



# T52 NEWS



Emmaus Catholic Parish | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

## Troop Meeting

February 05, 2024; 7PM

**Agenda: Code of Conduct  
and First Aid Merit Badge**

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

## Monthly Campout

February 23-25, 2024

**Shooting Campout**

@ Lost Pines Scout Reserve

## PLC Meeting

February 26, 2024; 7PM

**Patrol Leaders Conference  
(PLC)**

**Youth Scout Leaders,  
Scoutmaster & ASMs Invited**

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

## Committee Meeting

February 27, 2024; 7PM

**All Adults Invited**

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish



## SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE!

**Become a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor**

Leaders, parents, family members, teachers, business owners, and those who want to share their knowledge with others, we need you!

## Merit Badge Counselors

**We Need You!**



The BSA's merit badge program is designed to teach Scouts about a wide variety of topics, with the hopes they'll discover new interests, new hobbies, or maybe even a future career. But the merit badge program doesn't work without merit badge counselors.

### What is a merit badge counselor?

A merit badge counselor is a responsible adult with knowledge and enthusiasm about a career, hobby or other subject who is willing to share that knowledge and enthusiasm with Scouts.

### Don't Scouts BSA troops already have adult leaders who are merit badge counselors?

The Troop has many adult roles and some of these adults might also be merit badge counselors, but there are more than 135 merit badges out there. They can't do them all!

They need the support of other merit badge counselors dedicated to teaching one or more merit badges.

**\*Seeking Candidates for First Aid & Citizenship in Society\***



## SUMMER CAMP

### Wehinahpay Mountain Camp, New Mexico

**June 23-29, 2024**

Situated over 8,500 feet in elevation and shaded by tall pines, Wehinahpay boasts an array of accessible programs ranging from relaxing to exciting to challenging. Sign Up coming soon. We will need lots of adults to attend with our boys to ensure there is adequate supervision. Thanks to Matt Berger for being SIC!

<https://www.wmc-boyscouts.org/>

### Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Directions:

**319 Potato Canyon Rd,  
Sacramento, NM 88347**



### How much time does it take?

It varies. Some merit badges can be completed in a few hours. Others require field trips, outings and excursions (like, say a visit to a museum or historic site) that are carried out over a period of weeks, or even months, in between other Scouting activities.

***The job of the merit badge counselor is not to go on every single outing or excursion with a Scout.*** It's to make sure the Scout knows what is required of them to earn the badge, and to help them with any requirements that can be completed in a group setting.

Unlike other adult volunteers, merit badge counselors do not register with specific units. Though you might be a registered adult in your child's troop, merit badge counselors must submit a separate application to their local council.

### What kind of support is available to merit badge counselors?

A lot! Start with the online [Guide for Merit Badge Counseling](#). There is also online training available at [my.Scouting](#). (You can create a free account if you don't already have one.) If they haven't already done so, merit badge counselors must complete the BSA's [Youth Protection Training](#).

The biggest help for merit badge counselors is, however, the [merit badge pamphlet](#). Every badge has a pamphlet that serves as both a textbook for the youth and a guide for the counselor. The pamphlet lists each requirement for each badge, along with suggestions and instructions on how to get them done.

You can buy pamphlets online or at your [local Scout Shop](#). [Click here for more details on the merit badge process.](#)

### I'm sold! How do I sign up to be a merit badge counselor?

Fill out a [Merit Badge Counselor Information form](#) and submit it to your troop leaders to help submit it to your local council. You will also have to submit an adult application along with your registration fee (no fee if already a registered adult). Enter 42 for the Scouting Position Code. The council or district advancement committee will review your information form and contact you regarding approval status. Once approved, you will be listed in Scoutbook as a Merit Badge Counselor for each merit badge you were approved for.



### OA Ceremony Team Welcomes New Recruits

Troop 52's OA Ceremony Team welcomed 11 AOL Webelos from Pack 442 in their Crossover Ceremony on Saturday, February 03, 2024. Thanks to Brant Doggett, Chase Doggett, Rohan Konda, Brooks Chalfant, Conrad Hansen for volunteering to serve. Additional Thanks to James Ezell, Pete Chalfant, Tray Bates, and Vamsee Konda.



### OA Bee Cave Chapter Activities here:

[Slack Workspace](#), [Website](#), [Google Calendar](#)

## Shooting Campout Training

*We are excited to offer shooting to our scouts at the BSA Lost Pines Scout Reserve Shooting Range during our February 23-25 Campout!*



For the next couple of meetings, we have scheduled instruction of the safety and classroom training necessary, before the campout, to learn the practical application and demonstration of shooting skills necessary to meet the requirements for the rifle and shotgun merit badges, all while displaying the **knowledge, skills and attitude essential to safe shooting activities.**

We will have all scouts who have not yet earned



the rifle merit badge to start there, while the older scouts and those who have already earned the rifle merit badge to focus their efforts on earning the shotgun merit badge.

We are excited to offer this opportunity to Troop 52 and remind the parents and boys this is a serious class that requires their attention and best behavior or they will be asked to leave the range.



**Troop 52 Photo Albums:**

**First Aid Campout**

**Court of Honor 01-20-2024**

**Stop the Bleed Training**

**Backpacking Campout**

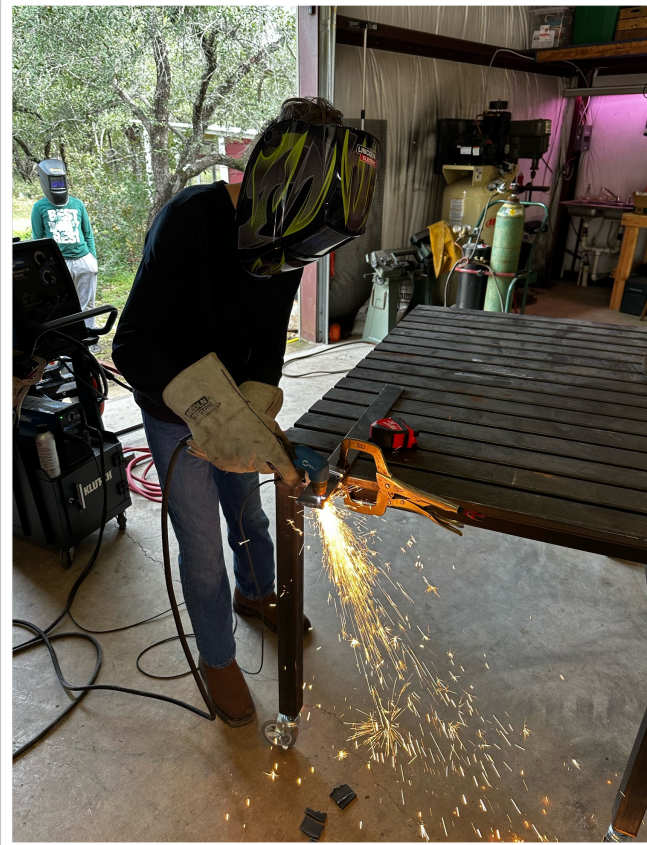
**T52 Color Guard**

**Climbing Campout**

**Nick's Dawson's Eagle Project**

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## Welding Merit Badge Workshop

Thank you John Doggett for instructing Troop 52 Scouts this weekend as they work toward earning the Welding Merit Badge!

