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Boy Scouts of America Troop 52



*Court of Honor Ceremony
Emmaus Catholic Church
August 8th, 2022
7:00 pm*



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

You are cordially invited to 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. Please wear full Class A uniforms, merit badge sashes, and look your finest. Please join us for this celebration of our scouts.



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. The registration is fixed! Our second event will be similar to the first. We will be playing games with the Afghan boys 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.



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.



Call for archery volunteers for October campout!

Attention parents:

The boys in the PLC have expressed interest in having an archery campout. In order to fulfill this, we are in need of four parents to become certified by USA Archery as basic (Level 1) instructors. It is an online course hosted by USA Archery. There is also a practical portion, which is done in person at a local range to be determined. 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. Please also see: <https://www.usarchery.org/coaches/become-a-coach/level-1-instructor-certification>



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



Traffic Safety Merit Badge Class Forming with Mrs. Bogdon

Are you a Scout who is currently learning to drive or a new driver? You may want to work on the Traffic Safety Merit Badge. This merit badge is the perfect complement to your driving instruction. I am a counselor for this merit badge, and I am happy to answer any questions or provide help (easonj@sbcglobal.net). Here is a link to the worksheet: <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/Traffic-Safety.pdf>

Mrs. Bogdon



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



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.



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 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!



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:

Jonathan Schulenberg's Eagle Project (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/FY79VfNfTv2rodRN6>

Motorboating Merit Badge Class (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/2twhWApMiL4xXhHL9>

Court of Honor (upcoming)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/xbZmLXKKma86BrUe7>

Trail to First Class Workshop

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/f37f8MDFYcJggNDW6>

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/gA5JXPxj28zzmyB37>

Summer Camp at San Isabel

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

Philmont Trek

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nJZq4YJpbiF79xXd9>



August Birthdays

- 11 Layton Bates
- 19 Brooks Chalfant
- 21 Tommy Wright
- 24 Jaxson Riener
- 26 Henry Semph
- 29 Brant Doggett
- 30 Keaton Hampton
- 31 Luke Pusey

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!

