



T52 NEWS



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Environmental Science Merit Badge

Congratulations to all those scouts who spent the week with Mrs. Ezell learning the Environmental Science Merit Badge. It was filled with many experiments and making scientific observations.

Troop Meeting – August 1, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Emmaus

!!—IMPORTANT NOTE—!! THE PARKING LOT IS BEING RESURFACED AT EMMAUS BEGINNING ON MONDAY. IT SHOULD NOT AFFECT PARKING AROUND BACK. PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ON THE NEWLY RESURFACED AREAS OR DRIVE AROUND ANY CONES OR MARKERS. PLEASE SEE SEPARATE EMAIL.

SPL Note:

At this next meeting I am planning to use it for rank advancement for kids that need things signed off before Court of Honor. I am planning for the meeting to be similar to the last meeting. The Philmont group will finish their mb and the other scouts can work with Ms. Becker. We will have sign offs and meetings for BOR and Scoutmaster Conferences.

Nicholas Royal – SPL

Also, Mr. Ezell and Mr. Beneski will finish the Scouting Heritage Merit Badge with those who went to Philmont. Mrs. Becker will help finish the American Cultures Merit Badge for those who attended the first Afghan families service event. For anything else, please remember to email either Mrs. Royal for SMC or your merit badge counselor in advance to set appointments. Do not wait until the meeting to ask.



Court of Honor – August 8, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Emmaus

We will be holding the next Troop 52 Court of Honor on Monday, August 8th at 7:00 pm at Emmaus. The troop holds a COH twice a year to recognize scouts who have earned merit badges and advanced in rank since the last COH. Many of our scouts attended summer camp and earned a lot of merit badges and rank advancement since our last Court of Honor in January. The cutoff date for completing merit badges and rank advancement is Monday, August 1st.

If scouts have any questions about their rank advancement or merit badge completion, they should review their scoutbook.scouting.org account or check with Advancement Chairs Mr. Bates and Mrs. Royal.

We are in need of scouts to participate in the COH by reading names for credit toward the Communication merit badge. Please contact Mrs. Dawson if you would like a speaking part.



We are in need of more NRA rifle instructors for the troop.

Currently, three of our instructors have aged out of scouts, so we would like to encourage anyone who is interested to take NRA rifle instructor training. It takes two weekends. Please see the message below on how to register. We need to fill these instructor positions so that we can continue to have our own shooting campout. As always, thank you for helping our boys.

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Hi Bee Cave district,
Hope everyone had a good break
The shooting sports team is coordinating training

Please see if anyone is interested within your troops.

YIS,
Mathew

----- Forwarded message -----

From: William Bryson <taiwanbiker@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 25, 2022 at 10:08 AM
Subject: Rifle Instructor and Stop the Bleed Training
To: William Bryson <taiwanbiker@hotmail.com>

Howdy Everyone:

I hope y'all are enjoying your summers, bearing up well under the heat, and spending quality time with your families.

As the summer starts to wind down, we have two training opportunities coming up in the next two months.

The first is a Rifle Instructor course. While I realize that virtually everyone on this list is already a Rifle Instructor, I would appreciate it very much if you could pass this message to anyone in your units who may be interested in becoming a Rifle Instructor, and helping your units with unit shoots, merit badges and other shooting sports activities. Details and the link for the course are below:

NRA Rifle Instructor Training - August 12-13 & continuing on 19-20

This 25 hour course completes all requirements to become an NRA Rifle Instructor. The training includes both classroom and range time. Students will complete a basic instructor training (BIT), basics of rifle shooting and rifle instructor training.

Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/564-RifleInstructorCourse>

The second training opportunity is a Stop the Bleed course, which is being offered by Mark Marshall and his very experienced team of instructors. Stop the Bleed is important training for anyone who spends time on shooting ranges and is highly recommended for all CAC Instructors. The course cost includes a Stop the Bleed kit, and the practical part of the course focuses on the kinds of wounds you might encounter on a range. Additional details and the registration link are below:

Stop The Bleed Training- September 10

A bleeding injury can happen anywhere. Learn the skills to stop the bleed and save lives. Learn bleeding control training skills you will need in almost any emergency situation. This 2 hour course offers training in basic bleeding control techniques such as direct pressure, wound packing and tourniquet application. Included in the class is a STB kit complete with camo pouch, Combat Action Tourniquet, trauma wound dressing and more! Over a \$70 value included in the course. The course includes instruction and practice on the use of all of these tools.

Link: <https://scoutingevent.com/564-stopthebleedsept10>

Let me know if you have any questions about either of these courses. And, as always, many thanks for all you do to support Shooting Sports and the Youth of the Capitol Area Council.

Best regards,

Bill Bryson
Chair, CAC Shooting Sports Committee



Electronics Lock-in – Lakeway Church – Friday, August 12, 2022, 6:00 pm – Saturday, 8:00 am

Scouts, it is almost time for the annual electronics lock-in. Scouts are permitted to bring their electronic devices and stay up all night playing games. We will serve pizza and drinks. Scouts may only bring age and scout appropriate games for play. Inappropriate games or internet content will be disallowed and the scout will be asked to leave. To ensure BSA compliance, all scouts should have their Cyberchip for their rank and grade level up to date here:

<http://usscouts.org/advance/cyberchip.asp>

This event is open to Webelos scouts interested in joining Troop 52, but Webelos will depart at 10:00 pm Friday night. Please RSVP on Scoutbook so we know how much pizza to order. The cost is \$10 to cover pizza. Please pay on the troop website under the store tab. Webelos may attend for free.

We still need adult volunteers who can help the SIC to ensure two-deep leadership and make sure that scouts have a great time. Please email Mr. Konda (vamsee.konda@hotmail.com) if you are interested.



Scuba Diving Certification Opportunity!

Howdy Troop 52,

The Troop 52 Committee has worked with Texas Scuba Academy to put together a class for PADI Open Water Diver Scuba Certification. Troop 52 Scouts who participate in this class will be SCUBA Open Water Diver certified and will also complete their Scuba Diving merit badge.

The classes will be over two weekends. The first weekend will be classroom and pool work. The second weekend will be open water certification dives at either Windy Point (Lake Travis) or Spring Lake (San Marcos) depending on availability. We will be also organizing a lunch picnic on the day we do our open water certification. The exact dates are to be determined but will be in the September/October time frame before the water gets too cold.

The cost of the class will be \$325.00. This includes all scuba gear rental, books/materials, instructor fees & snorkel/fin rentals. Entrance fees to the dive sites are not included. All other

dive shops charge a minimum of \$400 while charging extra for books/materials and snorkel/fin rentals.

Troop 52 Scouts who are participating in the March 2023 Scuba High Adventure at Sea Base will have priority.

If you are interested in participating in this class, please send Mr. Rao an email to reserve your spot ASAP since spots are limited. The cutoff date for sign up is Tuesday, Aug 02.

Regards,
Mr. Rao
ashwinrao13@gmail.com



Trail to First Class Activities

August 6, Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion level – Knot-fest! Mastering all your required rank-knots.

September 10 Lakeway City Park, lower lake level – Canoeing

October 8 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

November 10 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

December 14 Lakeway City Park, upper pavilion

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.



SERVICE PROJECT

Afghani Refugee Families and American Cultures Merit Badge – August 13, 2022, 3:15 – 6:30 pm – South Austin Community Center, 1100 Cumberland Rd.

Please RSVP on the troop calendar so we know how much food we will need. Our second event will be similar to the first. We will be playing games and grilling chicken. The Afghan families will be bringing side dishes. Please wear your Class B shirt. The Ladies of Charity would like a group photo of everyone.



Geocaching Merit Badge – Go find it!

