

BACHELOR'S DEGREE COURSES

BCS 101	Introduction to Commissioner Science - An overview of commissioner service and the most important resource—The Commissioner Fieldbook.
BCS 102	Unit Charter Renewal - Review a program plan for reregistering Scouting units on time with minimal loss in membership and leaders. Learn to facilitate and achieve on-time charter renewal.
BCS 103	The Commissioner & The District - Discuss interaction with the district executive and district committee. Gain understanding to district and council operations.
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. Become familiar with Unit Commissioner worksheet and <i>Commissioner Helps for Packs, Troops & Crews</i> .
BCS 106	A Commissioner's Priorities - Suggests priorities for a unit commissioner's Scouting time and energy, reviews steps in handling unit problems.
BCS 107	Youth Protection Training - An overview of what constitutes child abuse and the responsibilities of the local council and commissioner in preventing child abuse and reporting suspected cases.
BCS 108	Effective Roundtables - Covers basic roundtable ingredients, planning cycle, and resource materials. Designed for Roundtable commissioners and staff. Combines Parts I & II
BCS 110	Commissioner Style - Presents important qualities of commissioner diplomacy, a concept of "exceptional service," thoughts about "roots and wings," service recover, and explains how to remove a volunteer
BCS 112	What Would You Do? -A group participation/discussion session on 10 situations that commissioners might encounter.
BCS 113	Service to New Units – This course is designed to provide the Commissioner with resources to help the new unit succeed.
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.

DOCTORATE DEGREE 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 re-search.
DCS 603	Developing the Thesis Outline and Writing the Report - 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 & how to prevent or correct it. Includes tips on time management & refers to several aspects of "commissioner wellness".
DCS 611	Consider your Spouse & Family -Suggests ways to enhance family relations and resolve family conflicts regarding Scouting. Discusses how com-missioners' spouses can receive recognition from Scouting.

MASTER'S DEGREE COURSES

MCS 301	No-Lapse/No-Drop Commitment - 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 303	Commissioner Lifesaving I - 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 - 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 (Retaining Scouts) - Important ways commissioners can help ensure our Cubs transition from a Cub Scout pack to a Boy Scout troop.
MCS 308	Venturing & The Commissioner -The best methods of serving Venturing Crews with information and support.
MCS 402	Recruiting New Commissioners - A bread-and-butter session for all commissioners with steps to recruit commissioners, group recruiting techniques, and prospect sources.
MCS 403	Orienting & Training Commissioners – covers all aspects of commissioner training, including new commissioner orientation, basic training, Arrowhead Honor, the Commissioner's Key, and continuing education.
MCS 404	Advanced Roundtable Leadership -This master's level course more closely examines the leadership aspect of successful District Roundtables and Forums programs.
MCS 407	How to Remove a Volunteer –Covers the ineffective volunteer and ways to deal with the appropriate actions to resolve the situation.
MCS 408	The Commissioner'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 – Provides insight into the role of the District Commissioner and his duties.



COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING:

Basic Training Program and:
 BCS 101 –Intro to Commissioner Science
 BCS 105- Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of Commissioner Basic Training
- Complete a total of 7 courses
 (at least 5 at the bachelor's program level)

MASTERS DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of Bachelors Degree
- Complete 7 additional courses
 (at least 5 from the masters program level)

DOCTORATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

- Completion of master's degree
 - Completion of 10 additional courses
 (at least 5 from the doctorate program level.)
- Completion of Doctorate Thesis approved by Council Commissioner

THE COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE

As a commissioner, your role is different from that of other Scouters. The insignia you wear displays a wreath around Scouting's trefoil representing your commission to serve chartered organizations in the operation of Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews. The quality of Scouting depends upon the men and women who wear this wreath of service.

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 ideals of Scouting to their members.

Learning is a lifetime activity. As commissioners, we must continually adjust our skills to provide a more valuable service to our units. Therefore, commissioners should view learning as an important part of their Scouting lives-every month, every year. Nationally developed courses, resource materials, and training recognition provide the structure for good commissioner training. It is the mission of the Alabama-Florida, Gulf Coast & Suwannee Councils' Commissioner's Cabinet to provide fun, sparkle, motivation and frequent training opportunities so that commissioners will learn good unit service skills.

We would like to encourage you to attend this year's College of Commissioner Science. College Day is set for Saturday, October 4, 2008 and will be held on the campus of Chipola Community College in Marianna FL. This will be a full day of learning and fellowship with opportunities to earn the recognition of a Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate in Commissioner Science. You will be getting the most up-to-date information on ways to improve your service to your units. These informative one-hour classes are packed with material you can use at your next visit and will be presented by some of the most experienced commissioners in service from the 3 hosting Councils.

We will also offer Commissioner Basic Training at the same time, allowing you to complete the first important step in Commissioner Service. Attached you will find information on the courses offered and the various degree requirements. I urge you to pre-register for the college using the registration form found in this catalog. This will help us to ensure that we have course curriculum on hand, and lunch reserved for you.

Harold Turner

Alabama-Florida Council
Council Commissioner



Betsy Werre

Gulf Coast Council
Council Commissioner



Doc Horton

Suwannee River Area Council
Council Commissioner



WHEN: OCTOBER 4, 2008 FL

Registration begins: 8:00am - Classes 8:30am - 5:00pm CST

WHERE: The College of Commissioner Science will be held at the Public Service Building of the Chipola Community College in Marianna Florida. (Building Y on Campus Map) A map is available at

[HTTP://WWW.CHIPOLA.EDU/CAMPUS_MAP.PDF](http://www.chipola.edu/campus_map.pdf)

FEE: \$15.00 Registration fee Includes: lunch and course materials

UNIFORM: The proper uniform for your registered position is the appropriate attire for the course.

SCOUT SHOP: Select Commissioner Items & materials will be available for purchase (Cash/Check only please).

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

If you have questions concerning this training opportunity, contact your Council Commissioner.

Mail complete registration form & fee to:

ALABAMA-FLORIDA COUNCIL, BSA - 6801 WEST MAIN STREET- DOTHAN, AL 36305

(334)793-7882

COLLEGE OF COMMISSIONER SCIENCE REGISTRATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Council: _____ District: _____

Current Registered BSA Position (Select One) :

- Unit Commissioner Asst. District Commissioner District Commissioner
 Roundtable Commissioner Roundtable Staff Other _____

Have you completed Commissioner Basic Training? Yes ____ No ____ Date: _____

Will you be taking Commission BASIC TRAINING at this event? Yes ____ No ____
 (if yes, you do NOT need to sign up for individual classes below)

Any Previous College of Commissioner Science Degree Earned:

List Below how would you like your name on your nametag/recognition

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING</u> Basic Training Program and: BCS 101 –Intro to Commissioner Science BCS 105- Practical Solutions to Common Unit Needs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>BACHELOR’S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:</u> Completion of Commissioner Basic Training Complete a total of 7 courses (at least 5 at the bachelor's program level)</p>
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Registering for COMMISSIONER BASIC TRAINING?? YOU DO NOT NEED TO CHOOSE CLASSES BELOW

Note: Each Class is offered only once during the day, make sure you are selecting only 1 choice per class period

1	Circle 1 from this row →	BCS 101	MCS 306	MCS 307	---	DCS 601
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REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

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