



T52 NEWS



Emmaus Catholic Parish | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

April 07, 2025; 7PM

OA Election & Camporee Training

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Monthly Campout

April 25-27, 2025

District Camporee

SIC: TBD

@ Wessendorff Ranch, Blanco, TX

PLC Meeting

April 28, 2025; 7PM

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Monthly Meeting Planning

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Parent's Meeting

April 29, 2025; 7PM-9PM

All Adults Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish



Order of the Arrow Election @ April 7 Troop Meeting

Troop 52 will hold its **Order of the Arrow (OA) election** during the regular troop meeting on **Monday, April 7, 2025**.

Representatives from the OA Bee Cave District will be present to conduct the official election.

The **Order of the Arrow** is Scouting's National Honor Society, recognizing Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To be eligible for election, Scouts must meet specific requirements, including **rank and camping nights**.

Important Reminder:

All Scouts who believe they may be eligible for election should **verify their camping nights are up to date**. Accurate records are essential to ensure your name is included on the ballot.

If you're not sure where you stand or need to update your records, please speak with your Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, or

Advancement Chair before Monday nights Meeting.



Don't miss this chance to be recognized by your fellow Scouts for leadership, service, and cheerful spirit!



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.

SIC: Nico Sfeir



[Directions to Camp A!](#)

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



WHO WANTS TO BE A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER?

Range Safety Officers are an essential part of our Shooting Sports program. Neither unit, District, nor Council events are possible without the range supervision that RSOs provide, and under the new merit badge rules an RSO must be present for the live-fire portion of any Shooting Sports merit badge (other than Archery) that are being taught at unit, District or Council events.

We are holding a Range Safety Officer training course at the Fickett on Saturday, April 12. So far, only three people have signed up for the course and if more people do not sign up for the course, we will have to cancel the course.

So, if you are not yet an RSO, I would encourage you to sign up for this course. In addition, if your unit needs an RSO and there is someone in your unit who should be volunteered to be an RSO, please encourage them to sign up for the course.

There is plenty of room left in the course (we can support up to 17 more people), so don't worry about the course not having enough room. [REGISTER HERE](#)



TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS ASSISTANCE NEEDED!!!

This is a reminder that we will be hosting a TTFC session before our Troop meeting on Monday, from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. The session will focus on the Tenderfoot and Second Class ranks.

We will have two learning sessions: one for Tenderfoot and one for Second Class, primarily aimed at Scouts who are just beginning these ranks. Trevor Montgovery will lead the Tenderfoot session alongside a Troop Guide, and we need a volunteer to lead the Second Class session, ideally with the support of a Troop Guide as well.

Here are some really useful links to guides for both [Tenderfoot](#) and [Second Class](#). This worked very well for our Scout Rank learning session this past weekend.

Additionally, we encourage Assistant Scoutmasters (ASMs) to attend the TTFC session before the troop meeting to assist Scouts who have already completed many requirements (for any rank) and are looking to get tested on any outstanding requirements they may have. Trevor will have a 5G Wi-Fi access point available so we can connect to Scoutbook.

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](#)

Scouting Factoids

Foggy Beginnings: The Boy Scouts of America was sparked in 1909 when a Scout helped Chicago publisher W.D. Boyce navigate London's fog—refusing a tip because it was his “good turn.”

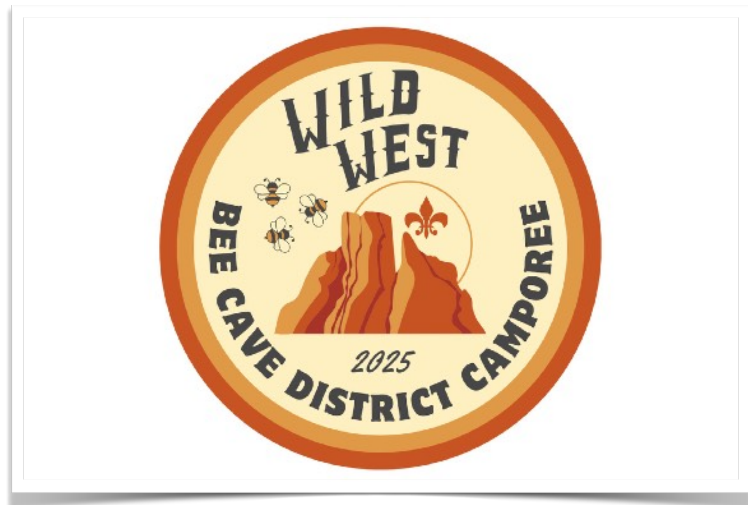
Bestseller Boost: *Scouting for Boys* by founder Robert Baden-Powell has sold over 100 million copies since 1908, ranking it among the top-selling books ever.

Eagle Elite: Only about 6% of Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank—past recipients include Neil Armstrong and Steven Spielberg.

Wild Jamboree: The first World Scout Jamboree in 1920 featured an alligator from Florida, a baby crocodile from Jamaica, and a lioness cub from Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Name Swap: In 2024, the Boy Scouts of America rebranded to Scouting America, reflecting over 196,000 girls joining since 2019.

Keep your eyes here for more fun facts about Scouting next month!



Get Ready for Camporee: Monday's Troop Meeting is Key!

This Monday's 7PM Troop 52 meeting is an important one you won't want to miss! With the District Camporee just around the corner, we'll focus on sharpening essential Scout skills that will be tested during the competition.

This meeting will help every patrol prepare to succeed at Camporee. Whether you're a seasoned Scout or just getting started, this is your chance to practice, learn, and get ready to represent Troop 52 with pride.

Scout Skills at Camporee will consist of 6 areas testing Scout Skills based on requirements in the Scout Handbook for ranks 1st Class and below.

Each Patrol will need a compass during the Scout Skills events. The skills tested are as follows:

- Fire-Building, First Aid (each Scout should have a personal First Aid kit per Tenderfoot 4d), Knots, Lashings, Orienteering (1 compass provided by each patrol), Tent Set Up
- Each patrol should exhibit the Scout spirit and follow the Scout motto and law. While all the competition is going on, adult leaders will inspect Troop campsites for cleanliness and orderliness, and special contraptions erected at the campsite.

Be there, be prepared, and let's make this Camporee our best one yet!