



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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WILLIAM D. BOYCE NEW UNIT ORGANIZER AWARD

This award is presented to the one individual who is responsible for organizing a new Cub Scout Pack, Boy Scout Troop, Sea Scout Ship, or Venture Crew.



FIVE REASONS TO SPEND A WEEK AT SUMMER CAMP INSTEAD OF AT THE OFFICE

1. You're at a place where songs and skits are encouraged.
2. You get to unplug for a week.
3. You make lifelong memories.
4. You see young people become leaders.
5. You learn something new.

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/06/02/10-reasons-week-scout-summer-camp-beats-week-office/>

SHAC PROGRAM GUIDE

The SHAC Program Guide is provided annually to units at May [roundtables](#). The Program Guide contains valuable information about council and district programs, descriptions and calendars and is an essential tool for unit leaders.

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/build-stronger-units-2017-04-30>

A common element of strong units is they all have a good annual program planned a year in advance, that is then shared with all families in the form of a calendar, trained leaders, and the right leaders. Units should conduct an annual program planning conference to get ready for the coming year. Using national planning resources, as well as various calendars (e.g., council, district, school, chartered partner), units can develop a program filled with safe and fun activities and adventures. Planning ahead allows the unit to generate new ideas, find resources, and allow more Scouts to have a quality program that is exciting and will create memories!

- [Cub Scout Resources](#)
- [Boy Scout Resources](#)
- [Venturing Resources](#)

EXPLORING

Exploring provides exciting activities and one-on-one mentorship for youth looking to discover their future. Whether you're a local organization looking to strengthen the community or a young person wanting to uncover the possibilities of your future, Exploring is a great place to start. Exploring exists to teach important life and career skills to young people from all backgrounds through immersive career experiences and mentorship provided by community and business leaders. Together, we equip young people with character, leadership and life skills that can be used both today and in their future careers. Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in their communities. Businesses and community organizations initiate a career-specific Explorer post or club by matching their people and organizational resources to the career interests of youth in the community. The result is a program of interactive activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop. BSA works with thousands of local, regional, and national businesses and organizations to deliver the Exploring programs representing hundreds of different career fields.

CALENDAR

- 7/15 El Rancho Cima Decommissioning
- 8/1 Online popcorn sales begin and Show-n-Sell commitment deadline.
- 8/17 Council Coordinated



UNIT STRONG

Strong units are planning ahead for Fall Recruitment. Whether you are able to recruit from your schools or have to be more creative in your recruitment techniques, now is the time to plan!

Have a great idea, pressing concern, success story? Email squareknotnotes@yahoo.com. We serve *you*! Do you call communication feedback a gift? It truly is!