



T52 NEWS



Emmaus Catholic Parish | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

July 7, 2025; 7PM

Future Leadership and Annual Planning Prep

@ TBD

Monthly Campout

July 2025 - TBD

TBD

Summer Activities underway and Annual Planning will set next Campouts.

PLC Meeting

June 09, 2025; CANCELED

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

CANCELED

@ Emmaus Parish

Parent's Meeting

June 10, 2025; 7PM-9PM

All Adults/Parent's Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ Frontyard Brewing



Troop 52 Newsletter: Leadership Opportunities for July–December 2025

I ONLY HAVE A COUPLE RESPONSES TO THE SURVEY SO I AM EXTENDING UNTIL MONDAY. PLEASE AS YOUR SCOUT TO FILL OUT THE SURVEY LINKED BELOW.

As we approach the second half of 2025, Boy Scout Troop 52 is excited to announce the opportunity for our Scouts to step into leadership roles for the term spanning **July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**. Leadership is at the heart of Scouting, and serving in a position of responsibility (POR) is not only a requirement for ranks like Star, Life, and Eagle but also a chance to develop critical skills, contribute to our troop's success, and make a lasting impact. Troop 52 is a Scout-led troop, and we are proud to empower our youth to take on these vital roles with the guidance of our dedicated adult leaders.

How to Apply for a Leadership Role

To express interest in a leadership position for the July–December 2025 term, please complete the [Troop 52 Leadership Interest Survey](#) by **June 9, 2025**. This survey allows Scouts to indicate their preferred roles, in order of preference, and provide a brief statement on why they are qualified and interested. The survey is accessible here: [Troop 52 Leadership Interest Survey](#).

For elected positions (SPL and PL), Scouts should prepare to participate in the upcoming troop election as an online poll, **with results announced on or before June 23, 2025**. Appointed position candidates will be reviewed by the SPL and Scoutmaster following the survey submission deadline.



Summer Camp Notes

Camp Alexander - Lake George, Colorado: June 14-22, 2025

Join us for the 2025 summer camp. Camp A is an excellent place to attend, especially to get out of the Texas heat for a week. Scouts will work on merit badges and rank advancement. There will be opportunities to go whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and many outdoor activities.

Each scout and adult has a total cost of \$725 and \$625, respectively. The first payment of \$250 is due on or before Nov. 1. Second payment of \$250 is due on or before Jan. 15, 2025, and the balance of \$225/Scout and \$125/Adult is due March 15, 2025.

Whitewater Rafting is an additional \$120/attendee. The deadline to sign up and pay is April 1st, and the Scout Swimmer qualification must be passed before rafting.

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[Directions to Camp A!](#)

[Watch this video about Camp Alexander!](#)



Upcoming Events and Important Updates

We have a busy week ahead with two key meetings on the schedule. Mark your calendars and join us for these important gatherings:

- **Patrol Leaders Council Meeting is CANCELED for Monday Night**
- **Parents' Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at Front Yard Brewery
This meeting is a must-attend for all Troop 52 parents! We'll be sharing a significant update on the status of our Troop 52 Charter Organization. Currently, our Chartering Organization is the Capitol Area Council, but we're excited to announce details about our new Charter Organization and where we'll be holding future troop meetings. Your presence and participation are vital as we navigate this transition. Join us to learn more and help shape the future of Troop 52!

We look forward to seeing you at Frontyard Brewing on Tuesday night for this critical discussion. Let's come together to support our Scouts and ensure a bright future for our troop!

Yours in Scouting,
Troop 52 Leadership





Gear Tips & Tricks: Summer Scouting

Beat the Heat with Hydration

Packs: Summer hikes demand hydration. Use a lightweight hydration pack with a 2-liter reservoir for hands-free sipping. Clean it after each trip with a vinegar rinse to prevent mold.

Quick-Dry Clothing Hack: Pack synthetic or merino wool shirts and socks for summer camp—they dry faster than cotton and reduce blisters. Roll them tightly to save backpack space.

