



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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LOYAL

Loyalty means to be faithful. When we say a Scout is Loyal, it means he remains steadfast in his adherence to what is right. Being loyal is a character trait that can be often tested, and often misdirected.



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers take time to ensure the success of Scouting in their communities. Ninety-six percent of them say they would recommend volunteering for the BSA to other adults. Eighty-three percent have participated in at least one training opportunity to help them learn the goals of the program and skills needed to provide an effective, safe and fun program to youth.

FUN WITH SON: OCTOBER 14-16

Fun with Son is an overnight campout for newly registered Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts and their adult partner and families at [Bovay Scout Ranch](#) (3450 County Rd 317, Navasota, TX 77868). Scouts can participate in BB guns, archery, sling shots, crafts, rockets, sports, campfire and more. Registration includes an event patch, activity supplies, snacks and two meals. Register early as sessions fill up quickly. Fun with Son is run by volunteers. Volunteers help with check-in, run program areas (e.g., BB guns, archery, crafts, rockets), serve in the dining hall, assist with parking and staff the first aid area. Volunteer registration can be done by individuals or unit leaders.

What to Bring

Tent, sleeping bag, pillow, tarp/ground cloth for under tent, water bottle, insect repellent, sunscreen, flashlight with fresh batteries, rain gear, closed toed shoes (tennis shoes), toiletries, appropriate clothing for weather, personal medication, [BSA Health and Medical Record](#) (for all Scouting events) per person, for Saturday / Sunday participants eat lunch before arriving.

EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP TECHNIQUES FOR SPECIAL NEEDS SCOUTS

- Maintain eye contact during verbal instruction (please note that for some Scouts with autism, they may find it difficult to look you in the eye)
- Make directions clear and concise. Be consistent with instructions
- Simplify complex directions. Give one or two steps at a time
- Make sure the Scout comprehends the instructions before beginning the task
- Allow time for the Scout to “process what you say”
- Repeat instructions in a calm, positive manner, if needed
- Help the Scout feel comfortable with seeking assistance

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact the Disabilities Awareness Committee.

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scouts-with-special-needs>

CUB LEADER POW WOW: NOVEMBER 5

[Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow](#) is a one-day training with new ideas and resources for Cub Scout leaders and parents. Over 50 classes are offered on topics such as awards, crafts, games, songs, skits, outdoor cooking, derbies, den meeting ideas, field trips, pack committee resources, pack meeting ideas and more. Leaders and parents can increase their knowledge, improve their skills, and gain enthusiastic attitudes about Cub Scouting. Participants choose from a wide variety of activity and learning sessions and walk away with useful resources and tons of ideas!

CALENDAR

- 10/14 Fun with Son
- 10/25 Silver Beaver Reception
- 11/5 Cub Leader Pow Wow

UNIT STRONG

Fall recruitment, popcorn sales, and starting early on recharter are all things that strong units are busy with at this time of year. Combining these with a strong program creates strong active units!

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