



T52 NEWS



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Shred Day was a success!

Please congratulate Owen Riener as the Scout of Shred Day. He was selected by his peers and the adults as having the best attitude and great work ethic. Congratulations, Owen! I received a couple of email notes from members of the community who were very happy and had complimentary things to say about our scouts. Mr. Beneski tells me that we collected more than \$6000 in donations to our troop! In all, it was a very good day!



Welcome new OA Ordeal and Brotherhood members!

Meanwhile, out at Lost Pines in Bastrop, we had several scouts plus, Mr. Schulenberg, complete their Ordeal by giving cheerful service to the camp. They are now full members in the Order of the Arrow. And on Saturday night, Ethan, Brant, and Jonathan advanced to the next level of OA, Brotherhood. Congratulations to all of them. We are very proud of all of our OA Scouts.

Troop Meeting – May 2, 2022 – 7:00 pm Emmaus – SPL-in-training – Gun safety

In addition to Spencer Prow-Nemeroff assisting our SPL, Martin Becker for some SPL-in-training, we will begin preparation for our Shooting Campout. This meeting is required if you are attending the campout. Dr. Cottey will cover gun safety. It is a very serious matter. Please be advised that as the range master, he has the authority to exclude you from an activity or remove you from the campout for a safety violation. Please attend this meeting to learn the rules of the range. Waiver forms will be required. They will be available to sign and turn in.



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 were chosen by their patrols at the April 25 troop meeting. Grubmasters, please follow the instructions given to you. If you do not do the shopping, your patrol does not eat. Your budget is \$12 per scout. You will be reimbursed after the campout when you turn in your expense sheet and receipts to Mr. Kelbaugh, the troop treasurer.

Bats will eat separately. If you already paid for the shooting 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.

NOTE: A huge thank you goes to Dr. Cottey for allowing us to use his ranch once again. Gun safety is a very serious matter. Please be advised that as the range master, he has the authority to exclude you from an activity or remove you from the campout for a safety violation. Waiver forms will be required.

SIC: - John Cottey

Grubmaster: Bryan Russell / John Doggett

Pulling Troop Trailer: Jim Schulenberg

Pulling Smoker: Mr. Doggett pulling his own smoker



Summer Camp! – Swim Test!

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

The next Summer Camp item is the swim test. You will need to show up to summer camp already having completed your swim test. Trust us, it saves a lot of time to do it here at home instead of trying to do it at camp. The swim test is good for a year, so it also counts for our canoeing and kayaking events, plus high adventure things like Sea Base.

All merit badges have been selected. Please look for an invoice in your email to pay the supply fees. You will need to pay these to the troop. Please directed all questions on camp to Mr. Konda and Mr. Semph.

SICs for summer camp - Ken Semph & Vamsee Konda

Merit badge coordinator - Annette Royal

Summer camp info -

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZVYAi4sRT1xU56uROYdegJ5UYbCBGMtCnKj5g7kntJo/edit?usp=sharing>

Medical forms:

Please start working on your medical forms ASAP, last date for turning them into the SICs is May 20th. Please read this before filling out the forms - <https://pathwaytotherockies.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Colorado-Camps-Medical-Forms-Guide.pdf>. All forms are available here - <https://pathwaytotherockies.org/sanisabel/forms-resources/>

We will start collecting your forms starting Monday, April 25th - if they are complete, please turn them in. Camp will deny entry if your forms are incomplete or incorrect, so please don't delay.



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

Update: We are going to be able to offer IOLS as a troop activity! Bee Cave District leaders have approved it, but we need a date and place. This means our own troop leaders could conduct the course. It involves an overnight stay. More details will be forthcoming, but it will most likely be at the Nature Conservancy.

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



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

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:

May – TBD – 9-11 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.



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 for more information.

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

Shooting Campout (upcoming)

2022.05.06 Shooting Campout

Shred Day

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Jg66vmohBx9qUJQ79>

Photography Merit Badge Workshop

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/fBpVaverQvNbrWc69>

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/SxDCigZm3xgyoLxx5>

Crossover Bridge Build

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

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!

