

Excellence in Training Award

Sam Houston Area Council

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 will be awarded once during the 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.

Direct contact leaders include:

Cubmaster	Scoutmaster
Assistant Cubmaster	Assistant Scoutmaster
Webelos den leader	Varsity Scout Coach
Assistant Webelos den leader	Assistant Varsity Scout Coach
Den leader	Crew Advisor
Assistant den leader	Crew associate Advisor
Tiger Cub den leader	Skipper
	Mate

A listing of those units who have achieved this award will be maintained on the Sam Houston Area Council web site.



What Makes a Trained Leader?

- **Cub Scout leaders** are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, Cub Scout Leader Specific training, and Youth Protection 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, and crew committee members** are considered trained when they have completed Fast Start Training, New Leader Essentials, and Venturing Leader Specific Training.