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Emmaus Catholic Parish | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

May 19, 2025; 7PM

POR Training - No Meeting Memorial Day

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Monthly Campout

June 6-8, 2025

Guadalupe River State Park

SIC: TBD

@ 3350 Park Road 31, Spring Branch, TX

PLC Meeting

June 09, 2025; 7PM

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Annual Meeting Planning

@ TBD

Parent's Meeting

June 10, 2025; 7PM-9PM

All Adults Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish



Eagle Scouts: Achieving the Pinnacle of Scouting

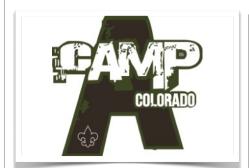


Grant Jackson- Eagle Scout

The Eagle Scout rank, the pinnacle of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), is earned by just 6% of scouts. It signifies dedication and leadership.

To achieve it, scouts earn 21 merit badges, lead a community service project, and live by the Scout Oath and Law. The service project, a key requirement, impacts neighborhoods significantly.

Eagle Scouts gain teamwork and problem-solving skills, preparing them for leadership in adulthood. The rank is a lifelong honor, reflecting service and commitment. TROOP 52 NEWSLETTER May 18, 2025



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

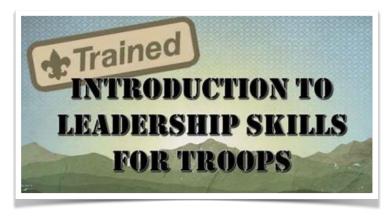
Whitewater Rafting is an additional \$120/attendee. The deadline to sign up and pay is April 1st, and the Scout Swimmer qualification must be passed before rafting.

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Directions to Camp A!

Watch this video about Camp Alexander!



ILST Training!

We're excited to announce that our next Troop 52 meeting, happening **Monday night at 7:00 PM** at the Emmaus Parish Community Center, will focus on the **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)** training. This engaging session is designed to empower our Scouts with the tools they need to lead effectively, whether they're stepping into a position of responsibility or supporting their peers in making our troop thrive.

What is ILST?

The Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops is a hands-on training program tailored for Scouts. It covers the essentials of leadership, including communication, goal-setting, problemsolving, and teamwork. Through interactive activities and discussions, Scouts will learn how to lead with confidence and work together to achieve shared goals.

Benefits for Positions of Responsibility

For Scouts holding or aspiring to roles like Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, or other positions of responsibility, ILST is a game-changer. This training provides:

- **Practical Leadership Tools**: Learn how to plan meetings, delegate tasks, and motivate your peers effectively.
- **Confidence Building**: Gain the skills to lead with poise, whether addressing the troop or resolving conflicts.
- **Teamwork Skills**: Understand how to foster collaboration within your patrol or the troop, ensuring everyone's voice is heard.

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Troop 52 Photo Albums:

If you need to check for the latest info, event photos or announcements, follow us on <u>Facebook</u> or on the **Troop 52 Website**

Scouting Factoids

Tent-Pitching Origins: Scouting's camping tradition began with Robert Baden-Powell's 1907 Brownsea Island camp, where 20 boys learned outdoor skills under canvas.

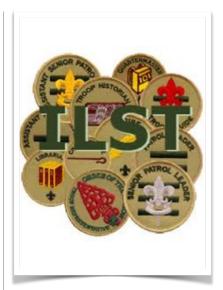
Leave No Trace Legacy: The Boy Scouts of America pioneered ecofriendly camping, adopting Leave No Trace principles in the 1990s to preserve wilderness for future campers.

Starlit Skills: Scouts earn the Camping merit badge after 20 nights outdoors, mastering skills like firebuilding, orienteering, and tent setup—core to every campout.

Jamboree Campgrounds: The 1937 World Scout Jamboree in the Netherlands saw 28,000 Scouts from 54 countries camp together, sharing campfire songs and stories.

Scouting America's Camps: With over 250 BSA council camps nationwide, Scouts today pitch tents, cook meals, and build memories.





•Advancement Support: ILST fulfills key requirements for leadership roles, helping Scouts progress toward ranks like Star, Life, and Eagle.

How a Well-Run Troop is Led

A well-run troop is Scout-led, with youth leaders at the helm, supported by adult mentors. ILST equips Scouts to:

•Set Clear Goals: Leaders learn to align troop activities with our shared vision, like planning exciting outings or impactful service projects.

- **Communicate Effectively**: From giving clear instructions to listening to feedback, strong communication keeps the troop united.
- **Solve Problems**: Whether it's adapting to a campsite challenge or mediating a disagreement, ILST teaches Scouts to think on their feet.
- **Inspire Others**: Great leaders model the Scout Oath and Law, encouraging their peers to grow and succeed.

Why Attend Monday's Meeting?

This training isn't just for current leaders—every Scout can benefit! Whether you're new to the troop or a seasoned member, ILST will help you develop skills that shine in Scouting and beyond, from school projects to future careers. Plus, it's a fun, interactive evening with your fellow Scouts!

We encourage all Scouts to attend and parents to join us to see how Troop 52 is building tomorrow's leaders. Bring your enthusiasm, and let's make Monday night a step toward a stronger, Scout-led troop!

We will soon launch the new POR Survey for all scouts to volunteer for POR's starting July 1 thru December 31.