



T52 NEWS



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THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes to several adult scouters this past week as Troop 52 adults stepped up to ensure the troop continues to be the top troop in the Bee Cave District!

Namely:

Tray Bates, Victoria Dawson, and Annette Royal for a fantastic Court of Honor

Josi Bogdon for all her photos and work on merit badges.

Tray Bates, James Ezell, Matt Gomes, Mark Jackson, Carl Meade, Ken Semph, and Nico Sfeir spent their entire Friday night and all day Saturday taking NRA Rifle Instructor training so that we may continue to offer rifle shooting in the troop.

Vamsee Konda and Pete Chalfant supervised the Electronics Lock-in on Friday and Saturday. These brave souls made sure the boys had a great time staying up all night.

Hank Kelbaugh, Scott Carswell, Alfredo Loreda, and Ashwin Rao attended the Afghani families charity event to entertain and cook for the refugee families. We received very positive feedback from the Ladies of Charity group at Emmaus for the way our boys handled themselves.

With three simultaneous events, sometimes we were spread a bit thin. I would like to invite all adults to attend the next troop committee meeting on Tuesday, August 16 at Emmaus. In a troop this large, the Scoutmaster needs as much support as possible. We want to ensure we can continue to offer programs for our boys for many years. Thank you!



PLC – August 13, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Emmaus

All newly elected PORs should attend this Monday's PLC meeting at 7pm. PLC meetings are every Monday after a campout. Remember, there is no troop meeting. Only boys in a Position of Responsibility (POR) attend the PLC (patrol leadership council).

PLC Agenda

1. Lock-in debrief
2. What we will be doing at upcoming meetings. (Aug 22, 29 and Sep 5, 12.)
3. September canoeing campout plans, only a limited number of scouts may attend due to canoes. (Sep 17-18)
4. Sep 24th we have a T52 Webelos day event at Camp Mabry
5. On October 1st we have Shred Day
6. My Eagle Project is on October 15th, Waiting for confirmation from the park.
7. The October campout is Archery. It will be on October 28-30.
8. We need to make plans for the November Campout. Already doing Backpacking so we will need a different one. Where it will be and what main activity we want to do. Also when do we plan on doing this? Because of Thanksgiving it needs to be November 11-13. It could also be the 4-6th but that will be the weekend following the Archery campout.
9. December 2-4 we are backpacking at Enchanted Rock
10. Does anyone in the PLC want to see something happen in our troop, something to do differently?
11. PLC should start looking at ideas for summer camp 2023

Thank you,

Nicholas Royal – SPL



Committee Meeting – August 14, 2022 7:00 pm – Emmaus

Inviting all adults to join us as we line out the next six-months of campouts, merit badges, and eagle projects. We will have a list of opportunities on how you can help support the boys in the months ahead!

This is your opportunity to see what goes on at the adult level, and what it takes to deliver the program we do.

As James reminds, Many Hands Make Light Work! The more support each of you can provide, the less it takes on all fronts.

We also have a number of new families that have joined over the summer, this is great way of getting to know each other!

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Tuesday!

Pete Chalfant – Committee Chair



Jonathan Schulenberg Eagle Project Workday – August 26 – 8:00 am

Please join us on August 20th for Jonathan Schulenberg's Eagle Scout Project:

Who: All members of Troop 52 are invited to join in; Service Hours will be earned, donuts and pizza will be consumed, deer blinds will rise from a lumber pile and memories will be made.

What: We will be assembling 2 deer blinds to be donated to the Nature Conservancy as a part of Jonathan's Eagle Project.

Where: 308 Martinique Pass, Austin TX 78734. Gate Code is 8308

When: Saturday, August 20, 2022 from 8 AM to 12 PM.

Why: Service Hours, Donuts, Pizza...

Bring eye protection and water bottles, all tools and building materials needed will be provided.



Call for archery volunteers for October campout!

Attention parents:

The boys in the PLC have expressed interest in having an archery campout. We have booked the archery range at Lost Pines for October 29. In order to fulfill this, we are in need of four parents to become certified by USA Archery as basic (Level 1) instructors. The Capitol Area Council has announced there will be an Archery instructor training on October 1, 2022 at the archery range at Lost Pines / Tom Wooten Camp in Bastrop. There is both classroom and a practical, shooting portion. We must have licensed instructors to use the range at Lost Pines. The troop will reimburse for the training after you volunteer at our campout. For more information about getting certified, please email James Ezell.



Aviation Merit Badge Class Forming with Mr. Meade

Scouts, I will be counseling the Aviation Merit Badge in the near future. Anyone interested should contact me directly at maddogmeade@aol.com any time before the Court of Honor. The scouts are required to visit an airport or FAA facility (such as Austin Approach Control). We'll go as a group.

Thanks,

Mr. Meade



OA chapter leadership training at LPSR – August 27-28, 2022

Are you an OA member? Are you interested in serving in a leadership position in the OA? This opportunity is recommended for those OA members looking for Chapter or Lodge leadership positions. Adults encouraged to attend as well. Please email Mr. Kelbaugh for more information on attending.



NYLT winter spots are open

Scouts, if you are interested in attending NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) this winter between Christmas and New Year's Day, please email Mr. Ezell. Troop 52 strongly encourages candidates for Senior Patrol Leader to attend the course.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what a leader must KNOW, and what a leader must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership. NYLT is a six-day course. In order to attend a NYLT course, a youth must have the following qualifications by the beginning of the course: be a registered member of a Scouting unit, have a current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C; must be at least 13, and have a Scoutmaster recommendation.

