



T52 NEWS



The Lakeway Church | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

August 04, 2025; 7PM

LAST MEETING B/F Court of Honor

@ The Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall

Monthly Campout

August 08, 2025 - 6:00PM

Electronics Lock-in

@ Lakeway Church

PLC Meeting

August 11, 2025

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Implementing Annual Plan

@ The Lakeway Church Upstairs Meeting Room

Parent's Meeting

August 12, 2025; 7PM-9PM TBD

All Adults/Parent's Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ The Lakeway Church Upstairs Meeting Room

Troop 52 Campout: Fort Davis Star Party & Balmorhea Swimming!



We are firming up the details for our September campout, which will be at Fort Davis, Saturday - Monday, September 20-22. There is no school on Monday, September 22, so we are taking advantage of the long weekend. This is a heads up for anyone who needs to put in for the time off work. This is going to be a unique campout that we have not ever done before. We will see an amazing part of West Texas and attend a Star Party at McDonald Observatory for the Astronomy Merit Badge. Scouts must have passed the swim test in the past year in order to swim. Scouts and adults should bring swimsuits, towels, masks, etc. This campout is capped at 32 people by first to register.

Campout Itinerary:

Location:

Saturday, September 20:

Arrive at LTMS at 7:00 am

Depart LTMS by 7:30 am

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uCgHS5iFQETSEH9V7>

Arrive at Davis Mountains SP at 1:30 pm

Scouts should pack a sack lunch for the road!

Campsites 49-52 at Davis Mountains State Park

Park Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4501_004d.pdf

Sunday, September 21:

Balmorhea State Park

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QjmNfqSumKjfcE5x7>

Campsites #14, #15, #17 & #20 (group site)

Park Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4501_002h.pdf

Activity Schedule:

Saturday:



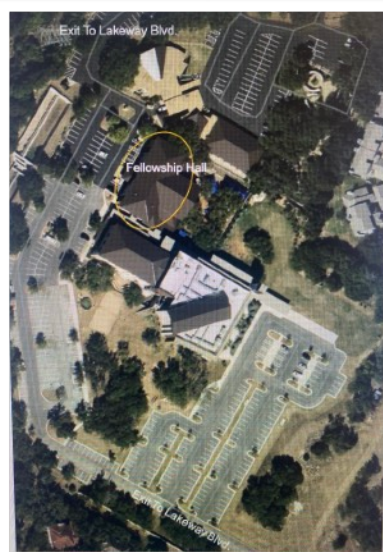
Summer Camp Notes

TBD

SUMMER CAMPER 2026

Thanks to Henri Nicolas for stepping up to lead Summer Camp 2026. As Scouter In Charge, Mr. Nicolas is responsible for leading the effort to determine potential locations for next year's Summer Camp. Stay tuned!!!

TROOP MEETING LOCATION:



Arrive approximately 1:30 pm

Set up camp

Dinner - Patrol Cooking, James and Mike Bat grubmasters

Astronomy MB - prep for the evening

All scouts should print and bring the MB worksheet:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb022.asp>

Here is a link to the Astronomy MB pamphlet at the bottom of this page (no need to print):

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/astronomy/>

Star Party at McDonald Observatory:

<https://mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors>

20 minute drive:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/VjBKzNJv6x4K5KH78>

Late night for all since Star Party begins at 8:45 pm, arrive by 8:30 pm

Return to campsite

Sunday:

Breakfast at Davis Mountains State Park

Optional early morning trail hike. Trail Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4501_0004f.pdf

Pack up camp

Move to Balmorhea State Park (30 minute drive)

Set up camp

Lunch - patrol cooking

Swim in spring-fed pool!

TTFC Option: First Class #6e - water line rescue

Astronomy MB wrap-up

Free time for others

SM Conferences and/or BORs

All adults must take Safe Swim Defense:

<https://www.capitolareascouting.org/training/adult/safe-swim-defense/>

Dinner - Patrol Cooking, James and Mike Bat grubmasters

Monday:

Cold breakfast

Roses and Thorns and Buds

Pack and depart for Lakeway

Arrive home approximately 3:00 pm

Note: Campsites have a maximum of two vehicles and eight people except group site can have four vehicles and 16 people.

Needs:

Assistant adult grubmaster

All adults attending must take Safe Swim Defense for safety.

Adult to pull trailer?

Not bringing smoker

SIC:

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Gear Tips & Tricks: End of Summer & Fall Scouting

Dry Out Gear: After summer camps, fully dry tents and sleeping bags to prevent mildew. Store them loosely in a cool, dry place.

Waterproofing: Apply waterproof spray to tents and backpacks. Check seams for leaks and seal them for fall's wetter weather.

Sleeping Pad Upgrade: Consider a foam or inflatable sleeping pad for extra insulation against cold fall ground.

Headlamp Check: Test headlamps and replace batteries. Add a small backup flashlight for shorter fall days and longer nights.

Pack Rain Gear: Include a lightweight rain poncho or jacket. Fall showers are common, and staying dry is key.

Organize Your Pack: Use stuff sacks or color-coded bags to keep gear organized and easy to find in dim fall light.

Sharpen Knives: Ensure pocketknives are sharp and rust-free. A dull knife is unsafe and less useful for camp tasks.

Layered Clothing: Pack moisture-wicking base layers, fleece mid-layers, and a windproof outer layer for unpredictable fall weather.

Tarp Trick: Bring a small tarp for extra shelter or ground cover. It's a lifesaver for wet campsites or gear protection.

Gear Repair Kit: Pack duct tape, needle, thread, and cordage for quick fixes to tents, packs, or clothing on fall trips.

Troop 52 Photo Albums:

If you need to check for the latest info, event photos or announcements, follow us on [Facebook](#) or on the [Troop 52 Website](#)



Upcoming Electronics Lock-In @ Lakeway Church: Friday Night Fun for Troop 52

Troop 52 invites all eligible Scouts to an Electronics Lock-In next Friday, August 1, 2025, starting at 6:00 PM. This event offers a chance to enjoy a night of gaming, where Scouts may bring their games to play. All items must be scout-appropriate, with no games rated M or above permitted. No exceptions will be made.

The cost is \$10 per person, which covers pizza and drinks for the evening. Webelos are welcome to join from 6:00 PM on Friday to 10:00 PM, but must be picked up by 10:00 PM sharp. Webelos are welcome to attend for free, but overnight stays are not permitted for Webelos. All participating Scouts must have completed the Cyber Chip prior to attending.

Registration is required by Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM to ensure accurate pizza orders. Please RSVP on Scoutbook Electronics Lock-in Event: <https://advancements.scouting.org/calendar/event/6446411>

