



T52 NEWS



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Col. Mike Fossum – Astronaut, Aggie, and Eagle Scout

Colonel Mike Fossum shared his life story this past week with scouts from several area troops. He grew up poor in the Rio Grande Valley. He said Scouting saved his life from running with a rough crowd and getting in trouble. He decided he wanted to be an astronaut on the banks of the Rio Grande on a scout campout, looking up at the stars. He made Eagle, went to A&M, and had

to apply three times to finally get in to be an astronaut. He served as a Scoutmaster for 12 years in Sam Houston Council. He's now the Vice President of Texas A&M - Galveston Branch. Troop 52 was well represented.

Troop Meeting – March 21, 2022 – 7:00 pm Emmaus

We will begin practicing skills for Camporee such as knots, lashings, and first aid. SPL Martin Becker and Srijan Jagarlamudi will teach camp cadence and songs for us to demonstrate our scout spirit.

Troop Meeting – March 28, 2022 – 7:00 pm Emmaus

We will continue to prepare for Camporee by practicing scout skills.



Bee Cave District Camporee – April 1-3, 2022 – Camp Tahuaya, Temple, Texas

Get ready for the first Camporee since 2019! We will be competing as a troop against all other troops in the Bee Cave District.

Here are some items from the PLC:

- We will teach basic scout skills to new scouts – any skill from Scout to First Class is fair game at Camporee
- Teach scout oath, law, standing at attention, etc. basic items.
- Request OA Elections on 3/21 as first choice, 3/28 as backup
- Srijan will be SPL at Camporee
- Troops will cook own meals, not recommended by Camporee staff to patrol cook due to limited time

Camporee Program:

Compete by patrol - 6-8 scouts each

Friday - arrive, opening campfire, movie night

Saturday - opening flag ceremony - Class A - cadence singing while marching

- Morning - stations for competition - shelter building, first aid, knots, lashings, fire starting

Lunch

- Afternoon - Midway stations - tomahawks, tug-o-war, team building games

Dinner - scoutmaster cobbler cookoff

Skits by patrol – submit for approval to camporee staff

OA Tapout ceremony

OA Brotherhood opportunity

Campsite inspections Sunday for competition



OA Elections – March 21 or March 28 - TBD

Scouts, we will have elections for Order of the Arrow at an upcoming troop meeting. We have requested them to occur on March 21 with March 28 as a backup. The Order of the Arrow is the honor society of scouting. One can only be elected into it by one's peers. All scouts vote, whether they are in OA or not. To be eligible, a scout must be at least First Class and have camped at least 15 nights in the preceding two years, including one long-term camp (such as summer camp or Philmont) during that time. In order for our election to be valid, we must have a quorum of scouts of a simple majority participate in the election. That means we need 36 scouts to attend our troop meeting. A list of eligible scouts will be provided at the election. You may vote for as many or as few as you would like. Adults do not vote, but adult Scouters are eligible to be selected by other adult members of the OA to join their ranks by separate ballot. They must meet the same camping requirements as youth. More info here: <https://oa-bsa.org/about/membership>



OA Brotherhood Opportunity – Camporee – April 2, 2022

Attention OA Ordeal members! At Camporee, there will be an opportunity to participate and receive induction into the second level of the Order of the Arrow – Brotherhood. To be eligible, you must attend Camporee and have already completed your Ordeal more than six months ago.



Bee Cave District Awards Banquet – Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm – Emmaus

Congratulations to the following adults below! They have been selected by their peers in Troop 52 to receive a Stinger Award. The Stinger Award is given to Scouters in the Bee Cave District to recognize Scouters who render outstanding contributions to their Unit.

The Stinger Awards will be presented to recipients at the Bee Cave District Awards Banquet on Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 pm at Emmaus Catholic Parish in the Great Hall. Dinner will be catered by It's All Good Barbecue.

The Troop 52 Stinger Award recipients for 2021 are:

Tray Bates
 Pete Chalfant
 John Doggett
 Karma Ezell

Bryan Russell
Jim Schulenberg

Additionally, because the 2020 banquet was cancelled, we would like to also invite all 2020 Stinger Award winners to attend as our guests as well. They are:

Josi Bogdon
Randy Bogdon
Cara Cooper
Reagan Evans
Patrick Gomes
Ron Lugo

Further, we would also like to invite Parker Grovatt and his parents to attend as our guests to celebrate Parker being awarded the Scout of the Year honors for 2021 for all the troops in the Bee Cave District. Congratulations, Parker!

Again, we sincerely thank you for your contributions to Troop 52 for 2020 and 2021. Many hands make for light work, so thank you for lending your hands to run the best troop in the Bee Cave District.

Yours in Scouting,

James Ezell
Scoutmaster - Troop 52



Andrew Segner Eagle Project Workday – March 26 – 8:30 am

I am building four benches for the West Oaks Independent Living community. The build will start at 8:30 on Saturday March 26 at my house located at 11844 Sterling Panorama Terrace in Lake Point, close to the Hill Country Galleria. Please bring any gloves and safety glasses if you have them. I have extra safety glasses just in case. If anyone can also bring a circular saw or sander, that would be helpful. I will have food and drinks available.

Thank you in advance.

Andrew Segner



Sign up for Summer Camp 2022 – San Isabel Scout Ranch – Beulah, Colorado (June 18th - 26th)

Summer camp 2022 is at San Isabel Scout Ranch in the heart of the San Isabel National Forest just outside of Pueblo, Colorado.

Second payment of \$250 is due by March 1st.

It's not too late to sign up - If you are interested in going, please pay \$500 per person by March 1st (comprises of 1st and 2nd installments).

Final payment of \$150 (scouts) or \$70 (adults) is due by April 1st.

We are also planning on White Water rafting – if you are interested that will cost an additional \$100 per person.

Please go to the Troop 52 Scout Store to make your payments: <https://troop52lakeway.us/store>

SICs for summer camp - Ken Semph & Vamsee Konda

For leader guide, camp map and other details please visit - <https://pathwaytotherockies.org/sanisabel/forms-resources/>

Camp Location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/San+Isabel+Scout+Ranch/@38.003256,-105.0429923,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x871474dfbcac772f:0xf4b351c97cf8f504!8m2!3d38.003256!4d-105.0408036>

New scouts – one of the best things you can do is to go to summer camp. You will have a lot of fun while learning some crucial scout skills. Transitioning to middle school is made so much easier by spending a week at camp.



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 10-18, 2023. Registration is now open in store section of the troop web site. The first payment of \$150 per person secures your spot. Spots will fill up fast, so please register quickly.



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.

Summit Bechtel Reserve High Adventure – June 13-21, 2023

We have at least one spot available (we may be able to add more) for high adventure at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia the summer of 2023. Please contact Josi Bogdon at 512.971.8141 or easonj@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Please use the albums below to enjoy and share photos from our wonderful Troop 52 Events!

Fishing/Pioneering Campout

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2uMHRe6Va6RV8pkM8>

Crossover

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/SxDCjgZm3xgyoLxx5>

Crossover Bridge Build

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/hNSEX4GLYHNPiKi1A>

Welding Merit Badge Class

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/LvECPqAYx69b9RVv6>

First Aid Campout

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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>

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!

