



T52 NEWS



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Troop Meeting – Robotics Merit Badge – January 24, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Emmaus

Scouts, we will have a special program on the troop meeting on Monday, January 24. We will have a demonstration of the Robotics merit badge done by two scouts, Brock Weaver and David Schelling, who are on the competitive robotics team here in Lake Travis. Please print and bring a Robotics MB worksheet and something to write with. All merit badge worksheets may be found here:

<http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>

Parents, we have at least three scouts participating in scoutmaster conferences, which will need to be followed by a Board of Review. Each BOR requires a minimum of three adults. We prefer the boys to have contact with as many adults as possible to prepare them for the future, so we need plenty of adult volunteers. Mrs. Royal will coordinate BORs for the following troop meeting after this one.



New Troop 52 Advancement Process

Scouts and parents,

As of January 1, 2022, we are following this process for rank advancement. Please take note.

Life and Eagle Scouts (as well as ASMs) will still physically sign books. Upon completing all rank requirements, scouts will go to their designated ASM for their patrol to show their books for verification. The ASM will check off items online in Scoutbook because that is the official record that BSA uses. At troop meetings, the Advancement Coordinator (Mrs. Royal) will take names from boys and set up appointments for a Scoutmaster Conference (SMC) and Board of Review (BOR) for the boy asking for one. They can be done at meetings or campouts. Ideally,

SMCs will be done by one of the ASMs at large, especially Star and Life. The Scoutmaster will continue to do all Eagle SMCs.

BORs will be done among committee members and parents who are not ASMs. We would like to avoid the same ASM doing SMCs for the same boy for multiple ranks since we want the boys to learn how to deal with multiple adults. The Advancement Chair (Mr. Bates) and/or Coordinator (Mrs. Royal) marks as complete in Scoutbook for the next Court of Honor.

Merit badge blue cards will be requested by scouts through Scoutbook.

When we receive new scouts at Crossover, the ASMs for each patrol can help welcome the new boys to their patrols and help mentor the new parents and answer their questions. We will pair those parents with an ASM to assist as new parent mentors.

Each ASM for the patrols will serve that patrol for a year and then we will transition to newer ASMs as we gain new leaders. We realize that not everyone can make every meeting, so hopefully we will have enough ASMs at a meeting for coverage.

Patrol ASMs - responsible for individual patrols

Vamsee Konda - Red Cobras - also SIC summer Camp

Greg Royal - Apaches

Bryan Russell - Blue Wolves

Ken Semph - Panthers - also SIC summer Camp

Jeff Schneider - Sharks

ASMs at Large - SMCs or SICs or other duties

John Cottey - also shooting sports

Reagan Evans - also climbing

Matt Gomes - also shooting sports

Patrick Gomes

Todd Grovatt - also climbing and shooting sports

Alfredo Loredó - also religious emblems

Ron Lugo

Mike Pusey

Ashwin Rao - also quartermaster and shooting sports

Jim Schulenberg - also Trail to First Class and climbing

Richard Wright - also shooting sports

Committee Members

Pete Chalfant - Committee Chair

Tray Bates - Advancement Chair and Webmaster

Jeff Beneski - Eagle Coordinator

Josi Bogdon - Communications Coordinator and Photos

Randy Bogdon - Committee member

Cara Cooper - Service Hours Coordinator

Victoria Dawson - Committee member

Bonnie Doggett - Committee member
 John Doggett - Aquatics supervisor
 Christy Hampton - Registrar
 Mike Johnsrud - Committee member
 Hank Kelbaugh - Chartered Org Rep and Treasurer and OA Rep
 Annette Royal - Advancement Coordinator
 Nicolas Sfeir - Committee member

Scoutmaster – James Ezell

Troop Meeting – Shooting Campout Prep – January 31, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Emmaus

Scouts, please come to the troop meeting on January 31 with worksheets for the Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting merit badges. It is very important to attend this meeting if you are going on the shooting campout on February 5-6. We will cover some important safety requirements that all scouts will need to know before anyone is allowed to shoot. All merit badge worksheets may be found here: <http://usscouts.org/meritbadges.asp>



OA Members – We need ceremony team volunteers

Brother Arrowmen,

We are in need of new volunteers for the Troop 52 ceremony team. We have many new members in our ranks who can fill this role. We have already been asked by some of the local Cub Scout packs for their crossover ceremonies in February, so you will need to get started soon. We will teach you everything you need to know. The troop has regalia you may use. Mr. Kelbaugh will be coordinating the ceremony team. If you are interested in being on the ceremony team, please contact Mr. Kelbaugh.

