



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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SPRING RECRUITING

Packs are encouraged to hold spring recruiting events. There is no better time to personally invite your kid's friends to a meeting! District and pack campouts are coming up as well as [day camp](#), [resident camp](#) and summertime pack activities! And don't forget about all of those potential Scouts, the kindergarteners who can join on June 1! March and April is the time to reach out to the school administration and determine how you can invite kids to join Scouting!

CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP

It's time to saddle up the horses, put on boots and a cowboy hat, and round up all Cub Scouts to explore at day camp goes Texas Wild! Day/twilight camp is a council camp hosted by districts for Cub Scouts entering 1st through 5th grade next school year. No matter which camp is chosen, the camp will be loaded with an awesome program such as BB guns, archery, sports, games, and crafts, rank advancements, Scout skills, fun and more. Most camps welcome siblings (ages 3+) and Scouts in troops, crews and ships, so make this a great summer for the entire family. Find a camp near you, using our [Google map](#). Participants receive a t-shirt and patch. Advancements offered at day camp supplement the exciting program offered at [resident camp](#). With 19 different camps to choose from, registered Scouts and their families can find a camp to fit their busy schedules. Camps are run by volunteers. The registration fee includes a patch, t-shirt, and program supplies. Registration closes two weeks before the first day of camp. Texas-themed placemats can be used as a gathering activity at banquets, pack meetings or den meetings to help promote day camp. Print one-sided to two-sided. Before printing, insert the date, time, location and web URL of your district day camp on page 2.



SUMMER CAMP 2022

Summer camp is a week-long council-organized overnight camp for Scouts BSA that operates under council-retained leadership. The program provides opportunities for Scouts to earn merit badges along their advancement trail. Summer camp is held at [Camp Strake](#), a first-class and state-of-the-art facility for Scouts and their leaders. Program areas include shooting sports, climbing, rappelling, boating, swimming, ATV riding, ziplining, merit badge classes and more. Sign up now for summer 2022

NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

June 5-10, 2022 (Courses 22-1 and 22-2)
June 12-17, 2022 (Courses 22-3 and 22-4)
Bovay Scout Ranch

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed six-day council-level program designed to provide Scouts in troops, crews, and ships with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and other situations demanding leadership of self and others. Unit leaders have the primary responsibility for training their youth leaders. The first step in the [BSA youth leadership training continuum](#) is conducted in the home unit ([Introduction to Leadership Skills](#)). Scouts who have completed this training may attend. NYLT is held twice a year in December and June. NYLT is filled with activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and camping in a team and model unit environment. Participants learn and practice skills that are valuable at home, church, school, work, and the Scouting unit. The course is designed for Scouts BSA members who are at least 13 years old, and for Venturers or Sea Scouts who are at least 13 years old and have completed eighth grade. Since a Scout only takes this course once, it is critical for the youth to get the maximum benefit from this experience; therefore, the Scouts must be able to handle the demands of this advanced course, which requires maturity, experience, and proficiency in basic camping skills. At NYLT, a temporary training unit consists of youth from troops, crews, and ships across the council. This training unit is instructed and led by a highly qualified group of outstanding youth and adult trainers. At the end of this conference, the Scout returns to their home unit with advanced knowledge of leadership skills and patrol/troop/crew operation.

CALENDAR

4/9 NST Multi-Site College of Commissioner Science (Alvin Comm. Coll.)
4/24 Council Coordinated

CONNECT, SERVE, INSPIRE!

As summer activities approach, now is the time to encourage all of our members to **CONNECT** with their friends and classmates and invite them to **SERVE** their community and Charter Organizations as members of BSA. **INSPIRE** your members to share the fun, friendship, and fellowship of scouting!