



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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SECOND CLASS RANK

Second Class is the rank above Tenderfoot and below First Class. A Scout can work on the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks at the same time, but they must be earned in sequence. The badge is awarded when the Scout completes requirements in the areas of Scoutcraft, physical fitness, citizenship, personal growth and Scout Spirit.



FIRST CLASS RANK

First Class is the rank above Second Class and below Star Scout. A Scout can work on the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks at the same time, but must earn them in sequence. The badge is awarded when the Scout completes requirements in the areas of Scoutcraft, physical fitness, citizenship, personal growth and Scout Spirit. At this point, Scouts stop focusing on the Scout skills, and start working on leadership.



SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on a volunteer. The Sam Houston Area Council has participated in this recognition program since its inception, presenting Silver Beaver Awards in 1931 to W. A. Childress and to E. A. Hudson. Beginning with those first two awards, more than 1,500 adult leaders in our council have been recognized in this manner. Congratulations to the 2018 recipients. The awards will be presented at the Council Recognition Reception on November 27, 2018.

- Linda L. Arnold
- Dana C. Beebe
- Mathis W. Burt
- Charles Andrew Calderwood
- Daniel W. Cawthon
- Karla T. Christian
- Carolyn Dianne Clarkston
- Bennett Hugh Corpening
- Dale Fitz
- John Fortier
- John E. Gorney
- Rose M. Griffith-Bracher
- Arthur W. Grove
- Kimberly L. Henderson-Gossett
- Theodore R. Kell
- Michael John McGinty
- Steven D. Oldham
- Frank A. Parent
- Michael Eugene Robinson
- Stephen Peter Rollings
- Travis William Seppanen
- Patrick Michael Weisbrod, Sr.
- Hunter Zigmund Werlla
- Ronald Dennis Wiehle
- Sandra Andres Wiehle
- Bobby Ray Williams, Sr.
- Timothy John Yagley

PUT SCOUTING ON THE MAP

For many families, the decision to join Scouting is going to start with online engagement. It is vital that parents can find your unit using internet searches. Please make sure your unit completes these two steps:

Step 1. Verify unit information on district website

Verify your unit's contact information on your [district website](#). There is a unit page on the toolbar of every district website. Please make sure your unit's information is correct. There is a link at the top of the page to submit corrections to the webmaster. The information on this page is important as it shows up in internet searches. Also, fill out our [social media survey](#), so we can help promote your unit.

Step 2: Update BeAScout.org

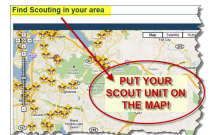
Make sure your unit's information is correct on BeAScout.org. [BeAScout.org](#) is a tool prospective families use to find units to join. Is your unit information up to date? We suggest you list your feeder school(s) and/or church in the description. If your unit does not have a website, refer them to the district website (preferably the unit's page, for example, [www.raven.shac.org/units](#)).

The following registered leaders in your unit have the ability to update your unit's meeting location and contact information:

- (A) Unit Leader: this means your Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor or Skipper
- (B) Unit Committee Chair
- (C) Chartered Organization Representative

For detailed instructions on how to update your pin go to

<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/put-scouting-on-the-map-2018-08-15>



CALENDER

- 9/7-8 Sea Scout Minto Rendezvous
- 9/21-23 OA Fall Pow Wow
- 10/13 University of Scouting
- 10/18 Council Coordinated
- 12/1 College of Commissioner Science

UNIT STRONG

One thing that Strong Units can do to increase their membership is to ask each scout to give two to five friends an invitation to join them at the next meeting. An example of an invitation can be found at <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Data/Sites/1/media/resources/membership/rally-invite-2018-two-up-vector.pdf>. Be sure to add your meeting date, time and location so that those invited can attend!

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