



# T52 NEWS



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**Congrats to these scouts who earned the Photography Merit Badge!**

This past Friday, eight Scouts participated in a Photography Merit Badge Workshop at the Hamilton Greenbelt. They learned about perspective, composition, lighting, shutter speed, aperture, ISO, and ways to express themselves through photography. These young men produced a lot of wonderful photos using DSLR cameras. I am so proud of their hard work on completing this merit badge!

I would like to thank our sponsors: Precision Camera, Craig O's Pizza, and the Easons. I would also like to thank Victoria Dawson and Annette Royal for helping teach this class.

We plan to offer this workshop again in the fall.

Josi Bogdon

**Troop Meeting – April 18, 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. Aditya Rao is next up. He informs me that there will be a relay race of scout questions about first aid, knots, and gun safety.

**Trained Leader Opportunities – Mega Training – May 20-22, 2022**

Update: IOLS is full. We may be able to offer IOLS as a troop activity. I am checking with Bee Cave District leaders on doing just that. This means our own troop leaders could conduct the course. It involves an overnight stay. More details will be forthcoming.

Parents of Troop 52,

I'll be blunt. We need more trained leaders to serve our boys. We are a large troop, so it's very beneficial for us to have as many assistant scoutmasters as possible to help instruct the boys. Troop 52 takes great pride in having many dedicated adults to share the work. Please join us in putting on a scout shirt as an adult leader (Scouter). There is a training workshop called Mega Training coming up on May 20-22. The most popular course is called IOLS - Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. This is the class to take to become an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM). We are looking for at least four more ASMs to serve our troop as those whose boys have aged out begin to depart. ASMs are the lifeblood of our troop. They serve to advise patrols, coordinate campouts as SIC (Scouter in Charge), and help out in countless other ways to ensure a successful troop.

We are also looking for an adult to attend swimming and water rescue. Having someone trained in this area allows us to conduct our own aquatics activities like canoe trips, conducting our own swim tests, and kayaking. Without a certified person, we are unable to have these activities.

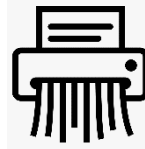
If neither of those are suited for you, there is training for archery, paddle craft safety, or wilderness first aid for high adventure trips.

Please seriously consider volunteering for one of these courses. Without certified leaders, our boys will not be able to achieve rank or earn merit badges. Training is not difficult. It simply requires the desire to see the boys succeed.

Please see this link for more information and how to register:  
<https://www.bsacac.org/training/adult/mega-training/>

Thank you for your support!

James Ezell  
Scoutmaster - Troop 52



### **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 – April 29 - May 1, 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/>

Scouts are excused from Shred Day if they attend Spring Assembly.



### **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 Cava 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**

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.



### **Summer Camp 2022 – San Isabel Scout Ranch – Beulah, Colorado (June 18th - 26th)**

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>



### **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 – 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](mailto:easonj@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

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

**Shred Day (upcoming on April 30th)**

**<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Jg66ymohBx9qUJQ79>**

**Photography Merit Badge Workshop**  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fBpVaverQyNbrWc69>

**TTFC 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**  
<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>

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### **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!**

