



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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Is Your Unit a 2008 Centennial Quality Unit? What does it take?

The Centennial Quality Unit Award recognizes outstanding packs, troops, teams, crews, and ships that conduct a quality program for their youth on an annual basis.

How Does a Unit Know When They Have Qualified?

Between October 31 and December 31 of each year, a Centennial Quality Achievement form is completed and signed by the unit and district leadership, usually a commissioner, after they meet to review their achievements for the calendar year compared to the goals they established at the beginning of the year.

The completed achievement form will help each unit and the district leadership to:

- ❖ Evaluate where the unit is on accomplishing the goals established for each criterion.
- ❖ Meet in person to discuss the unit's progress before year-end.
- ❖ Review the unit's goals and, if necessary, revise action plans to earn the 2008 award.

*Hurricane Ike and other factors might have made earning the Centennial Quality Unit award more difficult this year than anticipated. Since the award is based on a unit's own assessment of its improvement, it is permissible to adjust the number in the 2008 Goal section on any category. **REACHING YOUR UNIT'S ORIGINAL PROJECTED NUMBERS IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS RECOGNIZING YOUR UNIT'S IMPROVEMENT.***

If you have any questions about this topic or any other Square Knot Notes contact us at squareknotnotes@comcast.net

Starting November 1, 2008, the Centennial Award Completion forms can be submitted on paper or electronically by going to:

www.samhoustonbsa.org/HOME/FORMS/CENTENNALQUALITYACHIE3/

At this site a link is provided so that a unit can look up what their commitment was for 2008. They will need to print a copy of the page their unit is on to read what their commitments were for 2008.

❖ Major Features of the Program ❖

"To improve the QUALITY of program in every unit in America!"

- Improve and increase adult leader training
- Improve youth recruitment and retention
- Improve parent participation.
- Improve youth advancement.
- Improve outdoor program participation.
- Improve annual program planning.



GET READY, GET SET for an On-time Recharter

- ☑ **Keep** an accurate, up-to date membership list.
- ☑ **Contact** inactive members; encourage them to rejoin Scouting activities.
- ☑ **Make sure** that new member paperwork is complete and submitted promptly.
- ☑ **Use Internet Advancement** to print a current roster and verify that all current applications have been processed correctly.
- ☑ **Go to** www.samhoustonbsa.org/Recharter for answers to your unit recharter questions.

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

