



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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SUMMER FUN!

Now is a great time to recruit Cub Scouts before school is out so that they can join in the Pack's summertime activities. These new Scouts can make great recruiters at Sign-Up Night in the fall!

PROGRAM PREVIEW

Many districts throughout the council held program preview at their May Roundtables. Be sure to check your District's calendar or website for more information. Strong units use the council and district calendars to help them plan their unit calendars!

SUPER TROOP

July 3-9, 2022 or July 10-16, 2022

Super troop is a temporary troop made up of Scouts from troops around the council. Super Troop is a fantastic opportunity for Scouts to attend an extra week of summer camp, for a Scout to attend camp individually if they can't attend camp with their unit, or for those Scouts who just like to camp. Super Troop is staffed each week by experienced volunteer Scouters. 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. Activities will include shooting sports (rifle, shotgun, archery, sporting arrows), Wild Hex (aerial adventure tower), zip lines, climbing, rappelling, COPE, swimming, biking, merit badge classes and more. Camp Strake has 20 campsites with pavilions and an air-conditioned dining hall, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) center, 28-acre lake, aquatics center with a swimming pool and pool house, extensive trail system, basketball court, sports fields, chapel and [more](#).

Learn more about summer camp at www.shac.org/summer-camp.

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Who is on the membership team? That's right, **we all are!** So give yourself a high five as the **Sam Houston Area Council has achieved membership growth over May of 2021**. We have over 5000 more registered Scouts today as we did one year ago! What a great time to be in Scouting! North, South, East and West all have membership growth over 2021. As of May 13 2022, both Lone Star and Flaming Arrow in the East Division have membership growth. In the South Division, membership growth has been obtained by Apollo, Mustang and Coastal Plains districts. As we move to the North Division, all five districts, George Strake, Orion, Arrowmoon, Phoenix, and Iron Horse, have experienced membership growth. Finally, leading the pack, all four districts in the West Division have growth, Texas Skies, David Crockett, Big Cypress, and Red Wolf. Not to be ignored, Scoutreach has experienced huge growth as that program has been reestablished following the pandemic. So what do we need to do now? We need to encourage each of those new Scouts to invite a friend to join and enjoy our great summertime programming, we need to challenge our rechartered Scouts to bring in their friends as well, we need to find new chartering organizations ready to join in on the fun, encourage our current chartering organizations to add another unit to their line up, and make sure that we retain and rank up all of our members!

CALENDAR

- 7/27 Fall Recruiting Training (Virtual)
- 8/1 Online Popcorn Sales begin
- 8/18 Council Coordinated

CONNECT, SERVE, INSPIRE!

Strong Units have year round programs. Summertime programming is a vital part of Scouting. This helps the youth stay CONNEd. They can continue to SERVE their communities! This could INSPIRE their friends to join scouting to be a part of the fun!!

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