

Commissioner Orientation

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At present, all units in the district are LDS sponsored. With this in mind this document is oriented to LDS stakes.

Welcome and congratulations on your willingness to serve the boys and/or young men in your stake. Your primary responsibility with relation to scouting is to be trained, and then to train and be a resource to the units under your stewardship. You are a friend and resource to unit leaders and the boys of the unit and a doctor ensuring that your units are thriving and healthy. To assist you with a fast-start, please consider the following.

1. Please attend scout roundtables, every 2nd Thursday of the month 7-8 PM at the LDS church at 4195 South 6000 West. There are forums for cubs, 11-year old scouts, scouts, varsity and venturing. You will become a subject matter expert for the scout families you're assigned to.
2. Following the 7PM roundtable, there is a Commissioner's meeting from 7PM to 8PM for all commissioners (commissioner's defined in #3). If you cannot all attend, at least one should attend. There you will receive instruction and training and we will conduct business of the district as it relates to commissioners.
3. At a minimum, stake young men's and primary presidents should register with the Boy Scouts of America as Assistant District Commissioners (often referred to as zone commissioners) and counselors and secretary as Unit Commissioners. Many stakes have additional unit commissioners, including high council and stake presidency members. Please register immediately and turn your registration forms (with youth protection training certificate) to the District Commissioner.
4. Registration and training schedule:
 - a. Register for BSA training at <https://myscouting.scouting.org/layouts/MyScouting/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f%2f%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252f&Source=%2f>
 - b. Once your registration is completed and you have a BSA member ID, be sure to come back and add your member ID.
 - c. Click on "Training" and then on "E-Learning" and take the following on-line training in this order
 - i. Within one week take Youth Protection Training. Be sure to print your certificate at the end to be turned in with your registration mentioned in #3 (20-30 min.)
 - ii. Within two weeks take Commissioner Fast Start (20-30 min.)

- iii. Continue on with at least the fast-start training for the scout families you're responsible for: Cubs, Scouts, Varsity and Venturing.
 - iv. Within two months complete Commissioner Basic Training. Contact your assistant district commissioner (ADC) or the district commissioner (DC) for information.
5. Within three weeks begin visiting your units. Our district goal is to have every unit visited by a commissioner at least bi-monthly (every other month). As soon as you have a member ID, register for the Unit Visit Tracking System (UVTS) and log your unit visits. Go to <http://www.scouting.org/>
 - a. Click on "My Scouting" and log in
 - b. Click on "Unit Visit Tracking"
 - c. Review brief introductory video
6. Visit our district web site regularly at http://www.gslc-bsa.org/openrosters/view_homepage.asp?orgkey=1727.
7. Visit the Great Salt Lake Council at www.saltlakescouts.org for up-to-date information.
8. Other web sites of interest (other than the first two they are not official scout web sites but they have much helpful information)
 - a. <http://www.scouting.org/>
 - b. <http://scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/Commissioners.aspx>
 - c. <http://www.scouting.org/forms.aspx>
 - d. <http://www.ldsscouting.org/index.shtml>
 - e. <http://www.scouting.com/compass/default.asp>
 - f. <http://www.mormonscouting.com/>
9. Keep in touch regularly with your assigned assistant district commissioner the district commissioner; we are here to help!