



# T52 NEWS



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## Troop Meeting

**January 22, 2024**

First Aid Campout Prep with  
Dr. Kolli

## Monthly Campout

**January 26-28, 2024**

First Aid and Trebuchet fun

@ Barton Creek Habitat  
Preserve

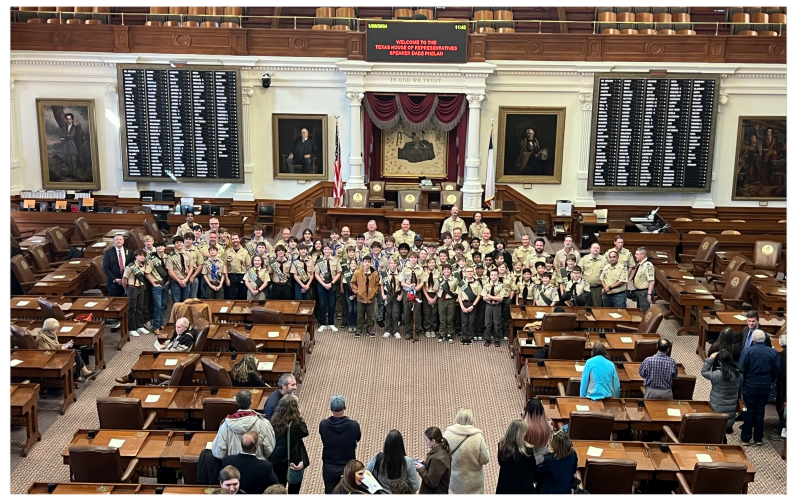
## Summer Camp

**Camp Wehinahpay, NM**

**June 23-29, 2024**

Scouts and families, the PLC voted to attend Camp Wehinahpay in New Mexico this summer. Mark it on your calendar! It is located in the mountains at approximately 8,500 feet elevation. We will have a payment schedule 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/>



## Court of Honor

**A Magestic Celebration of Scouting Achievement at the Texas Capitol**

In a grand and memorable event held at the historic Texas Capitol, the Scouts of Troop 52 came together to celebrate their remarkable achievements over the past six months. The Court of Honor was a resounding success, filled with inspiring moments that left a lasting impression on all who attended.

One of the highlights of the day was the formal induction of **Conrad Hansen** as the new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), who took the oath of leadership along with all other scouts assuming positions of responsibility within the troop. This symbolic transition of leadership marked the beginning of a new era for Troop 52.

A heartfelt tribute was paid to **James Ezell**, the outgoing Scoutmaster, for his unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions to the troop. James's legacy of mentorship and guidance will forever be cherished by the troop members. In a



## OA Auditions for Ceremony Team

Would you like to be part of the next set of scouts to participate in a longstanding Troop 52 tradition? We are putting together the ceremony team for the upcoming Cub Scout pack crossovers as well as our rope bridge. Please see Mr. Bates if you would like to join. Membership in the Order of the Arrow is required. There is no rank requirement. Ceremony team members must commit to attending all practices and performances.



## Court of Honor (Continued)

heartwarming welcome, Committee Chairman, **George Popa**, introduced **Tray Bates** as the troop's new Scoutmaster, ready to lead Troop 52 into a promising future.

However, the most significant moment of the event was the recognition of ten outstanding young individuals who achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Pinning Ceremony was a moment of immense pride, as the deserving scouts were adorned with this coveted emblem, symbolizing their commitment, hard work, and perseverance. Also the Governor presented each Eagle a signed Certificate of Recognition.

In a poignant and heartfelt gesture, an Eagle Rededication Ceremony was conducted, bringing together all Eagles in attendance. They reaffirmed their commitment to the principles of Scouting and their responsibility to lead by example in their communities.

Adding a touch of innovation to the ceremony, Troop 52 unveiled a new tradition by commissioning Troop 52 Eagle Challenge Coins. These commemorative coins serve as a tangible reminder of the Scout's journey and achievements, a cherished keepsake that will be carried with them as a symbol of their dedication to scouting and the values it upholds.

