



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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ADULT RELIGIOUS AWARD

This square knot is worn by those whom have received a religious award as an adult member of the BSA. The awards are not BSA awards and are presented by religious organizations for long tenure of service to Scouting, the religion, and the community.



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/program-guide>

NEW MEMBER COORDINATOR

As new members join Scouting this fall, many units around the country are ensuring they feel warmly welcomed. What's the best way to make sure those new members start off on the right foot? Encourage a volunteer to become a [New Member Coordinator](#)! The New Member Coordinator position is a new role for unit volunteers who will share the benefits of Scouting with new members, coordinate unit recruitment and help guide the joining process for new Scouting families. This volunteer is championed with helping youth and families to make friends, learn the ropes, answer questions, and engage in the fun and purpose of Scouting on day one, but that's just the start. Every unit could benefit by having at least one New Member Coordinator. NMCs promote the benefits of Scouting and help with recruitment, but their most important role is to help new arrivals feel a strong sense of belonging. This warm welcome is the best way to ensure that new members want to stay and experience all that Scouting has to offer. To learn about this new volunteer position and how to begin training, please visit www.scouting.org/nmc.

CELEBRATING CULTURES, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

The Sam Houston Area Council Boy Scouts of America recognizes that the diversity of Southeast Texas makes our community and our Scouting programs strong and special. The values, skills, and leadership learned in Scouting benefits all boys and all communities. The council wants all families of every culture to know that their sons are welcome in Scouting. This community and business leader networking event will celebrate African-American, Asian and Hispanic cultures, and highlight the wonderful and unique food, beverages, dress and customs of these prominent cultures in Southeast Texas. The Boy Scouts of America serves approximately 50,000 youth in Southeast Texas with programs that build character, prepare youth for careers, teaches outdoor skills, and develops our future leaders. In 2017, Houston has been named the most diverse city in America, and Scouting is reaching out towards both underserved and emerging communities all over our area. All proceeds will support the development of Scouting programs in Southeast Texas. Come out and taste the global cultures of our area and enjoy entertainment from around the world, all in one place. You will have a great time, and help us ensure that all youth are given a chance to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Tickets are \$25.

CALENDAR

- 10/14 Popcorn Blitz Day #2
- 10/17 Venturing Forum
- 10/19 Council Coordinated
- 10/20-22 Fun with Son
- 10/28 Popcorn Blitz Day #3



UNIT STRONG

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 and strong trained leaders. 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 memory forming!!

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