



T52 NEWS



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Trail to First Class

On Saturday, April 9, Mr. Schulenberg began working with the first year scouts on their scout skills and rank advancement. There will be more classes in the coming months as the newest scouts will meet to do more activities. Our goal is to give the new scouts a firm grasp on essential scout skills before they head off to summer camp. Great stuff!



Troop Meeting – April 11, 2022 – 7:00 pm Emmaus – SPL-in-training

For the next four meetings, our SPL, Martin Becker, will be assisted by a senior scout for some SPL-in-training activities as we allow them to gain valuable leadership experience. These meetings will be very important to first year scouts as well as older scouts, too. Srijan Jagalamudi is first up. He informs me there will be a knot and first aid competitions among patrols.

---Important Parent Meeting – April 11, 2022 ---

We will have an important meeting in the Bat Cave for all adults who are merit badge counselors for the troop during the troop meeting.

We need to register all our merit badge counselors with the council. You will still only be a counselor for scouts in our troop. Please bring in your adult application forwarded to you by Mr. Bates and Ms. Hampton. Mrs. Bogdon has updated the Merit Badge Counselor list. It is available on the troop web site in the Documents section. We will discuss any revisions or corrections needed at this troop meeting.

---Second Important Parent Meeting for Summer Camp – April 11, 2022---

Follows the merit badge counselor meeting in the Bat Cave. Those parents not attending camp are dismissed.

San Isabel Scout Ranch offers more than 30 merit badges at the summer camp. But due to logistics and time constraints some merit badges have a better chance of completion than others. **If your scout is signed up for summer camp, please attend the troop meeting on April 11th** where we will discuss the signup process for merit badges and provide suggestions on which ones to choose. Merit badge selections for summer camp are due before April 20.

Please go through the following links to familiarize yourself with the merit badges that are being offered at the summer camp:

<https://pathwaytotherockies.org/sanisabel/program/>

<https://pathwaytotherockies.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Merit-Badge-Schedule.pdf>

Thanks,
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Also, remember to start making appointments for camp physicals. All scouts must have a completed Med Form with Parts A, B, and C. A doctor must sign Part C.

Forms are available here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>



Committee Meeting – April 5, 2022 Notes / Minutes / Schedule

Upcoming Dates:

April 30 – Shred Day

May 1-3 – Shooting Campout

May 14 – Swim Test – Nitro

June – Summer Camp or High Adventure

July – PLC to determine activity – suggestions – Pace Bend, canoeing, kayaking, Muleshoe

July – Court of Honor at Lakeway City Park with troop cookout, date TBD

August – Electronics Lock-in – August 12

September – Canoeing campout – Date TBD

September 24 – Webelos Woods Day Event for entire Bee Cave District – Camp Mabry

October – potential trip to coast / Padre Island / TBD – Mr. Bogdon – SIC

November – potential Enchanted Rock campout / TBD – Mr. Doggett – SIC

December – Backpacking at Lake Georgetown / TBD

December – Webelos Woods Day Event / TBD

TBD – Troop Fun Day for Entire troop

TBD – Adult Eagle Scouts visit with Life Scouts to encourage them to finish their Eagle



Shred Day – Emmaus front parking lot – Saturday, April 30, 2022, 7:45 – noon

We need all scouts to attend Shred Day. It is a required event because it is our primary fundraiser. We don't sell popcorn. We shred! All scouts should wear their Class A uniforms and big smiles as we offer this service to our community. Because it is a fundraiser, we do not count it as service hours toward advancement, but you may use it for Cavs in Service, NHS, NJHS, etc. There is a jpeg ad for Shred Day available on the troop Facebook group for you to share in your neighborhood groups. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/T52Lakeway>



Shooting Campout – Saturday-Sunday, May 7-8, 2022 – Cottey Ranch

This is one of our most popular campouts, so we expect high attendance. Life and Eagle Scouts will be allowed to come on Friday night to help set up the ranges. The rest of the troop will depart from LTMS near the tennis courts on Saturday morning at 8:00 am sharp to arrive at the ranch at 9:00 am. Please arrive early. We expect all scouts to stay for the entire campout. There is a lot of cleanup involved. Departing early and leaving other scouts to clean up the mess is not the Scout way. Any scout who absolutely needs to leave early must get approval from the Scoutmaster and will be expected to perform extra cleanup duty.

We will do patrol cooking. Patrol grubmasters will be chosen by their patrols at the April 25 troop meeting. Bats will eat separately. If you already paid for the campout in February, you will not have to pay to register again for the makeup date.

We will have multiple stations at the campout: Rifles, Shotgun, a Trail to First Class station, and a Mother's Day station. The gun cleaning station will be on Sunday morning before departure. First year scouts will not be able to do shotguns yet. We would like for you to grow a bit and get stronger before attempting to shoot clays.

Finally, registration is due on the Wednesday night before all campouts. This gives the grubmasters time to finalize numbers and buy the correct amount of food.

A huge thank you goes to Dr. Cottey for allowing us to use his ranch once again.

SIC: - John Cottey

Grubmaster: Bryan Russell / John Doggett

Pulling Troop Trailer: ?

Pulling Troop Smoker: ?



