



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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Get Ready to. Renew, Recruit, Recharter!

Renew Your Commitment to Quality



Across Sam Houston Area Council Scouting units and their leaders have dedicated themselves to achieving the criteria for the 2008 Centennial Quality Award based on the

unique goals they established for their unit.

As the Scouting year gets rolling this August, take a look at the goals you set for 2008 and renew your commitment to reach them by:

- ★ *Retaining and recruiting youth members*
- ★ *Involving more parents in your unit's program**
- ★ *Getting direct contact leaders trained for their current leadership position*
- ★ *Planning your unit's annual program to encourage youth advancement and recognition*
- ★ *Starting the Scouting year with a plan for a fun program*
- ★ *Including monthly activities and outdoor experiences in your plan*
- ★ *Working with your Unit Commissioner to recharter on time*

Additional details and other resources in support of the Centennial Quality Awards Program can be viewed by going to www.scouting.org.

* For resources about involving parents in the Scouting program, go to www.scoutparents.org.

Enjoy this issue of Square Knot Notes. If you have a question about this topic or any of the Square Knot Notes, contact us at: squareknotnotes@comcast.net

Your Unit Commissioner is: _____

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Prepare for Fall Recruiting

Scouting welcomes new members all year round, but this time of year is especially rich with opportunities to invite new members into the Scouting program.



- Invite new friends made over the summer to a Scouting meeting or activity.
- Ask the youth and parents in your unit to help spread the word about Scouting with families they meet through school, sports teams, youth groups and other youth organizations.
- Plan and prepare thoroughly for your unit's fall recruiting events.
- Promote recruiting events in the local newspapers, newsletters for schools, churches and neighborhoods and with posters and flyers.
- Publish your annual program plan to share with interested youth and adults.
- Prepare an informational flyer for your unit.
- Ask neighborhood associations to post promotional yard signs at entrances.

Take advantage of the **Join Scouting** promotion and resources from our council and your district. Check out www.samhoustonbsa.org for more information.

Plan Ahead to Recharter on Time

It's never too early to...

- ◆ Keep an accurate, up-to date membership list.
- ◆ Contact inactive members and encourage them to rejoin Scouting activities.
- ◆ Make sure that new member paperwork is complete and submitted promptly.

**"To Improve the Quality of Program for Scouting
in Every Unit in America"**

