



# SQUARE KNOT NOTES

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

Special Edition

## Commissioner FAQs

Get acquainted with the BSA Commissioner Team through these FAQs, "frequently asked questions."

If you have any questions about this topic or any of the *Square Knot Notes*, contact us at [squareknotnotes@comcast.net](mailto:squareknotnotes@comcast.net)

### What is a Unit Commissioner?

A **Unit Commissioner** is a volunteer Scouter who works directly with Scout units and leaders to help them provide the highest quality Scouting program possible. As friends, teachers and counselors to unit leaders, Commissioners represent the ideals, principles and policies of the Boy Scout program while providing the resources of the district and council to the units they serve. **The primary purpose of the Unit Commissioner is to help units succeed.**



### Who can become a Commissioner?

Commissioners are adults with a passion for Scouting who are willing to help one or more units provide a quality Scouting program for their youth members. Prior experience in Scouting is helpful but not necessary. A friendly personality, a desire to help others succeed, the ability to listen, and a willingness to learn are "musts." Former Scout unit leaders, local business and community leaders, retired adults and others desiring to help support Scouting are great candidates for this position. These volunteers may be just what some pack, troop, team, crew, or ship needs! Those interested should contact the District Commissioner in their area.



### How can my Unit Commissioner help me?

Operating quietly and in the background, Commissioners serve as a liaison between the units they serve and the local council and district. With unit visits, generally once a month or more, as the need determines, they support units and their leaders in a number of ways:

- ❖ Interpret district and council programs for the unit.
- ❖ Promote the latest training, literature and resources.
- ❖ Get to know the adults and the boys.
- ❖ Listen to concerns, problems, and challenges and help leaders "think out loud" about solutions.
- ❖ Notice opportunities for units to better serve their youth members

### How do I locate my Unit Commissioner?



Your District Commissioner will be able to put you in touch with your Unit Commissioner. A list of District Commissioners and their contact information can be found on the Sam Houston Area Council website at:

[www.shac.org/Home/AboutSHAC/CommissionerContactInf](http://www.shac.org/Home/AboutSHAC/CommissionerContactInf)

### Where do I find more information about Commissioners?

A monthly letter to the Commissioner Team from the Council Commissioner, Stan Stanley, can be found at the Commissioner Corner at:

[www.shac.org/Home/AboutSHAC/CommissionerContactInf/CommissionerCorner](http://www.shac.org/Home/AboutSHAC/CommissionerContactInf/CommissionerCorner)

*Square Knot Notes*, a monthly SHAC Commissioner Team publication, is available at:

[www.shac.org/Home/AboutSHAC/CommissionerContactInf/SquareKnotNotes/](http://www.shac.org/Home/AboutSHAC/CommissionerContactInf/SquareKnotNotes/)

BSA literature and other Commissioner resources can be found at: [www.scouting.org/Commissioners.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/Commissioners.aspx)

**My Commissioner is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

**"To Improve the Quality of Program for Scouting in Every Unit in America"**