We will also need volunteers to make woggles for neckerchief slides. We give these to all our new scouts when they join Troop 52. Here is a video on how to do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOlbkSbbaSc>



Bee Cave District Awards Banquet – Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm – Emmaus

The Bee Cave District Awards Banquet is to honor adult leaders in the Bee Cave District. Troop 52 is hosting it this year at Emmaus. Attendance is by invitation only. Troop 52 Stinger Award recipients will be announced as well as other Bee Cave District Awards. Stingers recognize Scouters who render outstanding contributions to their Unit.



Shooting Campout – Saturday-Sunday, February 5-6, 2022 – Cottey Ranch

Please put the shooting campout on your calendars! This is one of our most popular campouts. Life and Eagle Scouts will be permitted to arrive Friday night, February 4, to enjoy an evening together. Please eat dinner before arriving. This special privilege comes with the expectation of working Saturday morning to set up the shooting ranges before the rest of the troop arrives. The remainder of the troop will meet on Saturday morning at 7:30 am at the tennis courts at LTMS to depart by 8:00 am. Do not be late. The troop will arrive on Saturday morning at 9:00 am.

Scouts will camp by patrol. To maximize shooting time, scouts will drop their gear in their designated patrol area and then will proceed to receive instructions for shooting. Scouts will set up their tents and camping areas when we break for lunch. Food will be provided by the Bats in order to maximize time shooting.

Because of the dangerous nature of shooting sports, all scouts and adults will be expected to abide by the rules of the range and the instructions of the rangemasters. Any misbehavior will not be tolerated. You will be asked to leave the range or the campout for safety violations if the rangemaster deems it a serious infraction. All scouts will be expected to assist in cleaning up ranges at the conclusion. Sunday morning will have a gun cleaning station so that all troop rifles, shotguns, and shooting equipment are cleaned to the SIC's satisfaction before departure.

SIC: John Cottey

Grubmaster: Bryan Russell

Location: Cottey Ranch, 1809 Co Rd 110, Burnet, TX 78611

Pulling Smoker: ?

Pulling Troop Trailer: ?

Directions From Burnet

Last light on 281 north side of Burnet turn left on CR 108 (Burnet HS is on the right)

3 1/2 miles on CR 108 turn left on CR 110

3 1/4 miles on CR 110 to 1809 CR 110 on left (you will need to open/close one gate at 3 miles before you get to the address)

Nearest Emergency Department

Seton Highland Lakes

3201 South Water St

Burnet, Tx 78611

512-715-3000

Emergency Contact on Site – John Cottey 512-417-2388



Sign up for Summer Camp 2022 – San Isabel Scout Ranch – Beulah, Colorado

Summer camp 2022 is in San Isabel Scout Ranch in the heart of the San Isabel National Forest just outside of Pueblo, Colorado. The dates will be the week of June 18th through the 26th. First payment of \$250 is due on or before January 1. Please go to the Troop 52 Scout Store to make the first payment: <https://troop52lakeway.us/store>

\$250 by January 1

\$250 by March 1

Balance Due by April 1 - Full Total to be determined soon but will be around \$750 per scout and \$650 per adult.