The new Eagles, who were sworn in during this prestigious event, exemplify the best of Scouting. Their names will forever be etched in Troop 52's history as a testament to their dedication to self-improvement, leadership, and service to their community. These remarkable individuals are:



**William Layton Bates**  
**Martin Becker**  
**Drew Campbell**  
**Nick Dawson**  
**Ethan Ezell**



**Keaton Hampton**  
**Srijan Jagarlamudi**  
**Luke Pusey**  
**Aditya Rao**  
**Connor Schulenberg**

As Troop 52 continues its journey, the Court of Honor at the Texas Capitol served as a powerful reminder of the enduring spirit of Scouting, where young individuals are nurtured into leaders, and achievements are celebrated with pomp and grandeur. Congratulations to all the Scouts and leaders who made this event a resounding success, and best wishes to Troop 52 for an even brighter future.



## Sea Base 2025 - Looking for Adults and Scouts

We have a reservation for the Sea Base Fishing Adventure for July 10, 2025 to July 16, 2025. The summer of 2025 is a long way off, but slots are taken quickly, and we had a chance to book one week early. This trip will be led by Mr. Talaber, and the crew size is 6 to 8 people including adults. We definitely need another adult and have 3 slots available for scouts. Please contact Mr. Talaber via Scoutbook if you'd like to join us for this exciting fishing trip or would like more information.

Here is a link to a document describing various Sea Base programs including the Fishing Adventure: <https://www.bsaseabase.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Brinton-Center-Participant-Guide.pdf>

# Bee Cave District Awards Banquet

## Honoring Excellence: Troop 52 Celebrates Outstanding Contributions at the District Awards Banquet

On a memorable evening, Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 6:00 pm, Troop 52 gathered to host the highly anticipated District Awards Banquet, a fitting culmination to the remarkable year that was 2023. The event served as a heartfelt thank-you to all those who played a pivotal role in the troop's success.

As we bid farewell to 2023, we pause to acknowledge the exceptional individuals who left an indelible mark on Troop 52. Their outstanding contributions were recognized and celebrated through the prestigious Stinger Award, a symbol of their dedication and service. Troop 52 had the privilege of bestowing this honor upon six deserving recipients, all of whom were selected by their peers, including past Stinger Award winners.

The Stinger Award is a special accolade that acknowledges an individual's significant commitment and service to a Pack, Troop, Team, Crew, or Post within the Bee Cave District. Covering all units in the Lake Travis and Eanes ISDs, this award holds a unique place in our community. The recipients of this honor have invested their time and energy in a manner deemed highly valuable by their fellow unit members, deserving of public recognition.

The Troop 52 Stinger Award was proudly presented to the following individuals for their exceptional contributions in 2023:

- **Matt Berger – Assistant Scoutmaster**
- **Duncan Berlin – Assistant Scoutmaster**
- **Scott Carswell – Registrar**
- **Marcus Howard – Assistant Scoutmaster**
- **George Popa – Committee Chair**
- **Daniel Talaber – Climbing and numerous other campout duties**



In addition to the Stinger Awards, the District Committee also recognized individuals for their outstanding service to the Bee Cave District. Among the honorees were recipients of the Bronze Bee award, bestowed for exceptional service to the district. Troop 52 proudly celebrated **James Ezell** and **Tray Bates** as Bronze Bee recipients, acknowledging their dedication to the Bee Cave District.

Furthermore, the prestigious District Award of Merit was awarded to Troop 52's very own **Hank Kelbaugh**. This honor recognized his





**2023 Troop 52 Photo Albums:  
First Aid Campout  
(upcoming)**

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/YEUCxV6yrPMqJwjK9>

**Stop the Bleed Training**  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5Dx93wMipZHY2SLN9>

**Backpacking Campout**  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/DjqrA7VHb2GOf21ZA>

**T52 Color Guard**  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/moxewfSuhLvM3hE29>

**Climbing Campout**  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/u5bZkRk7AwGXbPK67>

**Nick's Dawson's Eagle Project**  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/pZgYSts163q6vr7D7>

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**Bee Cave District Awards Banquet (continued)**

exemplary service as the District Commissioner and his vital role as a member of the District Key 3. Hank's unwavering commitment to the Bee Cave District made him a deserving recipient of this prestigious accolade.

For more information about the awards presented by the district committee, including the Bronze Bee, District Award of Merit, and Cub Scout and Boy Scout of the Year awards, you can visit this link.

The District Awards Banquet was not only a night of recognition but also a testament to the dedication and excellence that define Troop 52. As we move forward into 2024, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to our success in 2023 and look forward to another year of growth and achievement.



**Hank Kelbaugh**



**James Ezell**

**Tray Bates**

