TROOP 52 NEWSLETTER March 26, 2025



Emmaus Catholic Parish | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

March 31, 2025; 7PM

Camporee Training

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Monthly Campout

April 25-27, 2025

District Camporee

SIC: TBD

@ Wessendorff Ranch, Blanco, TX

PLC Meeting

April 28, 2025; 7PM

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Monthly Meeting Planning

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish

Parent's Meeting

April 29, 2025; 7PM-9PM

All Adults Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ Emmaus Catholic Parish



Head to the 8th Annual Central Texas Spring-O!

This will be a day event, not a weekend campout, at Lost Pines Scout Reservation, 785 FM1441, Bastrop, TX 78602

Get ready for adventure! Head to the **8th Annual Central Texas Spring-O**—a Scout Orienteering Challenge on **Saturday, March 29, 2025**.

This action-packed day trip event is open to Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, Webelos, Venture Scouts, Sea Scouts, Girl Scouts, AHG Troops, JROTC, and Orienteering Clubs. Hosted at www.scoutOchallenge.com, Spring-O features fun and skill-building activities for all ages and abilities, including:

- **Point-to-Point Orienteering Courses** (Beginner stays on trails/roads)
- Compass Challenge
- Maze-O
- Orienteering Merit Badge Opportunities

Orienteering combines hiking and navigation skills into an exciting outdoor challenge that builds teamwork, critical thinking, and confidence. Whether you're a seasoned map-reader or just starting out, there's a course for you!

Visit www.scoutOchallenge.com for details.

Mark your calendars for March 29 and don't miss this great opportunity to sharpen your skills and have a blast in the woods!

For questions, email the event team at orienteering@troop8787.org.

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Summer Camp Notes

Camp Alexander - Lake George, Colorado: June 14-22, 2025

Join us for the 2025 summer camp. Camp A is an excellent place to attend, especially to get out of the Texas heat for a week. Scouts will work on merit badges and rank advancement. There will be opportunities to go whitewater rafting, rock climbing, and many outdoor activities.

Each scout and adult has a total cost of \$725 and \$625, respectively. The first payment of \$250 is due on or before Nov. 1. Second payment of \$250 is due on or before Jan. 15, 2025, and the balance of \$225/Scout and \$125/Adult is due March 15, 2025

Whitewater Rafting is an additional \$120/attendee. The deadline to sign up and pay is April 1st, and the Scout Swimmer qualification must be passed before rafting.

SIC: Nico Sfeir



Directions to Camp A!

Watch this video about Camp Alexander!



NEW "CLASS B" T-SHIRTS ARE IN INVENTORY

Any size is available for \$18.00 each. Sizes available are: XS, S, M, L XL, 2XL



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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>

Scouting Factoids

Foggy Beginnings: The Boy Scouts of America was sparked in 1909 when a Scout helped Chicago publisher W.D. Boyce navigate London's fog—refusing a tip because it was his "good turn."

Bestseller Boost: *Scouting for Boys* by founder Robert Baden-Powell has sold over 100 million copies since 1908, ranking it among the top-selling books ever.

Eagle Elite: Only about 6% of Scouts earn the Eagle Scout rank—past recipients include Neil Armstrong and Steven Spielberg.

Wild Jamboree: The first World Scout Jamboree in 1920 featured an alligator from Florida, a baby crocodile from Jamaica, and a lioness cub from Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe).

Name Swap: In 2024, the Boy Scouts of America rebranded to Scouting America, reflecting over 196,000 girls joining since 2019.

Keep your eyes here for more fun facts about Scouting next month!





Order of the Arrow Election @ April 7 Troop Meeting

Troop 52 will hold its **Order of the Arrow (OA) election** during the regular troop meeting on **Monday, April 7, 2025**. Representatives from the OA Bee Cave District will be present to conduct the official election.

The **Order of the Arrow** is Scouting's National Honor Society, recognizing Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. To be eligible for election, Scouts must meet specific requirements, including **rank and camping nights**.

Important Reminder:

All Scouts who believe they may be eligible for election should **verify their camping nights are up to date**. Accurate records are essential to ensure your name is included on the ballot.

If you're not sure where you stand or need to update your records, please speak with your Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, or Advancement Chair **before April 1**.

Don't miss this chance to be recognized by your fellow Scouts for leadership, service, and cheerful spirit!

