TROOP 52 NEWSLETTER August 11, 2024



Emmaus Catholic Parish | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

August 12, 2024; 7PM

Camping Gear/Gear Swap

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Monthly Campout

August 16-17 2024

Electronics Lock-In

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@ Emmaus Catholic Church

PLC Meeting

August 19, 2024; 7PM

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Monthly Meeting Planning

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Parent's Meeting

August 20, 2024; 7PM-9PM

All Adults Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ Frontyard Brewery, 4154 Bob Wire Road



Eagle Scout Project Complete!

Congratulations Jake Royal for Leading a Job well Done!

Troop 52 came out in large numbers to support Jake's project at Lakeway Church Garden Ministry to build stools and garden kneelers for the volunteers to use while working the garden. Jake had an efficient plan and lead all of the volunteers to complete the project timely and with excellent workmanship. Thanks to all the volunteers for showing up to support this great Eagle Project.







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Troop 52 Highlights

Scout of the Month: Jake Royal

Congrats to Jake Royal for taking a big leadership step to lead the Troop as your SPL! With the first month of meetings under his belt, he has already set the Troop on a path to success with engaging and actionfilled meetings. Let's all step up to support Jake in his role as your SPL!

Did You Know?

Five U.S. Presidents have been Scouts. Presidents John F. Kennedy, Gerald Ford, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama were Scouts in their youth (honorable mention: Jimmy Carter was a aScoutmaster). JFK was the first Scout to become president; Ford was the first- and, to date, only-Eagle Scout president.

Tip of the Month: Leave No Trace -

Always pack out what you pack in. Leave nature as beautiful as you found it by picking up all trash and respecting wildlife.

Parent Involvement: We always need volunteers! Whether it's helping with transportation or organizing events, your support is invaluable. Contact Scoutmaster Tray Bates to find out how you can help.

Quote of the Month:

"The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others." - Robert Baden-Powell



Troop 52 Gears Up!

Upcoming Meeting Agenda to Focus on Camping Essentials and Gear Swap!

This Monday's Troop 52 meeting is all about preparation and sharing, as we focus on the essentials of camping gear and encourage Scouts to participate in a troop-wide Gear Swap. Whether you're a seasoned camper or new to the outdoors, this meeting is a must for all Scouts.

Meeting Highlights:

- 1. Camping Gear Overview: The meeting will kick off with a discussion on the essential gear every Scout should have for camping trips. We'll cover the basics—tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, and cooking equipment—along with tips on how to pack efficiently and ensure your gear is in top condition. Experienced Scouts will share their insights on what gear works best in different situations, from weekend campouts to extended trips.
- 2. Gear Swap: After the gear discussion, we'll host a Gear Swap. This is a great opportunity for Scouts to bring in any extra or outgrown gear they no longer need. Whether it's a backpack that's too small or a sleeping bag that's been replaced, this is a chance to pass it on to a fellow Scout who might need it. Remember, one Scout's surplus is another Scout's treasure!

How It Works:

- Bring in any camping gear you're willing to swap, sell or donate.
- Items should be clean and in good condition.
- Scouts can browse the available gear and take what they need.
- Any leftover gear will be stored for future swaps or donated to those in need.

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Troop 52 Photo Albums:

Brooks Chalfant Eagle Project

Motorboating Merit Badge

Philmont Trek

Camp Wehinahpay

Fishing Campout

Memorial Day Flag Ceremonies

Shred Day

Sustainability Campout

Henry Semph Eagle Project

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3. **Q&A Session:** To wrap up, we'll have a Q&A session where Scouts can ask questions about camping gear, packing tips, or anything else they're curious about. This is the perfect time to learn from each other and ensure everyone is fully prepared for our upcoming camping trips.

Why This Matters: Proper gear is crucial for a successful and enjoyable camping experience. By discussing gear essentials and facilitating a gear swap, Troop 52 is ensuring that every Scout is well-equipped for their outdoor adventures. Plus, the gear swap reinforces our values of sharing, community, and sustainability. See you Monday Night, Scouts! Don't forget to bring any gear you'd like to swap and come prepared to learn and share. Let's gear up together for the great outdoors!



Electronics Lock-in - Lakeway Church

Friday, August 11, 2023, 6:00 pm – Saturday, 8:00 am – 2203 Lakeway Blvd. in Youth Building D

Scouts are permitted to bring their electronic devices and stay up all night playing games. We will serve pizza and drinks. Scouts may only bring age and scout appropriate games for play. Inappropriate games and/or internet use will be disallowed and the scout will be asked to leave. To ensure BSA compliance, all scouts must have their Cyberchip for their rank and grade level up to date here: http://usscouts.org/advance/cyberchip.asp

This event is open to Webelos scouts interested in joining Troop 52, but Webelos must depart at 10:00 pm Friday night. Please RSVP on Scoutbook so we know how much pizza to order. The cost is \$10 to cover pizza. Please pay on the troop website under the store tab. Webelos may attend for free.

We still need one adult to help with the event, please reach out to George Popa!

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