



# SQUARE KNOT NOTES

Monthly Edition

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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## RESIDENT CAMP

Resident camp is a three-night campout at Bovay Scout Ranch for Cub Scouts. Scouts can hone canoeing and fishing skills, shoot archery and BB guns, explore camp searching for animal tracks, splash in the waterpark, learn about STEM programs, and more.

## FALL WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge is the Boy Scouts of America's ultimate leadership training designed to meet the advanced leadership needs of Scouters in all aspects of the BSA, whether unit, district, or council level – from assistant den leaders to Scoutmasters, from Cubmasters to Venturing Advisors, from committee members to commissioners. It is a fun, energetic and inspiring course guaranteed to infuse your unit with fun and meaning – all designed to fulfill the mission of the BSA, and ensure our youth is getting everything they are promised from the program. Reflecting the best of nearly a century of Scouting experience, Wood Badge draws upon the most current leadership models used by corporate America, academic circles and successful organizations throughout the country. Participants can expect to develop skills in many areas, including leadership theory, team building, problem-solving, communication, project planning and more. These skills can be taken back to packs, troops, crews and ships to help leaders guide youth in dynamic Scouting programs. Scouters will find these skills invaluable in their business and personal lives as well. Wood Badge consists of two parts:

- The course begins with five full days of group training usually held over two weekends - the first weekend is Friday through Sunday, and the second is Saturday and Sunday.
- The second part of the course requires participants to apply the skills they learned by completing a five-part plan (called a "ticket") over the following 18 months, leading towards the individual participant's vision of a better Scouting future.

### Requirements for attending Wood Badge:

1. Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
2. Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
3. Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete the [Annual Health and Medical Record](#). Parts A, B, and C are required which includes a physical. Part C is required for everyone, including people who are not present for more than 72 hours.



## CALENDAR

- 6/7-25 Weeks 1, 2, and 3 of Day Camp
- 7/22 Popcorn Show and Sell Training
- 7/28 Fall Recruiting Train the Trainer
- 8/1 Online Popcorn Sales begin
- 8/19 Council Coordinated

## POPCORN FUNDRAISER

Every Scout should learn the value of hard work and earning their own way. The popcorn sale is the perfect opportunity to teach this valuable life lesson and fund the most exciting year of Scouting ever. The popcorn sale is not just about selling popcorn...It's also about promoting Scouting!

## KEEPING THE CUB PROGRAM RELEVANT

Every year, Cub Scout Adventures are reviewed to identify trends and determine interests of our youth, den leaders and Cub Scout families. In our ongoing efforts to keep the Cub Scouting Adventure program relevant to today's families, Cub Scout elective Adventures are reviewed for both content and popularity. The most recent review has identified 19 elective Adventures that do not meet the standards of youth and den leader engagement, with the lowermost being earned by less than 3% of eligible youth. They will be retired effective **May 31, 2022**. The retiring of these adventures allows Cub Scouting to be more agile as the BSA makes continuous improvements to the program. Some families may want one last chance to earn these Adventures, and some den leaders may have already made plans for the upcoming program year. To help with that transition, **these Adventures will be available until the end of the 2021-2022 program year**. The affected elective Adventures, which will be retired effective May 31, 2022, are as follows:

- Family Stories, Rank: Tiger, SKU: 619922
- Earning Your Stripes, Rank: Tiger, SKU: 619925
- Tiger Tales, Rank: Tiger, SKU: 619930
- Tiger Theater, Rank: Tiger, SKU: 619931
- Collections and Hobbies, Rank: Wolf, SKU: 619940
- Grow Something, Rank: Wolf, SKU: 619944
- Hometown Heroes, Rank: Wolf, SKU: 619947
- Motor Away, Rank: Wolf, SKU: 619950
- Beat of the Drum, Rank: Bear, SKU: 619958
- World of Sound, Rank: Bear, SKU: 619960
- Make it Move, Rank: Bear, SKU: 619963
- Robotics, Rank: Bear, SKU: 619968
- Looking Back Looking Forward, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619978
- Maestro, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619979
- Project Family, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619997
- Build My Hero, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619992
- Adventures in Science, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619989
- Fix It, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619975
- Movie Making, Rank: Webelos/AOL, SKU: 619982

The listed elective Adventures are still part of the Cub Scouting program until May 31, 2022. After that date, these Adventures will be retired, and the Adventure loops and pins will no longer be available. Earned Adventures will be archived in Scoutbook and Internet Advancement. The Adventure will appear as earned but will no longer be able to be marked as completed after May 31, 2022. [Source](#).

## CONNECT, SERVE, INSPIRE!

CONNECT with your Chartering Organization and make sure that you are prepared for fall recruiting. Scouts BSA units can help SERVE the Cub Scout units in their area by assisting with recruiting events. INSPIRE the youth in your unit to invite their friends and classmates to join them in their Scouting units!