



SQUARE KNOT NOTES

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In Praise of Den Chiefs



What is a Den Chief?

The den chief is an older Boy Scout, Varsity Scout or Venturer who has chosen to work with a Cub Scout or Webelos den to fulfill a leadership position as part of his/her Scouting advancement.

The den chief is approved by his/her unit leadership in cooperation with the Cubmaster.

The den chief is an important member of the leadership team in a den.

A den chief adds a unique spark to Cub Scout life that no one else can.



The den chief is already what every Cub Scout and Webelos Scout would like to be - A BOY SCOUT!

Why the Den Chief is Important... to the Boy Scout Program

The den chief is one of the keys to building a strong relationship between a Cub Scout pack and a Boy Scout troop. This youth leader regularly reminds the Cub Scouts and their families about Boy Scouts in a positive way while leading activities and sharing enthusiasm for Scouting. The den chief can tell Cub Scouts about the adventures of Scouting, its outdoor excursions, exciting trips, summer camp and

opportunities for advancement. When it's time for boys to move up to a Webelos Scout den or a Boy Scout troop, a den chief's example and encouragement can help them decide to make that transition.

Why the Den Chief is Important... to the Cub Scout Program



A den chief assists a Cub Scout or Webelos Scout den leader at den meetings, pack meetings, and other events. He or she is a ready source of games, songs, skits, and skills, while encouraging the boys in their advancement. As a youth leader the den chief is also a friend and role model to the Cub Scouts, helping them achieve the Purposes of Scouting and directing them toward transition into a Boy Scout troop.

Including den chiefs at Fall Recruiting rallies will give families a hint of where their prospective Cub Scout may be as he grows in the Scouting program.

Den Chief Training

Den Chief FAST START Training is an interactive course for the new den chief. Go to the BSA Online Learning Center at www.olc.scouting.org.

The **Den Chief Conference** is a day-long course offered at Sam Houston Area Council training events such as Akela's Trail and University of Scouting. Participation satisfies the training requirement for the Den Chief Service Award.

Den Chief Training is also offered in districts around the council. For upcoming classes, see the Training Schedule at www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Training/

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