



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team



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Recognizing Scout Spirit

“Because I’m a Scout!”

You’ve heard the story before. American businessman William D. Boyce was making his way through “pea soup fog” on the streets of London and stopped to orient himself under a lamppost.

A young boy moved past him and then turned around to ask, “Can I help you, sir?”
“You certainly can,” replied Boyce. “I have a business appointment somewhere around here. I’ll be much obliged if you’ll tell me how to get there.”
“If you’ll give me the address I’ll take you there,” the boy said.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him. “No thank you, sir. I won’t take anything for helping.”
“And why not?” the American asked.

“Because I’m a Scout! Haven’t you heard about Baden-Powell’s Boy Scouts?”

The American had not heard of Boy Scouts. But in a very short time, because of the actions of this Scout, the Boy Scouts of America was established in the United States. No one knows the name of the boy with Scout spirit, but he has been recognized in the British Scout Training Centre at Gilwell Park, England, where Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in his honor. The statue is inscribed:



“To the unknown Scout whose Faithfulness in the Performance of the Daily Good Turn Brought the Scout Movement to the United States of America.”



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

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Defining Scout Spirit

Scout spirit applies to how a Scout lives and conducts his daily life. He shows Scout spirit by being a role model to his peers, living by the Scout Oath and Law. The concept of Scout spirit is not based on how many Scouting events or outings a Scout attends, but rather by how he helps bring out the best in others as a reflection of his own character and attitude in his daily life.



www.scouting.org/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors/RankAdvanceFAQ.aspx

Recognizing the Scout of the Month

At pack meetings and courts of honor, banquets and campfires we recognize Scouts for their achievements and advancement. This part of the Scouting program is easy to measure and therefore easy to recognize.

The heart of the Scouting program, adherence to Scouting promises, laws, oaths and codes, is where the ideals and values of Scouting are lived. They are not as easy to measure and therefore may not be recognized as a matter of course.

Council Commissioner, Stan Stanley, has provided a template on the council website (Commissioner’s Corner link at the bottom of this page) for unit leaders to use in their units to recognize *Scout Spirit*. This simple certificate for *Scout of the Month* is another way to recognize our young people who are living the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Make it a part of the recognition of the youth in your unit.

Scouts Helping Scouts – Uniform Exchange Bank
For the collection and distribution
of used Scout uniforms
See “Scouts Helping Scouts” at the link below

