



T52 NEWS



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Happy Mother's Day!



Shooting campout wrap-up

Thank you to Dr. Cottey for your ranch and all the shooting instructors and range safety officers who made this campout possible. The bat grub this time out was a whole new level provided by the Doggetts and Mr. Russell. (Smoked ribeye steaks!) Our troop is very fortunate to be able to do many of our activities due to the many adults who volunteer their time and talents. We appreciate all of y'all. We are hopeful that we get many other parents to join us to make our troop successful and for the boys to have the best scouting experience we can deliver.



PLC – May 9, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Emmaus

We are having PLC on Monday, May 9, at 7:00 pm at Emmaus. Please come prepared to discuss our troop events for the summer and fall. We will discuss the months June through November to get a tentative calendar in place for summer activities, Court of Honor, and fall campouts that will need reservations.



Committee Meeting – May 10, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Location TBD (open to suggestions)

Please join the troop adults for the Troop Committee Meeting. This meeting will be an important one to finalize summer and fall plans. The next one will probably not be scheduled until July due to summer camp. All interested adults should attend. The PLC is for the boys to make plans. The Committee meeting is for the adults to find a way to implement what the boys voted for at the PLC. Scouts should not attend. All adults are welcome to be a part of the troop committee to discuss troop operations and make plans for the remainder of the year. If you would like a say in how the troop is run, then this is the meeting for you. We have several committee positions where we could use your help.



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 cash 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.



Summer Camp! – Swim Test! – See above

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

Summer Camp is getting close. 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 have begun collecting your forms. If they are complete, please turn them in to Mr. Konda. Camp will deny entry if your forms are incomplete or incorrect, so please don't delay.



Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Training – June 4-5

Attention Troop 52 Adults,

Good news! We have been granted permission by Bee Cave District leadership to conduct our own Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) training course instead of sending our people to something like Mega Training or other council level events. This course will certify you to be a trained Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM). We need your attendance. Instructors will be existing Troop 52 adults who have already taken IOLS.

IOLS covers almost all the rank requirements for scouts up to First Class. Adults will learn the patrol method and the necessary skills to be an ASM to teach the scouts. Since IOLS requires an overnight stay, we have been given permission to camp at the Nature Conservancy on Saturday night, June 4, then departing Sunday before noon. This will be an all-day course. There will be no partial credit or leaving early.

There will be more details forthcoming along with a supply sheet, but I wanted to go ahead and get this on the calendar. Please RSVP to me. This will be a great opportunity for you to achieve ASM status prior to summer camp. Your service to the boys is much appreciated. Our troop can only be as strong as the commitment of our adults to serve the boys, so thank you for your help.

NOTE: This is for adults only. No scouts. It is contingent on having enough adults to participate in order to learn to function as a couple of patrols.

YIS,

James Ezell
Scoutmaster



Catholic Scouting Family Retreat – congratulations to Alfredo and Alejandro Loredo



Good afternoon,

This past Saturday Alejandro and I attended the Catholic Scouting Family Retreat for the Diocese of Austin held at the Eagle's Wings Retreat Center in Burnet. The student portion focused on how scouting helps you live your faith on a daily basis and how taking care of the environment equates to being good stewards of the gifts that God has given us. The makeup of the group included American Heritage Girls, and young men and women from the Boy Scouts in the Greater Austin area.

I announced this retreat to our Ad Altare Dei scouts and parents, but of course it conflicted on dates with the shooting campout. This was our first year attending, and Alejandro really enjoyed the day. He actually stood out among the other students from a skills and knowledge standpoint and was chosen to lead the "human rosary" at the conclusion of the day. You will see that even Pope Francis made an appearance at the retreat!

It was a great opportunity to visit with other troop leaders and here about programs offered by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting Leadership. I found out that the Diocese has a

Chaplain training program that is non-denominational. I am getting more information about that in the coming weeks.

Next year's retreat will again be held the Saturday before Mother's Day and I am hoping that our Ad Altare Dei scouts will be able to attend.

Thank you all and have a great week!

YIS,

Alfredo M. Loreda
Troop 52 ASM and Religious Emblems



SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITIES

Ongoing Saturdays in May

Kindness Ninjas, an Austin-based nonprofit, is looking to partner with a Scout unit or units to help assemble hygiene supply bags that will be delivered to people experiencing homelessness. Scouts are only needed to help assemble items (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.) into bags. The work will take place at Hope Lutheran Church, 6414 N. Hampton Drive, 78723. The group will work with your Scouts/unit to schedule the time - likely a three hour shift on a Saturday. If you/your unit is interested, please contact Tabrina with Kindness Ninjas at (469) 346-1444 or kindnessninjas1@gmail.com. For more information, visit kindnessninjas.org.

May 14

Scouts can salute those who performed their Duty to Country through service in America's armed forces by taking part in the welcoming ceremony for the next "**Honor Flight**" arrival at Austin-Bergstrom International Airport on Saturday, May 14, at 7:00pm. Scouts must be in field uniform. If a unit would like to take part in the flag ceremony in the terminal, you will need to provide your own flags. Participating Scouts/Scout units must indicate ahead of time they are going to participate in order to get on the TSA list for terminal access. To take part and/or get more information, please contact Franetta Sinsabaugh as soon as possible at 512-998-1564 or Franetta.sinsabaugh@scouting.org.

May 21

Affinity at Southpark Meadows, a senior living community, is looking for Scouts to help with a ceremony for its residents on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 21. Volunteers will help put a small US flag pin on residents who are veterans. Scouts should be in field uniform. The community is located at 9500 Alice Mae Lane, Austin, 78748. Scouts/units interested in helping should contact Christi Huff at Affinity at Southpark Meadows by email at christih@affinityforliving.com as soon as possible. The event will be scheduled around Scouts'

availability so the sooner you contact Christi the faster she will be able to set a time for the event. For more information, visit affinityforliving.com.



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 14 – 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

2022.05.06 Shooting Campout

Shred Day

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

Photography Merit Badge Workshop

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TTFC Workshop

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Camporee

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Andrew Segner's Eagle Project

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Bee Cave District Awards Banquet

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Fishing/Pioneering Campout

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Crossover

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Crossover Bridge Build

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/hNSEX4GLYHNpKi1A>

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!

