



# SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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## SPECIAL NEEDS SCOUTING SERVICE AWARD

This award was established to provide clear and visible recognition to adults, volunteer and professional, who serve the community of members with disabilities/special needs of the Scouting movement. This award is earned by direct action on behalf of members with disabilities/special needs and by spreading the ideals of inclusiveness, diversity, and disability awareness in Scouting. The award is intended to create enhanced visibility of the resources available to serve these members and to ensure their success in Scouting.

[http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards\\_Central/SpecialNeeds.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards_Central/SpecialNeeds.aspx)



## STORM ASSISTANCE

The United Way's [After the Storm](#) guide contains resources to help you begin to recover from Hurricane Harvey. <https://www.unitedwayhouston.org/assets/uploads/documents/news-publications/Greater-Houston-after-the-storm-2017.pdf> If you or someone you know needs help, call 2-1-1, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1. If you need assistance with cleanup after the storm, call 1-800-451-1954 or 844-965-1386 to be placed on the list. Disaster recovery organizations will contact you if they are able to help you with clean-up efforts in your area. To find a shelter, visit [www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter](http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter) for a listing of current open shelters. If you or your unit is willing to volunteer Contact one of the following organizations. Contact the United Way at [volunteerharvey@unitedwayhouston.org](mailto:volunteerharvey@unitedwayhouston.org). American Red Cross is seeking volunteers for warehousing, shelter management, supply distribution, and administrative support. Those interested in volunteering can register at [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer). BakerRipley is recruiting volunteers to help at the shelter at NRG Center. <https://volunteer.bakerripley.org/>. The Houston Food Bank needs volunteers. <http://www.houstonfoodbank.org>. Volunteer Houston is connecting individuals with disaster volunteer opportunities. To learn more, visit [www.volunteerhouston.org](http://www.volunteerhouston.org).

## CALENDAR

- 9/23 University of Scouting-Fall
- 9/30 Popcorn Blitz Day #1
- 10/14 Popcorn Blitz Day #2
- 10/19 Council Coordinated
- 10/28 Popcorn Blitz Day #3



## SILVER BEAVER AWARD

The Silver Beaver Award is the highest form of recognition that a local council can bestow on a volunteer. In 1931, BSA President Mortimer L. Schiff recommended to the national board that an award be devised for recognition of distinguished service to youth in the area of a local council, and the concept of the Silver Beaver Award recognition was established. 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. More than 1,500 adult leaders in our council have been recognized in this manner. The Silver Beaver awards will be presented at the [Council Recognition Reception](#) on November 28, 2017.

## 2017 SILVER BEAVER RECIPIENTS

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>District</i>
Robert Ausmus	Orion/Soaring Eagle
Russell Carman	Tall Timbers
Michael Cawley	Phoenix
Patricia Chapela	Iron Horse
Donna Coselli	Texas Skies
Joseph Dante	Texas Skies
Ray Duerer	Orion
Cynthia Edwards	W.L. Davis
Kerin Farrell	Phoenix
Sergio Fernandez	Phoenix
Robert Fuglaar	Brazos
Joan Gorney	Orion
Dana Harkey	Mustang
Roger Hoover	Thunder Wolf
Richard Lipham	Big Cypress/Copperhead/Iron Horse
Eugene Manuel	Big Cypress
Bill Peel	Council Board
Angela Repman	Raven
Timothy Richard	Thunder Wolf
Bob Roy	Council Board
David Rudzinski	Thunder Wolf
Douglas Sivula	Tall Timbers
Wendel Skolaski	Council Board
Steve Strake	Council Board
Carl Soderland	San Jacinto
Howard Tomlinson	David Crockett
Thien Tran	Big Cypress
Tina Turner	North Star
Kelley Whitehead	Raven

## UNIT STRONG

Strong Units help other people at all times. As our communities recover from Hurricane Harvey, what age appropriate service is your unit doing to help those affected by the storm? Do a good turn daily!

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