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Monthly Edition

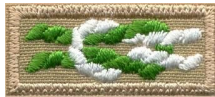
From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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CUBMASTER'S KEY

To recognize Cubmasters who have completed training, tenure, and performance requirements. This award replaces the Cubmaster Award which has been discontinued.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/511-053_WB.pdf



SCOUT FAIR-MAY 6, 2017

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. Scout Fair is open to the public and is free (area parking fees apply). This year, Scout Fair will be held at Minute Maid Park. For more information go to <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/scout-fair-leader-page>

UPDATE YOUR PIN AT 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 or do you have the unit leader from three years ago as your contact? 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. The following registered leaders in your unit have the ability to update your unit's meeting location and contact information: Unit Leader: this means your Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, Crew Advisor or Skipper; Unit Committee Chair; and Chartered Organization Representative. You should also verify the unit 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 this information shows up in internet searches.

DIRECT-CONTACT LEADER TRAINING

Every Scout deserves a trained leader, but less than 50 percent of direct-contact leaders complete basic training for their position. The BSA's training team has set its 2017 goal as at least 50 percent of direct-contact leaders trained this year. Direct-contact leaders, as the name implies, are adult volunteers who have direct contact with youth. Nationally, the percentage of direct-contact leaders trained has risen steadily from 41.9 percent in 2014 to 46.3 percent in 2016. The 50 percent threshold is in reach, but we need your help encouraging fellow Scouters to get trained. A direct-contact leader is trained once he or she has completed Youth Protection training and position-specific training (including Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills for direct-contact Boy Scout leaders) Some of these training courses must be [completed in person](#), while others can be taken online through the BSA Learn Center, available at [My.Scouting](#). If you haven't yet completed position-specific training, please do so.

UNIT STRONG

Does your unit have an annual budget? Are you participating in Council fundraising opportunities? Strong units have an annual calendar and an annual budget to support those activities. Boys who participate in Council fundraisers learn communication and salesmanship and do their part to support their units.

CALENDAR

- 3/31 Arrowman Bash
- 4/20 Council Coordinated



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