Tonkawa Lodge Spring Assembly – May 1-3, 2022

For the first time in two years, we are back to our normal two-night Assembly weekend format. Tonkawa Lodge Assemblies are opportunities for those elected to become members of the Order of the Arrow. Assemblies normally take place at Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Bastrop. Commonly known as The Ordeal, candidates will meet a series of challenges that will foster self-reflection and test their commitment to a life of cheerful service. For existing members, Assembly Weekend offers a chance to build friendships and serve Scouting in meaningful ways.

New candidates, you will receive a Candidate Information Packet in your email. Please read through the Candidate Information Packet as it contains important details for the weekend. Your dues for 2022 are included with your registration fee. Existing members must have paid their annual dues to attend Assembly. You may pay your dues upon arrival if they haven't already been paid. We are back to pre-COVID operating conditions. That means we are no longer requiring any COVID-related documents to attend events. Everyone must bring a non-returnable hard copy of your BSA health form (parts A & B only). Details: <http://www.tonkawa99.org/>



Swim Test – Nitro Swimming – 11:30 am, May 14, 2022

Each year, scouts must recertify at the BSA swim test. It is a requirement for all aquatic activities, including summer camp, the canoeing campout, kayaking activities on Lake Travis, Sea Base, and any other activities involving swimming or water. Completing the swim test is

also Requirement 6A for earning First Class. This year, we are pleased once again to do our swim test at Nitro in Bee Cave, located at 15506 West Hwy 71 #D, Bee Cave, TX 78738. The test moves quickly, so don't be late. We use multiple lanes at the pool. Both scouts and adults must take the swim test. We ask for a \$5 donation to give to the Nitro employees as a tip.

The requirements are: Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

Scouts who complete this are classified as swimmers. Scouts who can swim only 25 yards are classified as beginners. Anyone who does not take the swim test is labeled a non-swimmer.



Scouts, providing service in our community is a very important part of being a Scout. There are many different ways you can offer your service to our community. Our Troop encourages all Scouts to participate in Eagle service projects when they occur. Someday you will have an Eagle project that will need other scouts' help so you can pay it forward by helping them out! Scouts may also take part in individual Service Hours projects in our community, for example, volunteering at a local church or nonprofit organization. Pre-approval is always required for service projects that take place outside of our Troop. The Service Committee (Cara Cooper and Victoria Dawson) can sign off on your service hours as well as any Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. We have a newly updated ***Community Service Hours*** form you can use if you are interested in completing service hours outside of Troop sponsored or Eagle projects. It is available on our website under Documents. As a reminder, always record and get sign off for all of your service hours. Keep track of your Service Log in your paper Scoutbook as well as under the "Activity Log" in our electronic Scoutbook. As a reminder here are the service hour requirements for our troop. Remember, Scout service hours may also be used for things like Cavs in Service, NHS, NJHS, or others.

Service Hours Requirement by Rank:

- Tenderfoot Class Rank (1 Hour)
- Second Class Rank (2 Hours)
- First Class Rank (3 Hours)
- Star Rank (6 Hours)
- Life Rank (6 Hours including 3 conservation-related hours)
- Eagle Rank (Eagle Service Project)



Trail to First Class Activities – Starting April 9, 2022 – 9:00-11:00 am

Troop 52 scouts,

Each month Mr. Schulenberg will be hosting Trail to First Class workshops at Lakeway City Park. Beginning on April 9, these workshops will take place on the second Saturday of every month from 9-11 AM at the upper pavilion. We will focus on rank advancement skills and knowledge from Scout through First Class. All scouts are welcome to join in, to listen, learn, and participate. For the older scouts, this is an opportunity to earn rank advancement by helping to lead these sessions by demonstration the EDGE method.

During these 2 hour sessions we will work together through each of the requirements in Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class, including some of the more challenging activities such as first aid, knots, fire building, nature hikes, and the physical fitness requirements. Our goal is to have fun and learn from each other.

Please see the Troop Calendar for workshop details.

Dates to remember:

April 9, 2022 - 9-11 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

May 14, 2022 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

June – summer camp

July TBD

August 13 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

September 10 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

October 8 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

November 10 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

December 14 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion



Sea Base – Spring Break 2023 – March 10-18, 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 the 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.

The minimum age for this trip is 13 years old. This will require extra travel expenses for flights to and from Miami.



If your scout is attending summer camp this June and wants to participate in Whitewater Rafting then sign up today! The cost would be \$100 per attendee (both scout and adult) with everything included (wetsuit, booties, life jacket, etc.). This is additional to the payment already made for Summer Camp. This is an optional but memorable activity! Head over to the Troop 52 Store now: <https://troop52lakeway.us/store>

The deadline for paying for Whitewater Rafting will be April 10th. After that we will be finalizing the roster and won't be able to add any more rafters. Adults and scouts who attend would be the same \$100 amount to raft. Proof of passing the scout swimming qualification must be completed prior to rafting.



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



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!

Photography Merit Badge Workshop (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fBpVaverQyNbrWc69>

TTC Workshop

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AwhCa9XZjWHM1pMm8>

Camporee

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zynxaZuAuVrjsZ1z8>

Andrew Segner's Eagle Project

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Q533GCigUArJ89M8A>

Bee Cave District Awards Banquet

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/FhZ4sDsVNUtAjUQu7>

Fishing/Pioneering Campout

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Crossover

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/SxDCjgZm3xgvoLxx5>

Crossover Bridge Build

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

Welding Merit Badge Class

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

First Aid Campout

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gkfLg7hvc3PoggFD6>

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!

