15 March 25 Commissioner Conference notes

Safety minute

* Safe transportation (see notes from 13 March Roundtable)
* Reference checklist: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-696(21)-SAFE-Transportation-Checklist-FPO3-5172021.pdf?\_gl=1\*ra1t2v\*\_gcl\_au\*MTIzOTAyNTY2OC4xNzQyMDYwOTI4\*\_ga\*MTM0MDQ0MTEyMC4xNzQyMDYwOTI4\*\_ga\_20G0JHESG4\*MTc0MjA2MDkyNy4xLjEuMTc0MjA2MzA4My4yNi4wLjA.\*\_ga\_61ZEHCVHHS\*MTc0MjA2MDkyNy4xLjEuMTc0MjA2MzA4My4yNi4wLjA](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-696(21)-SAFE-Transportation-Checklist-FPO3-5172021.pdf?_gl=1*ra1t2v*_gcl_au*MTIzOTAyNTY2OC4xNzQyMDYwOTI4*_ga*MTM0MDQ0MTEyMC4xNzQyMDYwOTI4*_ga_20G0JHESG4*MTc0MjA2MDkyNy4xLjEuMTc0MjA2MzA4My4yNi4wLjA.*_ga_61ZEHCVHHS*MTc0MjA2MDkyNy4xLjEuMTc0MjA2MzA4My4yNi4wLjA).

Future of Unit Service – is NOW!

* 3 key aspects:
  + Communication
  + Partnership
  + Impact
* Commissioner Priorities
  + Be the single best resource for units
  + Deliver S.A.F.E. program
  + Enable growth
* Recruiting Adults
  + Give them a why
    - Should have a 30 second; 3 minute; 30 minute WHY (they should be a leader) pitch
* Changing the way we work with units
  + Be responsive
  + Good communication & support decisions
  + Increase accountability
  + Embrace Scout Oath & Law
* ALWAYS ask: How can I help?

Commissioner Tools

* Read connection guides
  + Healthy Pack has a minimum of 20 scouts
  + Healthy Troop has a minimum of 12 scouts
* Hazardous Weather training is a REQUIREMENT to be a Trained Leader
  + Like YPT this must be retaken every two years
  + ALL direct contact leaders MUST complete this training
* Goals are set by the unit
  + A unit does NOT have to have goals
* Ensure Key 3 are aware they can access unit metrics via their myscouting account

Council Operations

* 4 functions:
  + Membership
  + Fund development
  + Program
  + Unit service
* Running GTBAC
  + $4.5 MILLION/year
  + FOS (Friends of Scouting/Pacesetters Ask) accounts for $600K
  + CSF (Council Service Fee) accounts for $300K
  + For precise dollar allocation:
    - Go to “About” tab at GTBAC website
      * Select annual report

National Camping Accreditation Program (NCAP)

* SAFETY is #1! NON-NEGOTIABLE!!
* 2 primary documents for safety
  + Guide to Safe Scouting
    - IMO ALL leaders should have downloaded to their phone
  + NCAP Guide
    - Focused on camps & camp properties

Programs

* GTBAC does NOT offer long term summer camps as all units attend out of area summer camps
* Summer 2025 programs:
  + All at Soule
  + Operation 1st Class 6/5-8
  + WEBLOS & AOL adventures 6/6-8
  + Cub Scout day camp 6/9-13
* National Jamboree 7/22-21
  + Cost $2500
  + $200 deposit
* Council Camporee
  + Feb 2026 at Flame
  + Details to be promulgated
  + All other GTBAC camps will be closed Camporee weekend

Serving as a Commissioner for units that have special needs scouts

* We are NOT clinicians
* It’s ok for a unit to say NO
  + i.e.; scout not able to participate in event if parent not attending
* Scouting is for EVERYONE, but Everyone is NOT for Scouting
* Best resource:
  + Ablescout.org