

Sam Houston Area Council
Scout Fair 2017
"Scout Today. Legends Tomorrow"
Minute Maid Park
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Booth Planning & Ideas Packet



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Welcome and Thanks!

Welcome to Scout Fair 2017, **"Scout Today. Legends Tomorrow!"** Thank you for your commitment to Scouting! Scout Fair is our annual community wide event presented by the Sam Houston Area Council. Our purpose is to showcase the Scouting program and values to our community. The Scout Fair provides a recruitment and programming tool for units to use that will retain and increase members' participation in Scouting. It also serves as a fundraiser for Scouts and Units, as well as for the Council.

We appreciate your desire to join us with hosting a booth. The booths help us present fun and excitement for thousands of area families. This guidebook will help you as you begin planning your activity.

Your Scout Fair adventure is about to begin! Discover the exciting activities of Scouting in a day of action packed activities. You will get to spend the day having so much fun with your Scouts and spread the Scouting Spirit!

Thank you,

Your 2017 Scout Fair Committee and Staff!



Scout Fair Booth Planning & Ideas

Each Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, Ship and Post is encouraged to sponsor a booth at the fair. This is your opportunity to show our community what Scouting is all about, and to share your scouting skills with fellow Scouts and Scout Leaders. The leader guide gives many suggestions of booths appropriate to different ages and Scouting levels. In the past, booths have included craft stations (Cubs), rope making (Scouts), orienteering (Venturing), and law enforcement (Exploring). By involving all the Scouts and parents in your unit, booth preparation and set-up, manning and take down can be shared to keep it simple and make it fun. All participating Scouts will receive a Scout Fair Patch.

How to Organize a Scout Fair Booth

- Units must name a Booth Chairman.
- Pick an idea for your booth.
- Register your unit for booth through our online registration system. Booth Participation Registration must be **completed on or before April 21** for your booth to be placed in the Scout Fair Program.
- Start planning now and get your activity ready.
- Practice the game, craft or skill with the rest of your unit and have the boys learn their duties.
- Please note: Units selling Coupon Books that register by April 21st receive 10% participation bonus on all monies turned in on or before May 6, 2017.

Booth Regulations:

- Standard booth size is 8' x 10'.
- One adult booth supervisor should be on duty at all times.
- Bring your flag or banner to identify your unit and sponsor.
- Tables and chairs can be rented through the online registration system in advance and must be paid for at that time. They will also be available for rental on the day of the event. You are welcome to bring your own tables and chairs.
 - Chairs: \$5 (maximum of 8)
 - Tables: \$15 (maximum of 1)
- Activities and displays using tents will need to be self-supporting; there is no area to put stakes in the ground.
- Any troop, crew, ship, team, post or group that is unable to host a booth may participate by contributing service during the day of Scout Fair. (Limited service spots are available.)
- Review the *Safety Booth Requirements Manual* for all booth safety requirements.

Booth Set-up and Clean up:

Minute Maid Park set-up time is on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 6:00 AM-10:00 AM. Please refer to the Unit Leaders Guide for parking fees on Scout Fair day. Remember there is no vehicle access to drive inside the Minute Maid Park. Your booth should be set up & ready by 10am Saturday. The show area must be completely clean at the conclusion of Scout Fair. All equipment and material must be removed at the end of the show- NOT BEFORE!

Booth Planning:

Keep these tips in mind when planning your booth:

- **Make it alive and fun!** Be sure all youth members get in on the act- this is their show. Schedule a rotation of dens, patrols, or squads and don't forget the adult supervision.
- **Subject Knowledge** Youth members should be conversant with the topic of the booth. Scouts should be able to describe activities in their own words and answer questions about their booth.
- **Audience participation!** Involve the audience. Invite them to try their own cooking, be a participant in a game, take a quiz, try a skill, paint them like a clown, or take a fingerprint. You will get more people to stop at your booth if they can do something.
- Proper uniform is essential. Everyone is encouraged to wear the Scout uniform.
- Have the booth going at all times. Be sure to not leave before the end of the fair, or begin late. Scout Fair usually has an influx of visitors at the beginning and at the end, as well as a steady stream throughout. Having an empty or unmanned booth does not help promote your units. Remember a shift roster should be made for every booth. **PEOPLE GO WHERE THE ACTION IS!**
- **Do not sell** items, charge, or ask for donations as part of your booth.
- **A Scout is courteous** at all times, especially when others are speaking or waiting in line.

