Risk (Updated 5/1/2025) This course will show how to recognize the signs of a unit in crises and develop the skills to resolve the issues. It will also cover what information to input to commissioner tools.
MCS 305	9:00-9:50	Resolving Critical Unit Issues (Updated 12/20/2025) The course will quickly review information from MCS 304. After this introduction, various role-playing scenarios and discussion scenarios will be presented for the class to work through.
MCS 306	10:00-10:50	Mentoring Skills (Updated 8/31/2025) The course will discuss the new mentoring model, differences of coaching and mentoring and how it applies to commissioner service.

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MCS 307	11:00-11:50	Serving Newly Formed Units (Updated 12/20/2025) This course will discuss new coaching model and how it applies to Commissioners service.
MCS 403	12:40-1:30	Keynote Speaker CST-16 Commissioner Perspective
MCS 315	1:40-2:30	Effective Unit Service in Rural Communities (Updated 9/15/2025) This course will discuss the unique issues of rural units and how to solve them.
MCS 358	2:40-3:30	Roundtable: Addressing Unit Challenges (Updated 9/15/2025) This course discusses the key role that monthly roundtables play in unit service, enabling unit leaders to address their challenges and overcome roadblocks.

College of Commissioner Science – Doctorate

DCS 501	8:00-8:50	Selecting & Limiting the Scope of Your Doctoral Project (Updated 2/15/2026) This session assists doctoral candidates in selecting their project or thesis concept.
DCS 503	9:00-9:50	Developing Your Doctoral Project (Updated 2/15/2026) This session covers the project or thesis outline and a variety of suggestions for writing and revising the report.
DCS 517	10:00-10:50	Understanding Your District (New! 12/15/2025) This course aims to assist districts in identifying organization methods and strategies as outlined in the Organizing Commissioner Teams Guide (MCS 317) that best suit their units and unit commissioners. As a result, commissioners will be able to provide better service to their units.
DCS 519	11:00-11:50	Turning Relationships into Partnerships (New! 4/1/2025) This course prepares and helps commissioners build partnerships with unit leaders, strengthening the decision-making possibilities.
DCS 550	1:40-2:30	Leveraging Roundtables in Unit Service (Updated 9/15/2025) Through roundtable, all commissioners provide a vital service to units. In this course, commissioners will learn how to maximize the effectiveness of the district commissioner meeting when it comes to serving unit leaders through the monthly roundtable.
DCS 551	2:40-3:30	Roundtable Today (Updated 9/15/2025) Roundtable is designed to meet the needs of current Scout leaders by providing focused unit service. This course shows how the roundtable program each month is tailored to the needs of district Scout leaders.

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College of Commissioner Science – Continuing Education

CED 701	8:00-8:50	Combatting Commissioner Stress/Burnout (Updated 9/15/2025) We've all had our moments when we ask ourselves, "Why are we involved in Scouting?" This session is designed to examine indicators of stress, how stress affects those around us, and how we might overcome these negative manifestations.
CED 752	9:00-9:50	Advanced Roundtable Promotion (Updated 9/15/2025) When it comes right down to it, the roundtable program is not simply a "if you build it, they will come." Rather, you must first create a <i>robust</i> roundtable program that unit leaders need and THEN, in turn, create a <i>robust</i> promotion plan to tell unit leaders WHY they should come to roundtable. The focus of this course will be the promotion plan.
CED 710	10:00-10:50	Connecting Volunteers to New Scouting Roles Workshop (New! 4/1/2025) **2-hr course Growing our volunteer base is becoming increasingly critical for our units, district, and councils. Keeping our Scouters engaged poses a whole different level of challenge. This workshop explores a potential tool to help existing leaders in motivating adults to pursue a new or future role in Scouting.
CED 710	11:00-11:50	Connecting Volunteers to New Scouting Roles Workshop (New! 4/1/2025) 2 nd hour of the 2-hr course.
CED 722	1:40-2:30	Supporting Mixed-Gender Scouting as a Commissioner (Updated 12/15/2025) This course familiarizes commissioners with the considerations related to the expanded inclusion of girls in Scouting.
CED 716	2:40-3:30	Navigating Difficult Conversations (Updated 11/30/2025) Scouting is full of conversations. Most are pleasant and productive, but at times, differences can arise. It occurs whenever people disagree over their values, motivations, perceptions, ideas, or desires. Sometimes these differences appear trivial, but they can trigger strong emotions. As commissioners, we need to be able to navigate these difficult conversations in a way that leaves everyone feeling heard, understood, and valued.

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Commissioner Position Training

Unit Commissioner Position-Specific Training 8:00-10:50

As commissioners, we strive to help units serve more youth through better Scouting by providing an adequate number of trained commissioners who serve as a link to district operating committees, supporting a quality unit program.

Roundtable and Assistant Roundtable Commissioner Position-Specific Training 11:00-11:50 and 1:40-3:30

During this training, you will learn the foundations of commissioner service and examine where unit service fits within the district's functioning. We will pay particular attention to the role of the roundtable commissioner and emphasize how roundtables strengthen units through collaboration (the give-and-take of information), networking, and informal training.