More information about camp can be found here: <https://pathwaytotherockies.org/sanisabel/forms-resources/> Check out the link for the Leader Guide, Camp Map, and Sample Packing List.
SICs - Ken Semph & Vamsee Konda

Located here:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/San+Isabel+Scout+Ranch/@38.0045416,-105.0429998,4154m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m1!1m6!3m5!1s0x871474dfbcac772f0xf4b351c97cf8f504!2sSan+Isabel+Scout+Ranch!8m2!3d38.003256!4d-105.0408036!3m4!1s0x871474dfbcac772f0xf4b351c97cf8f504!8m2!3d38.003256!4d-105.0408036>



Philmont 2023 Announcement

Great news for Troop 52!

We applied for - and received - 2 treks for Philmont in June of 2023. We will be leaving Austin on 6/24/23 and returning on 7/8/23.

We have room for 16 Scouts and 8 Adults to join in this adventure (many of these slots have been spoken for) so please sign up via Scout Book and secure your spot with a deposit by January 15, 2022.

Scouts will need to be 14 years old by 6/25/23 (or have completed 8th grade).

The 12-Day Reservation fee is \$1,500.00/person with payment schedule as follows:

- Deposit of \$160.00/person due 1/15/2022
- Advance of \$670.00/person due 9/1/2022
- Balance of \$670.00/person due 2/1/2023



Sea Base – Spring Break 2023

Good news! We were able to secure a spot for Sea Exploring on a tall ship for Sea Base in March 2023. More details will be forthcoming for registration.



Summit Bechtel Reserve High Adventure – July 6-12, 2022

We still have a few slots for high adventure at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia this summer. Please see Mr. Ezell for information.

Col. Mike Fossum – Astronaut, Aggie, and Eagle Scout – 6:00 pm, Tuesday, March 8, 2022



Scouts, Mr. Ezell is volunteering to take a group to this event, hosted by the local Aggie Moms Club, at Austin Ridge Bible Church Bee Cave. Please RSVP to Mr. Ezell separately and please use the event registration page to reserve a ticket. The club is offering free admission to Scouts, Scout leaders, and one

parent for each Scout. Scout attendees are asked to wear their uniform. There is an option to purchase a Chick-Fil-A boxed meal.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-8-colonel-mike-fossum-astronaut-new-date-tickets-210171106437>

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Col. Michael Fossum - Astronaut is joining Austin Aggie Moms for a one night only event to speak about his amazing career!

About this event

Austin Aggie Moms Club is proud to bring distinguished guests of this caliber to our community.

Col. Fossum will share his experiences throughout his full and illustrious career, as he inspires our next generation of leaders and explorers.

Col. Michael E. Fossum '80 UAFR (Ret) currently serves as a Vice President of Texas A&M University, the Chief Operating Officer of the Galveston Campus, and the Superintendent of the Texas A&M Maritime Academy. Col. Fossum joined Texas A&M following his retirement from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) – Johnson Space Center in 2017.

Col. Fossum is a veteran of 3 space flights with more than 194 days in space and more than 48 hours in 7 spacewalks during his 19 years as an astronaut. During his last mission in 2011, Col. Fossum served as the Commander of the International Space Station. He has logged over 2,000 hours in 35 different aircraft throughout the course of his career. Fossum earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University and was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force in 1980. He is also a graduate of the US Air Force Test Pilot School and has earned Master of Science degrees in Systems Engineering and Physical Science/Space Science.

Col. Fossum promotes the STEM program in Scouting - having earned Eagle Scout Rank himself having earned the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award and is involved with The Order of the Arrow.

Troop 52 Photos

We have a new T52 Google Photos site for sharing photos from our amazing troop events.

Please use the albums below to enjoy some photos from our events. Please upload your own photos, too!

First Aid Campout

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gkfLg7hvc3PoqgFD6>

Court of Honor

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TsAbm6GLN9WzaiuD6>

Potluck Dinner

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/uSxA5TrHbmBDGNJk7>

Webelos Woods

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/usZTpPK1DpkbsNNX8>

Backpacking Campout

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TYJeJLFqBmLD9rK17>

Climbing Campout

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5Wd2rJx4zKYBpCeN8>

Troop Blog

If you need to check for announcements on the troop web site, we do have a blog that gets updated by Tray Bates. You can access it here: <https://troop52lakeway.us/blog>

Remember!