Selecting your Booth Theme:

We have compiled some sample ideas for your booth; but feel free to come up with your own too. There are numerous ideas available. Start with monthly Cub Scout themes or Cub achievements and electives. There are also many resources in Scout Merit Badge books, and from commissioners and other Scouters. You may choose to focus on your community and its history, people, landmarks and activities. Select one that is fun and interesting to keep your Scouts excited and engaged, as well as entertaining for the visitors. The list of possible booths is endless. Have your youth and adult leaders brainstorm booth possibilities, then determine which is best for your unit and Scouts.

Remember the following when choosing your theme:

- Experience is valuable, but not necessary.
- The size of your unit may determine the amount of space you'll need.
- Thoughts to consider: What do your boys do best? What are their interests? What recent activities were the most successful? What hidden resources, hobbies and talents are out there?
- Preparation time required and available.
- Transportation needs.

Here is a list of booth themes to consider for your demonstration:

Air and Water Pollution	Famous Scouts	Maps	Silhouettes
American Folklore	Feats of skill	Marbles	Small Boat Sailing
American Heritage	Finger painting	Model cars	Soap Sculptures
American History	Fingerprinting	Model Trains	Space Exploration
Antique Plaque	Fire Prevention	Models Morse code	Sports Carnival
Making	Firearms Safety	Mountain men	Stamps or coins
Astronomy	First Aid	Mountaineering	Star study
Atomic Energy	Fishing	Music	Star trek Stencil
Aviation	Fitness	Native American crafts	Crafts Survival techniques
Backpacking	Flag etiquette	Native American dancing	Walkers
Backyard Camping	Flag history	Nature crafts	Stone painting
Basketball Catapults	Fly tying	Nature trails	String Art
Beadwork	Forestry	Neckerchief slides	Teepee making
Beanbag Games	Gaming	No trace camping	Texas history
Bicycle Safety	Games of the past	Obstacle Course	The world of sound
Bike Repair	Games of Skills	Oceanography	Tile crafts
Birdhouses & feeders	Gardening	Old time radio	Tin-can craft
Block printing	Geology	Orienteering	Tinfoil crafts
Bottom of the sea	Harmful habits	Outdoor Games	Toothpick crafts
Box hockey	Health & Safety	Panning for gold	Toy making
Camp Songs	Health careers	Passports	Toy soldiers
Camping Merit Badge	High Adventure	Patriotism	Traffic safety
Camping techniques	Hiking	Personal Fitness	Trail to Eagle
Candle decorating	Historical Merit Badge	Pets	Transportation
Card making project	History of Scouting	Photography	Tricks & puzzles
Carnival games	Hobbies	Physical Fitness	Troop leadership
Ceramics	Hockey	Pioneer	Tube crafts
Chess	Home gardens	Plaster Casting	Veterinary medicine
Citizenship	Home Museums	Pottery	Weather
Clay modeling	Home Safety	Puppets	Wet sponge toss
Collections	Homemade Games	Putt-putt golf	Whittling
Clothespin craft	Homemade ice cream	Puzzles Railroad	Wilderness Survival
Clowns	Horsemanship	Raingutter regatta	Wildlife conservation
Communications	Hunting safety	Rappelling	Wildlife Habitats
Comparisons	Indian Lore/Crafts	Recycling	Winter Camping
Compass	Indian Signs	Rocket derby	Wire crafts
Cowboys	Insects	Rocket making	Woodcarving
Cooking	International Scouting	Rocks and Minerals	Woodworking
Craftsman activities	Jewelry	Rope Making	World around us
Cub Scout chef	Jigsaw Puzzle Making	Sand Art in a bottle	World foods
Cub Scout field day	Jungle tales	Scouting History	World travel
Cub Scout sports	Kayak building	Scouting uniform & insignia	
Decoupage	Keep America beautiful	Scrapbook making	
Dinosaurs	Kite building	Sculpturing	
Drawing	Kites	Sea adventure	
Drum Making	Knots and lashings	Search & Rescue	
Dutch oven cooking	Law Enforcement	Showman Activities	
Electric games	Leather crafts	Signal Tower	
Electricity	Leatherwork		
Emergency kits	Leave no trace		
Emergency rescue	Leaves (leaf prints)		
Face paint			
Famous Americans			