



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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SCOUTER'S TRAINING AWARD

Earned by roundtable commissioner staff, Cub Scout leaders, Webelos Scout leaders, Boy Scout leaders, Varsity Scout leaders, Venturing leaders, Sea Scout leaders, commissioners, and district committee members. For more information go to

http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx



FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

Your financial investment, plus your time and talent, is among the greatest gifts you can give. Take a moment to make an investment in our community's future. The true cost of Scouting is much higher than what most people realize, \$225 per scout per year. Help us provide the resources necessary to make sure every youth can benefit from Scouting's adventure-filled activities that foster character, honesty, respect, and life-long values.

FIVE C'S OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP

A Servant Leader strives to put the rest of the team's needs before his needs. Here are five C's of Servant Leadership. The foundation of leadership is **character**. Character (often defined as "what you are when no one is looking"), is the person who comes through when times are tough. People expect their leaders to be **consistent** with the values they express. **Confident** leadership starts with a firm belief in a cause greater than yourself. While some will agonize on their decisions, the confident leader knows the cause is greater than the fear and places his trust in his team.

Concentration is a critical element of a leader's mind. A leader must be able to cut through the noise and external pressures to focus his attention on his people and task at hand. A recent article by John Kotter describes **Change Leadership** as "the driving forces, visions and processes that fuel large-scale transformation". Listening and trusting your people to bring winning tactics will raise motivation and ability for an organization to be flexible. "Because I say so" or "that is the way we do things" should never be stated. From Robert Sanchez, BSA Troop 56

JOIN THE EAGLE HUNT!

The SHAC Eagle Scout Association is looking for all Eagle Scouts in our area - active or not. Please encourage any Eagle you know, particularly those not currently active in Scouting, to register at www.iamaneagle.org to receive more information as plans progress.

BADEN POWELL DINNER

Scouters who have attended or staffed a Wood Badge course, or staffed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) are invited to attend the Baden Powell Fellowship Dinner. During the evening, attendees from the previous year share memories of their leadership training experience through slide shows, stories and regalia presentations. Scouters will be given an opportunity to contribute to the training scholarship fund, which provides financial assistance to Scouts and Scouters attending council leadership training courses. Dress is field uniform or business casual. The dinner will be held at Cockrell Scout Center and is \$18 per person. The gathering begins at 6:00 pm, and the opening ceremony begins at 6:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR

- 2/4 Scouting for Food
- 2/5 Scout Sunday
- 2/11 University of Scouting
- 2/24 Baden Powell Dinner
- 2/25 First Aid Meet

UNIT STRONG

Are your plans in place for a strong spring and summer program? Strong Units are looking forward and planning ahead. Day Camp and Summer Camp are instrumental in keeping the youth interested in the program. A well planned summer camp experience makes memories for a lifetime.