



# SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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## TIGER RANK

A boy who is 7 years old or is in the first grade is a Tiger, and his adventures are found in the Tiger Handbook. A Tiger Cub joins Cub Scouting with his parent or adult guardian. This is unique relative to other ranks in Cub Scouting. Tigers and their adult partners are just that, partners. They attend meetings together, go on adventures like field trips together, and complete requirements together. Like all other new Cub Scouts, a Tiger must first earn his [Bobcat rank](#). After completing the requirements for Bobcat he may go on to complete the requirements for the Tiger rank and the many electives that are offered for his rank.



## BADEN POWELL DINNER-FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Scouters who have attended or staffed a Wood Badge course, or staffed National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) are invited to attend the Baden Powell Fellowship Dinner at Cockrell Scout Center. During the evening, attendees from the previous year share memories of their leadership training experience through slide shows, stories and regalia presentations. Scouters will be given an opportunity to contribute to the [Leadership Training Scholarship Fund](#), which provides financial assistance to Scouts and Scouters attending council leadership training courses. The dress is field uniform or business casual.



## UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING-MARCH 24, 2018

University of Scouting is a semi-annual training event for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Venturing, Sea Scouts, district and council leaders and parents. It is an action-packed, fun-filled single day of supplemental training where participants choose from over 100 courses. Sessions are led by experienced volunteers who will help you enhance your ability to deliver a fun and exciting program to the Scouts. This unique day of seminars provides information, techniques, and best practices on how to improve your Scout program. Whether you are new to the program or a veteran of many years, the University of Scouting has something for you. Pre-registration is highly encouraged as classes fill up. Walk-ins are welcome; however, please arrive early, to select classes. Lunches are available for purchase for adults and youth, or you are welcome to bring your own lunch. At checkout, pay with a credit card, electronic check, or PayPal. [Join our Facebook event](#) and let your Scouting friends know you are attending. Check-in begins at 7:00 am. Courses run from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. There is something for everyone! From new Scouters or parents to Scouters with many years of experience, University of Scouting has something for you!

## SCOUT FAIR-APRIL 14, 2018

At Scout Fair, Scouts of all ages converge to showcase their Scouting skills. Meet leaders and Scouts from your neighborhood. Sample the amazing dutch oven creations and other delicacies in the outdoor cooking area. Visit the midway with over 90 experts representing merit badges. Enjoy live entertainment on the center stage. Watch demonstrations, interact with participating booths from our community partners...pick up free offers. Scouts and the entire family will enjoy visiting hundreds of booths with fun activities and crafts, learning Scout skills, meeting new friends and tasting the delicious outdoor cooking. Scout Fair is open to the public and is free; NRG parking is typically \$12. There are hundreds of activities at Scout Fair that the entire family will enjoy. Packs, troops, crews, ships and posts from around the council set up interactive booths to show our community what Scouting is all about, and to share Scouting skills with fellow Scouts and Scout leaders. Booths have typically included crafts, games, rope making, orienteering, obstacle courses, first aid activities, art, hobbies, gardening, leather working, music, nature activities, outdoor cooking, rope bridges, putt-putt golf, catapults and much more. Scouts and parents work together to set-up and run the booth. For more information regarding booth registration, ideas and rules and regulations, please refer to the [Scout Fair leader information](#). Bring comfortable walking shoes and your camera. Share your Scouting memories with us on social media and remember to tag the [Sam Houston Area Council](#).

## CALENDAR

- 2/3 Scouting for Food Pickup Day
- 2/4 Scout Sunday
- 2/10 Council First Aid Meet
- 2/10 ScoutBook Training
- 2/23 Baden Powell Dinner
- 3/24 University of Scouting
- 4/14 Scout Fair

## UNIT STRONG

Have you met with your Unit Commissioner to complete the detailed assessment? Have you made arrangements to do so? The deadline for completing the detailed assessment is March 31, 2018. Completing this assessment will help the unit to determine their strengths and areas to be strengthened.

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