

Troop 52 Committee
Meeting Agenda/Report
27 February 2024
7:04 – 8:05pm
Arches Rooms, Pastoral Center

1. Opening: Pledge & Blessing
2. Scoutmaster's Report: Tray Bates
 - a. PLC covered the prior campout
 - b. Campout was engaging, boys learned a lot
 - i. Merit Badges Earned:
 1. 9 Scouts earned Rifle Merit Badge
 2. 5 Scouts earned Shotgun Merit Badge
 - ii. Plenty of adult leadership
 - iii. Boys were focused and engaged while on the firing line
 - iv. Bat Patrol Cooking was amazing; kudos to Jack Williams
 - v. Troop was well disciplined
 1. Older Scouts kept good order
 2. Some issues with individual boys; but there were discussions with parents afterward
 - vi. Firing Ranges were well organized and well run
 1. Adults modeled terrific behavior for the Scouts
 2. The Scouts responded and upheld great behavior
 - c. WEBELOS Crossover next Monday (3/4/2024)
 - i. Sunday Bridge build 10am to 2pm (3/3/2024)
 - ii. Jack Williams will cook lunch for the bridge builders
 - iii. A minimum of 22 Scouts will be joining T52
 - d. Camporee March 22-24 at Lost Pines
 - i. T52 will teach IOLS
 - ii. Packet distributed through Scoutbook by T. Bates
 - e. April Campout at Doggett Ranch
 - i. Sustainability Merit Badge will be taught
 - ii. Patrol Cooking
 - f. May Campout:
 - i. The boys would like to go fishing
 - ii. Could be near final exams
3. Financial Update: Vamsee Konda; updated 2/26/2024
 - a. Deposits:
 - i. Starting Bank Balance: \$22,979.66
 - ii. Starting Paypal Balance: \$2,039.52
 - iii. 2024 Receipts from Paypal: \$6,523.00
 - iv. Other Deposits: \$200.00
 - v. Total: \$31,742.18
 - b. Expenses:
 - i. Camps: \$1,789.89
 - ii. Supplies: \$236.41
 - iii. Administrative: \$1,038.08
 - iv. Paypal Fees: \$162.58
 - v. Refunds Sent: \$320.00

- vi. Total Expenses: \$3,546.96
 - c. Total Cash on Hand:
 - i. \$28,195.22
- 4. Calendar:
 - a. March 2024
 - i. March 3rd Bridge Build @ The Nature Conservancy
 - 1. SIC George Popa
 - 2. Grubmaster Bryan Russell
 - 3. Silver Trailer: TBD
 - 4. Smoker: Bryan Russell
 - 5. March 4th is Crossover Ceremony
 - ii. March 22nd-24th Bee Cave District Camporee @ Lost Pines
 - 1. SIC Dan Talaber
 - 2. Grubmaster Bryan Russel
 - 3. Trailer **TBD**
 - 4. Smoker Bryan Russel
 - 5. Mr. Ezell to run IOLS
 - b. April 2024
 - i. April 6th
 - 1. Trail to First Class begins
 - 2. Mike Hansen is TTFC ASM
 - ii. April 19th- 21st Campout – Dogget Ranch
 - 1. SIC Pete Chalfant
 - 2. Grubmaster Duncan Berlin
 - 3. Troop Trailer Mr. Dogget
 - 4. Smoker (temp) Pete Chalfant
 - 5. Committee requests that campsite be conducive to car camping
 - 6. Sustainability Merit Badge will be taught
 - c. May 2024
 - i. May 4th – Shred Day 8-noon
 - 1. Shred Trucks have been reserved
 - 2. Mr. Johnsrud will confirm that parking lot is reserved
 - 3. Jeff Beneski typically handles paying for the trucks
 - 4. Banner?
 - ii. May 11-12th Need to confirm availability of Woods Ranch
 - 1. SIC **TBD**
 - 2. Fishing Merit Badge Instructor Randy Bogdon
 - d. June 2024
 - i. 23rd-29th
 - 1. Camp Wehinahpay Mountain Camp, New Mexico
- 5. Upcoming Eagle Projects
 - a. Mikey Meade
 - b. Henry Semph
 - c. Brant Dogget – March 16th
 - i. Approved by district
 - ii. Education Services Building
 - d. Rohan Konda – March 30th

6. Service Hour Opportunities
 - a. Lakeway Friends of the Parks is happy to have Scouts (and a parent or guardian) volunteer with them to clean up a local park.
 - b. This cleanup effort counts as a Conservation project for the purposes of advancement to Life Scout
 - c. The Lakeway Friends of the Parks meet on the 2nd Saturday of most months (except for the hottest months of summer!) from 8am until 11:30am.
 - d. For more information, see: <https://www.lakewayfop.org>

