

Sam Houston Area Council  
Scout Fair 2018  
“Cleared for Launch”  
NRG Arena  
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# Booth Planning & Ideas Packet



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### Message from the Chairman

Scouts, Scouters and Friends, the Sam Houston Area Council has been “Cleared for Launch” for the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Scout Fair. The event is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the NRG Arena. We are pleased to announce that the Sam Houston Area Council will partner with SPACE CENTER HOUSTON to present a spectacular exhibition of scouting skills, crafts and outdoor skills centered around the theme “Cleared for Launch”.

Units of all scouting groups can take advantage of Scout Fair 2018 to showcase their scouting expertise/skills by signing up **NOW** for your booth. Planning and Teamwork are the cornerstones of a successful Scout Fair experience for youth and adults alike. Partnering with another unit or let your unit’s leadership creativity produce a fun and exciting booth exhibit. For more information Go to the SHAC website (see link below) to find your Booth registration form, fill it out and submit it with your registration for your unit.

Units are encouraged to decorate their booth or demonstrate an activity based on this year’s “Cleared for Launch” theme. Space Center Houston is this year’s partner and we encourage units to decorate their booths or have a booth activity based on space travel, space shuttles, the space station, or other aerospace related activity. The top booths reflecting this theme will be recognized with a unique “Cleared for Launch” ribbon.

Once again we will be offering a GREAT FUNDRAISING activity by providing scouts the opportunity to “earn their own way” through selling Scout Fair Coupon Books to help support and sustain the Scout Fair Event, Council Programs and their unit. Each coupon book sells for \$10.00 while offering over \$600.00 in savings. When scouts sell 15 or more Coupon Books, they will earn the Super Salesman Patch; qualify for entry into the weekly drawings for great prizes from the Scout Fair Coupon Book Prize Brochure.

Commission & Early Bird Bonus: All participating units (signed up and manning their booth) will be eligible for a 30% base commission for each \$10.00 Scout Fair Coupon Booth sold with funds turned in ON or BEFORE April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Units can earn an Early Bird Bonus, an additional 10% commission, if your unit is registered to participate in Scout Fair by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018. A 5% commission will be applied if the funds are turned in between April 1 – 7<sup>th</sup>. Units must be signed up for a booth and subsequently man the unit booth at Scout Fair to earn the Early Bird Bonuses.

Scout Fair Booths: Booths will be available in three sizes: 10x10; 10x20 or 20x20 inside the arena and 20x20 for an outside booth. The setup for Scout Fair 2018 will be a little different with a new and unique arrangement of the arena area and the outside displays. Council and National booths will provide information about Scouting's exciting High Adventure Areas, information on the new Camp Strake and other information about Scouting of the future.

Scout Fair is free & fun for the whole family and open to the entire community. Invite your friends and family and come join us at Scout Fair 2018 - We ARE "CLEARED FOR LAUNCH". Come Join Us!!!

More information to follow – Watch for announcements on the council website: [www.shac.org/scout-fair/#Resources](http://www.shac.org/scout-fair/#Resources).

Yours in Scouting,

J. Steve Taylor

Scout Fair Event Chairman



## 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 March 31*** 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 March 31st receive 10% participation bonus on all monies turned in on or before April 14, 2018.

### Booth Regulations:

- Standard booth sizes are 10' x 10', 10' x 20' or 20' x 20'
- For safety reasons, there should be at least one leader and one additional adult in the booth at all times. Per BSA policy, there is never to be one-on-one contact between an adult and a youth (unless it's a Scout with his or her parent/guardian). [www.shac.org/two-deep-leadership-2018-02-06](http://www.shac.org/two-deep-leadership-2018-02-06). It is recommended that all adults volunteering in the booth take Youth Protection Training at My.Scouting.org.
- 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
  - Tables: \$15
- Activities and displays using tents will need to be self-supporting; there is no area to put stakes in the ground.
- Review the ***Booth Safety Guidelines*** for all booth safety requirements. [wwwshac.org/booth](http://wwwshac.org/booth)

## Booth Set-up and Clean up:

NRG Arena set-up time is on Saturday, April 14, 2018 from 6:00 AM-10:00 AM. Please refer to the Unit Leaders Guide for parking fees on Scout Fair day. Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the building. Units may drop their items near the designated overhead doors and then park their vehicles. Vehicles may not be left at the doorways while items are moved inside. The overhead doors will be closed at 9:00 AM and will not be opened until after 3:00 PM. Your booth should be set up & ready by 10 AM 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:

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