Details: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/troop-resources/nylt/>



Powder Horn Activities – Camp Tahuaya – September 9-11, 2022

Parents and scouts, please see message below about Powder Horn outdoor activities hosted by the Capitol Area Council. It gives you an opportunity to try adventures to bring back to the troop.
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Providing a vibrant outdoor program for your unit isn't easy. Experience the solution at Texas Powder Horn where we help you deliver on the promise of Scouting: Adventure!

At Texas Powder Horn, you "learn by doing" with expert Scouters and consultants who guide you first-hand through a sampling of amazing outdoor activities. Examples of programming in past years have included ATV, paddle boarding, rappelling, fly fishing, shooting sports, snorkeling, caving, sailboating, and so much more! Co-sponsored by Capitol Area and Longhorn Councils, Powder Horn is held over two weekends, September 9-11 and September 23-25, 2022. The location for the event is at Camp Tahuaya, near Belton. Both adults and youth ages 14 and over are eligible to attend. Re-energize or re-start your unit with a wealth of new outdoor adventure ideas and resources - it's "fun with a purpose!"

Who Should Attend?

Texas Powder Horn is for ALL BSA adult leaders and mature youth leaders 14 years or older!

Youth leaders – age 14 or older; youth must have completed his/her unit's version of leadership training (ie. ILST, ILSC, ILSS)

New adult leaders – that may lack experience in high adventure

Experienced adult leaders – that feel their unit is in a rut

Cub Scout leaders – looking for ideas for their Pack or getting ready to transition to a Troop

Other registered adults – that may have been sitting on the sidelines

High-Level Course Details:

Texas Powder Horn is held over two weekends and includes over 30 different sessions on a variety of outdoor and high adventure topics. Full participation in all hands-on activities is highly encouraged, but everything participants will experience is "challenge by choice."

1st Weekend: Friday, September 9, 2022 at 8:00 a.m - Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

2nd Weekend: Friday, September 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, September 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Each participant should plan to bring their own tent for sleeping accommodations. Meals and snacks will be provided. More information, including what to bring, will be communicated with participants closer to the start date of the event.

Capacity, Fees, and Deadlines:

Course capacity - limited to 56 participants to provide an optimized experience

\$275 if register by midnight on Sunday, July 31 *EXTENDED to Friday, August 12

\$300 starting Monday, August 1 *now Saturday, August 13

\$150 initial payment due to hold your spot, the remainder must be paid by registration close at midnight on Friday, August 26

Refund Policy Information

Training and Paperwork Requirements to attend:

The following paperwork and unexpired training certifications will need to be turned in by the start of the event in order to participate:

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record that includes Part C (pre-participation physical)

Participation Waiver(s) (these will be shared with participants closer to course start date)

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Safe Swim Defense

Safety Afloat

Climb On Safely

Weather Hazards

BSA Swim Check documentation (a swim check will be available for participants unable to take care of this before arrival)

Questions?

Please reach out by email to the Course Director, Meredith Clarke, with any questions:

TxPowderHorn22@gmail.com.



Trail to First Class Activities

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.



Call for Merit Badge Counselors

“Merit badge counselors are **the key to success in the merit badge plan**. They offer their time, experience, and knowledge to help guide Scouts in one or more of the merit badge subjects. Assist the Scout as he plans the assigned projects and activities to meet the merit badge requirements.” – www.usscouts.org

Are you interested in becoming a merit badge counselor? Troop 52 would love to have you!

Qualifications:

- Must be an individual of good character
- Must be age 18 or older
- Must have the skills and education in the subjects you want to teach
- Must have good rapport with Scout-age youth and their unit leaders
- Must be approved by the local council
- Must be willing to complete the BSA Youth Protection Training and counselor paperwork

We would welcome you as a counselor for any merit badge. The complete list of BSA merit badges can be found here - <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>.

Troop 52 currently does not have a merit badge counselors for these merit badges – American Cultures, American Heritage, American Labor, Basketry, Bugling, Exploration, Farm Mechanics, Fire Safety, Forestry, Game Design, Graphic Arts, Horsemanship, Inventing, Journalism, Law, Leatherwork, Metalwork, Mining in Society, Moviemaking, Pottery, Pulp & Paper, Scholarship, Sculpture, Surveying, Textile, Truck Transportation, and Veterinary Medicine.

If you are interested in becoming a counselor, or have any questions, please contact Josi Bogdon at easonj@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!



Please use these photo albums to view and upload photos from our events:

Canyonlands Trailhead Hike (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/pnenBQqTbWBfp1sC7>

Jonathan Schulenberg's Eagle Project (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/FY79VfNtTv2rodRN6>

Aviation Merit Badge (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/aVNrJFkUN9GuYwwL8>

Afghan Families Service

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Lfhu4JVcUhtWY386>

Electronics Lock-In

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Motorboating Merit Badge Class

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Court of Honor

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Environmental Science Merit Badge Workshop

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/AkXijM6htso9VrgT6>

Summit at Bechtel Reserve

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/n7v2rm2YGkmAanx69>

Northern Tier Trek

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/G4GcAhQJa5f8e1XV8>

National Weather Service Office Visit

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gA5JXPxj28zzmyB37>

Summer Camp at San Isabel

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zX1bY5FwD5J2Hv7s6>

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!

