



T52 NEWS



The Lakeway Church | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

September 15, 2025; 7 PM

Astronomy Campout Prep

@ The Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall

Monthly Campout

September 20, 2025 - 7:00 AM

David Mountains Star Party & Balmorhea State Parks

@ Davis Mountain SP & Balmorhea SP

PLC Meeting

September 23, 2025 (TUESDAY)

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Planning October/Flyfishing

@ The Lakeway Church Upstairs Meeting Room

Parent's Meeting

September 24, 2025; 7PM-9PM (WEDNESDAY)

All Adults/Parent's Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ TBD

	Meeting Plan: _____		
	Week ____ Date <u>September 15, 2025</u>		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY	TIME*
Preopening 10 minutes before meeting	Set up Table & Chairs. Flags and Bases Set up SMC and BORs with Mrs. Sullivan & Ms. Taylor	SPL	6:50
Opening Ceremony 5 minutes	Flag presentation Oath and Law Sharks Patrol - Flags Uniform Inspection		7:00
Group Instruction 25 minutes	* Leave No Trace Instruction * * *		7:05
Skills Instruction 20 minutes	* Tent Set Up Training by Patrol * Younger scouts to bring their tents to help them. * *		7:25
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	* Patrol Tent Setup Race * * *		8:05
Breakout Groups 20 minutes (Patrol Meetings)	Meal Planning & Duty Roster		7:45
Game (or Challenge) 20 minutes	Kickball		8:05
Closing 5 minutes	Announcements Leader's minute Closing		8:25
Total 90 minutes of meeting			
After the Meeting 10 minutes	Leadership team review plans for the next meeting and for the main event.		8:40

Troop 52 Meeting Agenda — Monday, 7 PM

Leave No Trace - 7 Principles

10 Essentials; Campout Packing List; T52 Medication Form



Summer Camp Notes

TBD

SUMMER CAMPER 2026

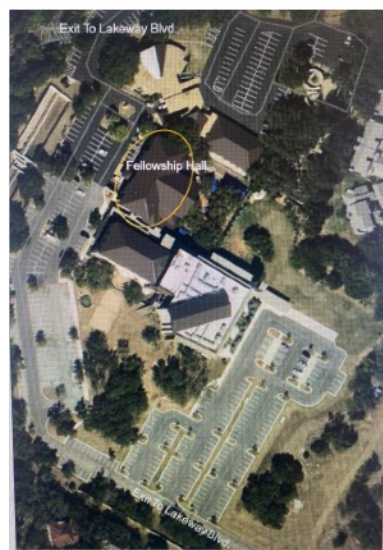
SIC: Henri Nicolas

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Investigating the potential for
Emerald Bay @ Catalina Island

Reach out to Mr. Nicolas for any
questions.

TROOP MEETING LOCATION:



Troop 52 Adult Shirt Order – Please Submit Your Sizes

Troop 52 is placing an order for new adult shirts, and we want to be sure we get the right quantities and sizes for everyone who would like one.

If you're interested, please fill out the short survey below to let us know:

How many shirts would you like? Cost is \$70 per shirt.

Your preferred sizes?

Survey Link Here <https://forms.gle/zsriagnnTNbCn9NFA>

Please submit your response by September 15, 2025 so we can include your interest in the next order.

Thanks for supporting the troop and helping us get this order organized!

Yours in Scouting,
Tray Bates, Scoutmaster
Troop 52



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](#)

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



Our September campout is set for **Fort Davis, Sept 20–22** (Sat–Mon). With no school on Monday, we'll enjoy a long weekend exploring West Texas.

Highlights include a **Star Party at McDonald**

Observatory for the Astronomy Merit Badge and swimming at **Balmorhea State Park**. The trip is limited to **32 participants** on a first-come, first-served basis. **REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!**

Itinerary

Saturday, Sept 20

- Meet at LTMS: 7:00 am; Depart: 7:30 am
- Arrive at Davis Mountains SP ~1:30 pm (bring sack lunch)
- Campsites 49–52
- Patrol cooking dinner (James & Mike Bat)
- Astronomy MB prep (bring printed worksheet)
- Evening: **Star Party at McDonald Observatory** (8:45 pm start)

Sunday, Sept 21

- Breakfast & optional hike
- Pack up and move to Balmorhea SP (30 min drive, group site #14–20)
- Lunch, then swim in spring-fed pool (swim test required; bring swim gear)
- TTFC option: First Class #6e – water rescue
- Astronomy MB wrap-up, SM Conferences, free time
- Patrol dinner (James & Mike Bat)

Monday, Sept 22

- Cold breakfast, Roses/Thorns/Buds
- Depart ~9:00 am, return to Lakeway ~3:00 pm

Notes & Needs

- Adults attending **must complete Safe Swim Defense**
- Looking for assistant grubmaster & trailer driver
- Campsite vehicle limits: 2 per site (4 at group site)
- Contact: **James Ezell**
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