



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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Every Scout Deserves Trained Leaders



Trained leaders provide a quality, fun-filled program for youth at all levels of Scouting. When leaders in a unit understand Scouting they are more effective in their roles and united in their efforts.

Leaders who have direct contact with Scouting youth are asked to complete training for their position.

Direct-contact leaders are Cubmasters and assistants, Den Leaders and assistants, Scoutmasters and assistants, Varsity Scout Coaches and assistants, Venturing Advisors and assistants, and Sea Scout Skippers and Mates.

Basic Leader Training is designed to give position-related information to all adult leaders, enhancing their ability to deliver a consistent and exciting program.

What Makes a Trained Leader?

Cub Scout leaders are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, and the Cub Scout Leader Specific training for their position.

Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Troop committee members are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, and the Troop Committee Challenge as their Leader Specific training.

Varsity Scout leaders and assistants are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, Varsity Scout Leader Specific Training, and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Venturing Crew Advisors, assistant Advisors, Skippers, Mates, and Venturing/Sea Scout committee members are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials and Venturing Leader Specific Training.

Where and When?

Training for adult Scout leaders is available throughout the year in the districts and at various training events. *You don't need to stay in your home district for training.* Check the schedule at www.shac.org/Home/Training/TrainingSchedule2/ for a council-wide list of the training available.

Online Training

There are numerous courses available to leaders online including Fast-Start Training and Youth Protection Training. Take advantage of these at the On-line Learning Center at www.myscouting.org. More information about online learning is also available at www.shac.org/Home/Training/On-LineTraining/

Units Earn the SHAC Excellence in Training Award



The Sam Houston Area Council **Excellence in Training Award** has been established to recognize those units who have set a high standard in leadership training. Studies prove that youth stay in the program longer when they have trained leaders who know how to make the program fun and exciting.

A ribbon streamer may be awarded once every calendar year to units achieving the goal of **75% direct contact leaders trained in their registered position**. The Excellence in Training Award will be presented at the district roundtable at whatever time this benchmark is achieved.

A plaque will be presented to each unit achieving the goal of **100% direct contact leaders trained in their registered position**. This award will be presented at the district dinner.

Training Alert: Be on the lookout this spring for the new online training course "This is Scouting" which will soon replace New Leader Essentials.

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

"The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it."
Sir Robert Baden Powell

