TROOP 52 NEWSLETTER July 27, 2025



The Lakeway Church | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

August 04, 2025; 7PM

Electronics Lock-in Prep

@ The Lakeway Church

Monthly Campout

August 08, 2025 - 6:00PM

Electronics Lock-in

@ Lakeway Church

PLC Meeting

July 28, 2025

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Implementing Annual Plan

@ The Lakeway Church

Parent's Meeting

June 29, 2025; 7PM-9PM TBD

All Adults/Parent's Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ The Lakeway Church



Troop 52 Kayaking Outing on Lake Travis: A Successful Event

On Saturday, Troop 52 conducted a successful kayaking outing on Lake Travis, providing an excellent opportunity for Scouts to apply their skills and work toward the Kayaking Merit Badge. The outing took place under favorable weather conditions, with breezy waters allowing for a focused experience on the Texas Hill Country lake. Scouts demonstrated proficiency in basic paddling techniques and safety protocols, contributing to a productive and well-executed event.

The day included practical application of skills learned during recent meetings, with Scouts navigating the lake and collaborating effectively. This outing underscored the group's commitment to outdoor education and skill development.

We want to acknowledge the significant contributions of the adult leaders who supported this event. Special thanks are extended to Duncan Berlin and Trevor Montgomery for taking the lead, whose expertise and oversight ensured the safety and success of all participants. Thanks to our adults' dedication, this was instrumental in making this a valuable experience for the troop.

This outing marks a positive step forward for Troop 52, and we look forward to future opportunities to build on these achievements.

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Summer Camp Notes

TBD

SUMMER CAMPER 2026

Thanks to Henri Nicolas for stepping up to lead Summer Camp 2026. As Scouter In Charge, Mr. Nicolas is responsible for leading the effort to determine potential locations for next year's Summer Camp. Stay tuned!!!

TROOP MEETING LOCATION:



Upcoming Patrol Leaders Council Meeting: First Gathering for the New PLC

Troop 52 will hold its next Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meeting on Monday, July 28, 2025, at 7:00 PM. This will be the first meeting for the newly formed PLC, making it a critical opportunity to establish direction and plan upcoming events for the troop. Full attendance is essential to ensure a comprehensive and effective planning session.

During the meeting, the new PLC will focus on scheduling and organizing the troop's upcoming activities, building on the recent success of the Lake Travis kayaking outing. Key topics will include setting goals, assigning roles, and coordinating logistics to support Troop 52's ongoing development. Your participation will help shape a strong agenda and maintain the troop's momentum.

Please make every effort to attend and contribute to this critical planning process. For any questions or to confirm your attendance, RSVP on Scoutbook.



Upcoming Parents' Meeting: Your Input Matters

Troop 52 will host a Parents' Meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at 7:00 PM CDT. This meeting is a vital opportunity for all parents to engage in shaping the future of our troop's activities. With the new Patrol Leaders Council recently formed, your attendance is crucial to provide guidance and support for upcoming events, building on successes like the recent Lake Travis kayaking outing.

Your presence ensures that the troop reflects the interests and needs of all families. If you want a voice in planning future activities and helping steer Troop 52's direction, this is your chance to contribute. Please make every effort to attend and bring your perspectives to the table. For any questions or to confirm attendance, contact the Scoutmaster by Monday evening.

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Gear Tips & Tricks: End of Summer & Fall Scouting

Dry Out Gear: After summer camps, fully dry tents and sleeping bags to prevent mildew. Store them loosely in a cool, dry place.

Waterproofing: Apply waterproof spray to tents and backpacks. Check seams for leaks and seal them for fall's wetter weather.

Sleeping Pad Upgrade: Consider a foam or inflatable sleeping pad for extra insulation against cold fall ground.

Headlamp Check: Test headlamps and replace batteries. Add a small backup flashlight for shorter fall days and longer nights.

Pack Rain Gear: Include a lightweight rain poncho or jacket. Fall showers are common, and staying dry is key.

Organize Your Pack: Use stuff sacks or color-coded bags to keep gear organized and easy to find in dim fall light.

Sharpen Knives: Ensure pocketknives are sharp and rust-free. A dull knife is unsafe and less useful for camp tasks.

Layered Clothing: Pack moisture-wicking base layers, fleece mid-layers, and a windproof outer layer for unpredictable fall weather.

Tarp Trick: Bring a small tarp for extra shelter or ground cover. It's a lifesaver for wet campsites or gear protection.

Gear Repair Kit: Pack duct tape, needle, thread, and cordage for quick fixes to tents, packs, or clothing on fall trips.

Troop 52 Photo Albums:

If you need to check for the latest info, event photos or announcements, follow us on <u>Facebook</u> or on the <u>Troop 52 Website</u>



Upcoming Electronics Lock-In @ Lakeway Church: Friday Night Fun for Troop 52

Troop 52 invites all eligible Scouts to an Electronics Lock-In next Friday, August 1, 2025, starting at 6:00 PM. This event offers a chance to enjoy a night of gaming, where Scouts may bring their games to play. All items must be scoutappropriate, with no games rated M or above permitted. No exceptions will be made.

The cost is \$10 per person, which covers pizza and drinks for the evening. Webelos are welcome to join from 6:00 PM on Friday to 10:00 PM, but must be picked up by 10:00 PM sharp. Webelos are welcome to attend for free, but overnight stays are not permitted for Webelos. All participating Scouts must have completed the Cyber Chip prior to attending.

Registration is required by Wednesday, July 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM to ensure accurate pizza orders. Please RSVP on Scoutbook Electronics Lock-in Event: https://advancements.scouting.org/calendar/event/6446411