Hello, this is Ethan Ezell. I am working on the Geocaching Merit Badge. For one of the requirements, I have hidden a geocache for all of you to find. To the first person who finds it, there will be a shiny Troop 52 sticker inside. The name of the cache is Rocky Raccoon. Here is a link: https://www.geocaching.com/geocache/GC9XGKX_rocky-raccoon



Call for Troop 52 Musicians

The Court of Honor committee would like to invite any interested Troop 52 Scout who plays a musical instrument to perform in a special prelude from 6:30pm to 7pm before our next Court of Honor on August 8th in the Emmaus Great Hall. During this 30 minute acoustic concert, each performer will only have time to play one or two short pieces, depending on how many Scouts are interested. Music selections should be appropriate to a formal Court of Honor setting. We can have solo musicians perform as well as duets, trios or quartets. If you are interested, please email Mrs Dawson by no later than Tuesday August 2nd at noon and include what instrument you play, what piece(s) you would like to perform, who you will be performing with (if applicable) and how many minutes your performance will be. Once we have an idea of how many musicians are interested, we will let everyone know the performance order etc.

In addition, Scouts who participate will get credit towards the Music Merit Badge requirement #3A.

YiS,
Mrs Dawson



Summer Service Hour Opportunities

This summer there are many opportunities to earn service hours from both Troop and Community projects. Here are the current service hour opportunities for June, July, and August.

Ongoing - Eagle Projects (Troop)

There are quite a few Life Scouts in our troop who are working hard on their Eagle projects this summer and they will need your help. Be on the lookout for separate emails regarding these unique Eagle project opportunities this summer. Remember, someday you will need help from younger Scouts for your Eagle project - now is the time to *pay it forward!*

Saturday, August 27 (Community)

Volunteer to help to set up, clean up, and manage the kids arts project for the Lakeway Cool Arts Show. The City of Lakeway Arts Committee would like to have at least 4 older Scouts volunteer for the upcoming Cool Arts Show on Saturday August 27, 2022 at the Lakeway Activity Center (105 Cross Creek, Lakeway). Scouts should be at least First Class and 13 years old for this event. You can volunteer for one or both shifts below. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Walters at sarahwalters1974@yahoo.com. For more information about the Cool Arts Show, visit lakewayartsdistrict.com.

Shift 1 (4 Hours): 10am - 2pm (4 Scouts) - Help setup and kids art area

Shift 2 (4 Hours): 2pm - 6pm (4 Scouts) - Help kids art area and cleanup

Understanding Troop vs Community Service Hours

Eagle projects are Troop-based and do not require pre-approval to get service credit. However, before embarking on any Community service hours project, remember to fill out the [Community Service Hours \(CSH\) form](#) to get approval from your patrol's ASM or a Service Hours Coordinator (Ms. Dawson or Ms. Cooper). You will also be required to have approval from the community representative in charge of the service project. The CSH form explains it all.

Use [this link](#) to the download the Community Service Hours Form:

<https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/c9c78b66-b90a-463e-bd5d-f56d564ec7e4/downloads/T52-CommunityServiceHoursForm.pdf?ver=1650645685582>

**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.



Troop 52 is busy this summer! Please use these photo albums to view and upload photos from our events:

Motorboating Merit Badge Class (upcoming)
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2twhWApMiL4xXhHL9>
Court of Honor (upcoming)
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xbZmLXKKma86BrUe7>
Environmental Science Merit Badge Workshop
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AkXijM6htso9VrgT6>
Summit at Bechtel Reserve
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/n7y2rm2YGkmAanx69>
Northern Tier Trek
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/G4GcAhQJa5f8e1XV8>
National Weather Service Office Visit
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gA5JXPxi28zzmyB37>
Summer Camp at San Isabel
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zX1bY5FwD5J2Hv7s6>
Philmont Trek
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nJZq4YJpbiF79xXd9>
IOLS Training
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TgQc6hkRAcfNs5Ye8>
Life Scout Party
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/qaZahJBi1vEsZw1w9>

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!