Bug-Proof Your Tent: Apply permethrin spray to tent seams and guy lines before summer outings to repel mosquitoes and ticks. Always ventilate the tent well to stay cool.

Multi-Use Bandana: A bandana is your summer MVP—use it as a sweatband, pot holder, or emergency sling. Soak it in cool water for instant relief on hot days.

Gear Check: Flashlights: Swap out batteries in your headlamp or flashlight before camp. Pack a spare set in a ziplock bag to avoid corrosion from summer humidity.



Troop 52 Annual Planning Meeting: Shaping Our Future Together

As we look ahead to another exciting year of adventure, growth, and camaraderie, Troop 52 is preparing for our Annual Planning Meeting, a cornerstone event that sets the direction for our troop's success. This meeting is not just a date on the calendar—it's an opportunity for our Scouts to take the lead, dream big, and shape the experiences that will define their Scouting journey.

When and Where:

The Annual Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 9AM-2PM, at a location to be named soon. All Scouts, parents, and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Why It Matters:

The Annual Planning Meeting is where the heart of Troop 52 beats strongest. This is the time when our Scouts take charge, deciding what activities, outings, and goals will fill our calendar. From camping trips and service projects to skill-building workshops and high-adventure outings, the Scouts' voices drive the agenda. This process empowers our youth to develop leadership, teamwork, and decision-making skills while ensuring the troop's activities reflect their interests and aspirations.

Equally vital is the role of our parents and volunteers. While Scouts set the vision, parents and adult leaders are the backbone of executing the plan. Your commitment ensures we have the resources, transportation, and supervision needed to bring these activities to life safely and effectively. Whether it's volunteering as a trip chaperone, helping with logistics, or supporting troop events, your involvement makes all the difference.

Scouting Summer Factoids

Sunlit Adventures: Scouting's summer camps, inspired by Baden-Powell's 1907 vision, offer activities like archery, swimming, and canoeing to build teamwork and confidence.

Outdoor Cooking Craze: Scouts master Dutch oven cooking at summer camp, baking cobblers and stews under the sun, a skill honed since Scouting's early days.

Waterfront Wonders: The Aquatics merit badge, earned at summer lakesides, teaches Scouts lifesaving, kayaking, and snorkeling, with over 50,000 badges awarded yearly.

Nature's Classroom: Summer hikes introduce Scouts to ecology, identifying plants and wildlife, continuing the 1910 tradition of nature study in Scouting programs.

Campfire Chronicles: Summer campfires unite Scouts for skits, songs, and storytelling, a ritual rooted in the first World Scout Jamboree of 1920 in London.

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](#)



What to Expect:

During the meeting, Scouts will:

- Brainstorm and prioritize activities for the upcoming year.
- Set goals for advancement, community service, and troop achievements.
- Collaborate to create a balanced calendar that includes fun, learning, and growth.

Parents and volunteers will:

- Learn about the Scouts' proposed plans and provide input.
- Sign up for roles to support the execution of the calendar, ensuring we have enough adult leaders and resources.
- Discuss how to align our efforts to meet the troop's needs while keeping safety first.

How You Can Prepare:

- **Scouts:** Come ready with ideas! Think about the types of activities you'd like to do—whether it's hiking, canoeing, community service, or earning specific merit badges. Talk to your patrol members beforehand to gather input.
- **Parents:** Consider how you can contribute your time or skills. Even a few hours of volunteering can make a big impact. Bring your calendars to sign up for events where you can help.

Why Your Participation Is Crucial:

Scout-led planning ensures our troop remains vibrant, relevant, and engaging for our youth. When Scouts take ownership of the agenda, they develop confidence and a sense of responsibility for their troop's success. Meanwhile, parent involvement guarantees that we can execute these plans safely and effectively, creating memorable experiences that build character and lifelong skills.

Let's come together to make this Annual Planning Meeting a success. Your ideas, energy, and commitment will shape Troop 52's future and ensure another year of adventure and growth for our Scouts.

P.S. Can't make the meeting? Reach out to [Tray Bates](#) to share your ideas or volunteer availability. Every voice matters!