



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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BEAR RANK

The Bear Scout program is for boys who have completed second grade (or are age 9). After earning the Bobcat badge, a boy may earn the Bear badge. Often, den meeting activities enable the Bear Scouts to complete requirements toward an award or rank.



NEW EAGLE SCOUT RECEPTION

The New Eagle Scout Reception recognizes the previous year's Eagle Scout class. Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Eagle Scout alumni, Scouters, Scoutmasters and Cubmasters are all encouraged to attend this special program to recognize the 2017 Eagle Scout class, the Adams Project of the Year Award, and NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award recipients. The reception will be held at Crowne Plaza at 8686 Kirby Drive in Houston on May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING 2

Over the past 108 years, the Boy Scouts of America have instilled the values of the Scout Oath and Law in millions of youth, preparing them to make ethical decisions while facilitating a secure environment for their development. Safe Scouting practices and youth protection are at the heart of the Boy Scouts of America and the Sam Houston Area Council's mission. In order to continue providing a safe and secure environment for today's youth, the Boy Scouts of America have developed a new version of the Youth Protection Training program taken by all volunteer and staff. The new training, which is fully supported and endorsed by the Sam Houston Area Council, launched to the public in March. YPT2 is the new youth protection training for the Boy Scouts of America that covers all programs within the Boy Scouts of America. YPT2 is a comprehensive training that covers a variety of best practices for preventing, identifying and dealing with abuse. All registered leaders must complete the new YPT2 training or the classroom facilitated YPT course by October 1, 2018. YPT courses taken before February 1, 2018, will not count. YPT2 can be accessed by logging into my.scouting.org. Once logged in, click on the youth protection logo and continue to follow the prompts until the training begins. Over the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has been a leader in developing training and policies designed to keep young people safe. Over time, these policies have become standard with organizations across the nation. Now, the Boy Scouts of America is releasing fully updated training to further strengthen our ability to protect youth. Updated Youth Protection Training includes insights from experts and survivors and the latest strategies for recognizing and preventing major forms of abuse.

PHILMONT FAMILY ADVENTURE

Philmont Family Adventure Week is a chance to experience the Philmont Scout Ranch like never before! Open to all registered members of the BSA and their families, you will have a chance to participate in all of the activities offered at Philmont and make lifelong memories with your family. You and your family will have the chance to choose activities that appeal to you. Families will meet for two program sessions daily. Additionally, there will be day-long activities such as hiking to Inspiration Point and rock climbing at Cimarroncito. You will have the opportunity to hike as a family to the side of Urraca Mesa. You will discover plants and animals that live in this area, and explore the science that makes our environment unique. Are you interested in learning about Philmont history? This day will begin with a hike to the T-Rex Track and onto Indian Writings to learn about the petroglyphs of the North Ponil Canyon. After this, you will tour the Chase Ranch, the Villa Philmonte and the Kit Carson Museum at Rayado. The Craft Center offers instruction craft activities including ceramics, wearable art, leathercraft, stamp art, Southwestern crafts, and home decor. Shooting sports include Archery as well as safe use of slingshots and tomahawks and "Air Guns", including .22 rifles, and shotguns. Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE) consists of initiative games, trust events, and high and low ropes courses. For families interested in learning about life of a Northern New Mexico cowboy, make the trip down to Cattle Headquarters. Wranglers will provide an introduction to saddles and tack before taking the group on a trail ride. Although the Philmont Family Adventure program offers a packed schedule for families, you are not required to attend all scheduled events. You may choose to shop at the Tooth of Time Traders, enjoy an ice cream cone from the Cantina, or explore the surrounding areas.

CALENDAR

- 4/14 Scout Fair
- 4/19 Council Coordinated
- 5/1 Silver Beaver Nominations Due
- 5/6 New Eagle Scout Reception

UNIT STRONG

Strong units recruit year round. Cubs that are recruited in the spring can attend Day Camp and start enjoying the program as soon as they join! Boy Scouts recruited in the spring can attend Summer Camp and make memories for a lifetime!

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