



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

From your Sam Houston Area Council Commissioner Team

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Centennial Quality Unit Award

The **Centennial Quality Unit Award** recognizes outstanding packs, troops, teams, crews, and



ships that conduct, on an annual basis, a quality program for their youth.

Named in celebration of the

100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the award began in 2007 and continues thru 2010. The program recognizes units that set and meet goals in six areas that are essential for a quality Scouting program.

❖ Major Features of the Program ❖

*“To improve the **QUALITY** of program in every unit in America!”*

- Improve** and increase adult leader training.
- Improve** youth recruitment and retention.
- Improve** parent participation.
- Improve** youth advancement.
- Improve** outdoor program participation.
- Improve** annual program planning.

How Does a Unit Qualify?

Units that have set their goals for 2009, and have met their goals, can earn the **Centennial Quality Unit Award**.

Between November 1 and December 31, a unit’s leaders and a district representative, usually a commissioner, meet to review the unit’s Centennial Quality achievements as they compare to the goals the unit set at the beginning of the year.

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Once completed, the achievement form will ensure the unit and district leadership have:

- ❖ Met in person to discuss the unit’s progress before year-end.
- ❖ Evaluated where the unit is on accomplishing the goals established for each criterion.
- ❖ Reviewed the unit’s goals and, if necessary, revised action plans to earn the 2009 award.

Units may continue to work toward meeting 2009 goals through the remainder of the year. A **Centennial Quality Achievement form** must be completed and submitted online or on paper to your commissioner.

The deadline for completing the goals and submitting the Centennial Quality Achievement form is December 31, 2009.

Since the award is based on a unit’s own assessment of its improvement, it is permissible to adjust the number in the 2009 Goal section on any category that the unit may have missed. Reaching your unit’s original projected numbers is not as important as recognizing your unit’s improvement.

Starting November 1, 2009, the Centennial Award Completion forms can be submitted on paper or electronically by going to:

www.samhoustonbsa.org/HOME/FORMS/CENTENNIALQUALITYACHIE5/

At this site, a link is provided so a unit can review their 2009 commitment.

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