



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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DEN LEADER TRAINING AWARD

To recognize den leaders who have completed training, tenure, and performance requirements. Available for Tiger Cub den leaders, Cub Scout den leaders, and Webelos den leaders.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-052_WB.pdf



BOY'S LIFE AND SCOUTING MAGAZINE APPS

Boys' Life and *Scouting* magazines have two official mobile apps. Both apps can now be downloaded directly to your mobile device to make the world of Scouting available at your fingertips. *Boys' Life* has been delivering fascinating and fun content to readers on ink and paper for decades, but new technology brings a new level of content. Readers will still get all the content they love — Scouts in Action, jokes, cartoons and super Scouting outings — plus access to new multimedia content such as videos, slideshows and easy social media sharing. Downloading the app is as easy as typing “*Boys' Life* magazine” into the search box of any app store. *Boys' Life* is available for Apple Watch too. Both apps are free to download and once you open either app, you can elect to purchase an annual subscription for either magazine. Current subscribers to the print version of *Boys' Life* will receive the digital subscription for free. To access the app, all you'll need to do is input your account number, which can be located on your magazine's address label. Those who are not subscribed can subscribe at the half-price “Scout rate” using special promo code FBTW0216 on the [Boys' Life website](#). Find the *Scouting* magazine app by searching “*Scouting* magazine USA”. *Boys' Life* and *Scouting* magazine apps offer access to more than a century of content. Digital subscribers of *Boys' Life* can buy almost any single copy dating to the very first issue, published March 1, 1911. This means with the apps, you've got every issue of each magazine ever produced, right in your pocket.

CALENDAR

- 1/14 Key Leader's Conference
- 1/26 Scout Fair Kickoff
- 1/28 & 2/4 Scouting for Food
- 2/5 Scout Sunday
- 2/11 University of Scouting



SCOUT FAIR COUPON BOOKS

Selling Scout Fair Coupon Books is a brilliant way for units to raise money and prepare Scouts to earn their own way! The Scout Fair Coupon Book offers great savings for the buyer, while Scouts earn commissions for every \$10 Coupon Book sold. Buyers support the Scouting program while receiving hundreds of dollars in valuable savings from our community partners.

ADAM'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

The Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award program of the National Council is designed to recognize the valuable service of an exceptional nature by an Eagle Scout to a religious institution, a school, community, or other entity. The award recognizes the Scout for his Eagle Scout leadership service project, which is part of the requirements for earning the Eagle Scout Award. The council winner and up to five finalists are recognized at the annual [New Eagle Scout Reception](#). Each finalist will receive a certificate and the council award recipient will receive a bronze award device for their uniform. Several Eagle Scouts have been recognized with Distinguished Project Leadership Awards. Parents, mentors, or leaders of the Eagle Scout can complete the form on behalf of the Eagle Scout. The deadline to submit a nomination is January 15, 2017.

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE

It's a jungle out there. This year, day camp will be a safari adventure. Cub Scouts and their families will go wild, learn new skills, and make new friends. Day camp is a council camp hosted by districts for Scouts entering 1st – 5th grade for the 2017-2018 school year. Scouts will enjoy BB guns, archery, sports, games, and crafts, rank advancements, Scout skills, fun and more. Free, two-sided place mats are available to use at blue and gold banquets and den meetings to help promote day camp. Download a place mat from <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/free-place-mats-for-blue-and-gold-banquets-2016-12-27>. Click next to your district. A jungle safari makes a great blue and gold banquet theme, and ties in with the 2017 day camp theme. We have a variety of [jungle themed resources available](#). [Follow us on Pinterest](#) for more ideas.

UNIT STRONG

Does your unit attend Roundtable? Strong units are well represented at their district's monthly roundtables. Any adult from the unit is welcome to attend and bring back information and ideas!