



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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SCOUT RANK

The Scout Rank Emblem is earned after completing the Scout Rank requirements. It is the first of 7 possible ranks in Scouts. The Scout Rank covers the basic information you need to know to be a good Scout and is earned soon after joining a troop.



TENDERFOOT RANK

It is the second of 7 possible ranks in Scouts BSA. The ranks for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class cover skills in camping, hiking, cooking, first aid, nature, fitness, aquatics, citizenship and leadership.



INSTEP

InSTEP is a program designed to assist Cub Scout den leaders who have youth of different grades/ages/ranks in the same den. The den meeting plans show how each Cub Scout can complete work on their own grade-appropriate advancement requirements during the same den meeting. These plans are created by volunteers of Sam Houston Area Council. New packs with only a few youth of each age group may find the InSTEP plans useful in getting started. The [Cub Scout Connections](#) is a great resource that lists common themes across the ranks. As membership grows and individual grade-based dens form, den leaders may then prefer to use traditional Cub Scout resources such as [BSA's Den Meeting Plans](#) and the [Den Leader Guides](#) for each rank.

For more information contact Alice Hamilton, InStep Program Coordinator at hmltn@comcast.net.



PACK RECRUITMENT RESOURCES

We want to reach out to each potential Cub Scout and their family with a personal invitation to join a pack within our council, where they will learn positive values, new skills and have fun with friends. Cub Scout recruitment resources can be found at <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/pack-recruitment-resources>. This site will give you the resources that you need to ensure that you can reach every potential Scout and Scouting family and help to change even more lives. YOU are the driving force that can give every youth the opportunity to Be A Scout! The Rocket Into Scouting program is designed to take your recruiting efforts to new heights. With a focus on fun, this program invites families in your community to experience the adventures that only Scouting can offer. The council-wide sign-up night campaign focuses on recruiting new families to the fun and adventures of Cub Scouting. Begin your planning by attending your district's sign-up night training. Involve all your pack leaders in recruiting by inviting everyone to training! The council will provide support materials to your pack for sign up night.



CALENDAR

- 8/14 Unit Kernel Popcorn Kickoff
- 8/16 Council Coordinated
- 8/18 Popcorn Show-n-sell sale begins
- 9/7-8 Sea Scout Minto Rendezvous
- 9/21-23 OA Fall Pow Wow

UNIT STRONG

Preparing for Sign Up Nights is a priority for all strong units. How exciting that we now can recruit all students at our elementary campuses! As our kindergarteners become Lions and girls become Cub Scouts, our packs become stronger! Troops, Crews, Ships, and Posts can be an asset in Sign Up Night recruitment. This can develop stronger relationships between units and there may even be older siblings looking for a unit to join!

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