



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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STAR RANK

Up through First Class rank, a scout was busy learning skills and becoming a self-sufficient scout. The scout now moves from being a learner to being a leader. The Star rank is attained with participation, leadership, service, and self-directed advancement through merit badges.



WINTER CAMP

Winter camp is a wonderful opportunity for troops to camp and Boy Scouts to earn merit badges. Merit badge classes are taught by Scouters with real-life experiences in the field. The 33rd annual winter camp will be held December 26-31 at [Bovay Scout Ranch \(3450 County 317, Navasota, TX 77868\)](#), just three miles outside of Navasota, TX. Over 50 merit badge classes are offered, including many merit badges that are not normally offered at summer camp. For more information go to <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/winter-camp>.

Merit badges being offered include American Labor, Archery, Archeology, Architecture, Art, Astronomy, Automotive Maintenance/Traffic Safety, Basketry/Textiles, Camping/Backpacking, Chemistry, Chess/Game Design, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Climbing, Communications/Public Speaking, Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting, Disabilities Awareness, Electronics/Electricity, Emergency Preparedness, Energy, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Environmental Science, Exploration/Hiking, Fire Safety/Safety, First Aid, Fish and Wildlife Management, Geocaching, Golf, Indian Lore/Leatherwork, Law, Mining in Society, Medicine, Movie Making, Music, Orienteering, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Photography, Pioneering, Plumbing/Home Repairs, Radio, Rifle Shooting, Sculpture/Pottery, Search and Rescue, Shotgun Shooting, Signs, Signals, and Codes, Space Exploration, Vet Medicine, Weather, Wilderness Survival, and Woodworking/Wood Carving.

CALENDAR

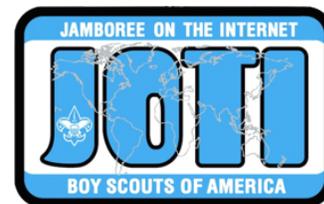
- 10/13 University of Scouting
- 10/18 Council Coordinated
- 10/19-21 Fun With Family
- 12/1 College of Commissioner Science

FUN WITH FAMILY

Fun with Family is an overnight campout for newly registered boys and girls in kindergarten through fifth grade and their families. Cub Scouts can participate in archery, sling shots, crafts, rockets, sports, campfire and more. Families can attend October 19-20 or October 20-21 at Bovay Scout Ranch in Navasota.

JOTI/JOTA

[Jamboree-on-the-Air \(JOTA\)](#) is an annual Scouting event that uses amateur radio to link Scouts around the [world](#), around the nation, and in your own community. Held on the third full weekend of October each year, this worldwide jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby radio amateur's ham shack. Many times the hams will agree to set up at a Scout event. There are many ways to get your Scouts involved in JOTA. Sign up your location at www.jotajoti.info/sign-up-jota-joti-2018 and let brandon.lewis@scouting.org know if you are participating.



[Jamboree-on-the-Internet \(JOTI\)](#) is an annual Scouting event sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement and is held the 3rd weekend of October. This event utilizes the internet and the numerous devices that are used to get online, from your home computer to iPad tablets, to link Scouts from around the [world](#). Last year, JOTI had almost 16,000 Scouts and leaders registered in the worldwide Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) - Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) database in 146 countries!

UNIT STRONG

Strong units prepare early for recharter. Make sure that all youth and adult leaders are registered. Talk to those that you haven't seen lately. Find out what you can do to encourage them to return. Start collecting recharter fees and gathering information to make recharter a smooth process.

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