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Delivering Commissioner Service to Diverse Communities

Targeting diverse communities is a national membership initiative in support of growing the Scouting program in all markets. Commissioners provide a pivotal role in serving units in many of Scouting's diverse markets. Upon Ponce Duran's retirement, the BSA appointed Ron Oats to replace Ponce as Scouting's national chief diversity officer, in addition to his role as Southern Region director. Ron will team up with Tico Perez, the BSA's vice president for diversity who stepped down from his position as our national commissioner last year. Tico will be on our Philmont staff for the course *Serving Diverse Communities* June 11-17. Those who register for the course will have an opportunity to hear Tico share his thoughts regarding his new position as well as his goals for the future. In addition, you will be able to share your thoughts and ideas with Tico regarding how we, as commissioners, can better serve these markets.

In addition to improving your skills as a commissioner, the course will provide you with information regarding service to those of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds. It will also introduce you to information regarding units chartered by various religious faith groups and the various religious awards available for those units.

If you have not yet signed up, I encourage you to register for this weeklong course and the opportunity to share your ideas regarding how we can better serve these underserved markets. To register, click [here](#) and then click "Register for PTC 2017."

The Philmont Training Center provides an excellent learning atmosphere with access to faculty who are knowledgeable and willing to assist you with any questions you may have. The curriculum allows for free time for you to spend with your family and offers fun programs for the entire family. The fee for the course is reasonable, and scholarships are available if needed. I cannot think of a more enjoyable and fun way to improve your skills as a commissioner.



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