7. High Adventure Updates
 - a. Summer 2024 Philmont
 - i. July 1-15
 - ii. SIC Nico Sfeir
 - iii. Spaces available:
 1. A Scouter and a Scout, or two Scouts
 2. Must be 14, or have finished 8th grade
 - b. Summer 2024 SeaBase
 - i. July 31-August 6
 - ii. SIC Ashwin Rao
 - iii. Advanced Scuba
 - c. Summer 2025: Philmont
 - i. June 19-July 1
 - ii. SIC Mike Johnsrud
 - iii. 4 Adults
 - iv. 6 Scouts
 - v. Room for two more Scouts
 - d. Summer 2025 SeaBase
 - i. Registration opens 18 January at 0800CT
 - ii. SIC Dan Talaber
 - iii. Already full

8. District Update
 - a. Won the lottery to go to Lost Pines for camporee
 - b. Need more Eagle advisors at District
 - c. Roundtable 3rd Thursday
 - d. Would like to see Key Three from each Pack and Troop
 - e. OA will lead Camporee
 - f. Will need to have our older scouts tied in to teach the younger scouts
 - g. IOLS will be offered by T52

9. Old Business

- a. Mr Bates lead a session with our scouts to go over what it means to be a Scout, and the behavior expected of Scouts toward each other.
- b. Mr Johnsrud will be updating our first aid kits
- c. Need to revisit Merit Badge Counsellor list
 - i. Kim Johnsrud will take over as Merit Badge Coordinator
 - ii. Need to create a flowchart for Scouts for advancement & merit badges – go see your Patrol ASM, in this case
 - iii. Once approved, the MB Counsellor should send a note to the MB Coordinator
- d. Trailer has been updated; Mr. Beneski has renewed the sticker
 - i. Smoker is another matter; need to look in to registration of this
- e. Swim Test in April of 2024 @ Nitro?
 - i. Make sure they get this before Summer Camp...
 - ii. Need new Swimming/Water Rescue Instructor in one year
- f. August Court of Honor
 - i. Date TBD
- g. At Lake Travis High School's recent 8th Grade night, almost every club table had at least one T52 scout manning it
- h. At several recent campouts several parents were seen helping their kids in the Scout area; this is a potential YPT violation; parents should not go into the Scout area without:
 - i. Permission
 - ii. Current YPT training

N.B.: One of Scouting's goals is to teach Scouts to be self-reliant. As a parent, it can be difficult to resist the temptation to help your child. Unfortunately, this also sends the subconscious message that the parent does not believe that their child is capable of doing for themselves.
- i. Scouts should be wearing Class A's at flags at each campout
- j. Continuing education for both Adult and Scout Leadership
 - i. Encourage Adult Leaders to be more active coaches
 - ii. Encourage Assistant Scoutmasters to line up with their Patrols so that a clear line of communication and leadership is evident to all.
 - iii. Encourage two-deep leadership
 - iv. Encourage Scout Leaders to be active in promoting tolerance and acceptance, to quash bullying and ungentlemanly behavior, and to mentor Scouts who are not living up to the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
 - v. Encourage and support all Scouts who see a problem to report same up the chain of command:
 1. First to their Patrol Leader; if they do not get a satisfactory response:
 2. Next to their Senior Patrol Leader; if they still do not get a satisfactory response:
 3. To Adult Leadership
 - vi. Troop Committee Chair discussed how to improve behavior with the Scoutmaster, who then put together an educational program and presented it to the Troop at large.

- k. Blake Taylor will take over putting new Eagle's names on the back of the trailer; Stokes Signs will do the work; Mr. Ezell has the list of Eagles
- l. Camping Committee Chair duties listed on Troop 52 Website

10. New Business

- a. Should we have a meeting on the day of a school holiday?
 - i. This is probably a situational issue
 - ii. What if the meeting is before a campout?
 1. If the planning for the campout has already been done, then the meeting can be canceled
- b. Military Kitchen Trailer owned by Tray Bates down in Corpus Christi
 - i. Will need to be brought up to Austin
 - ii. Could be here before Camporee
 - iii. Mr. Dogget offered to store it at his ranch
- c. Lost Pines Scout Reserve has already been reserved for February 2025 for shooting campout.

11. Adjourn 8:05pm

- a. Moved/Seconded/Passed by Unanimous Consent

Next Meeting:

26 March 2024

7:00pm

Arches Room

Pastoral Life Center

Emmaus Catholic Church

Lakeway, TX