



T52 NEWS



The Lakeway Church | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

NO MEETING on LABOR DAY

Next: September 08, 2025; 7 PM

Grubmaster Training

@ The Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall

Monthly Campout

September 20, 2025 - 7:00 AM

David Mountains Star Party & Balmorhea State Parks

@ Davis Mountain SP & Balmorhea SP

PLC Meeting

September 23, 2025 (TUESDAY)

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

Planning October/Flyfishing

@ The Lakeway Church Upstairs Meeting Room

Parent's Meeting

September 24, 2025; 7PM-9PM (WEDNESDAY)

All Adults/Parent's Invited

Formerly known as the Committee Meeting

@ TBD



Troop 52 Court of Honor — Monday, 7 PM

Troop 52 will hold its Court of Honor this Monday at 7 PM in the Lakeway Church Chapel. Families and friends are invited to join us as we recognize rank advancements, merit badges, and leadership milestones from the past few months.

Scouts should arrive by 6:40 PM in full Class A uniform and bring their handbooks for signatures. Parents, please plan to stay for photos and a brief update on upcoming campouts and events. A light reception will follow, hosted by Eagle Scout families.

This is a great night to celebrate hard work and welcome new Scouts into the troop's traditions. See you Monday at the Chapel.





Summer Camp Notes

TBD

SUMMER CAMPER 2026

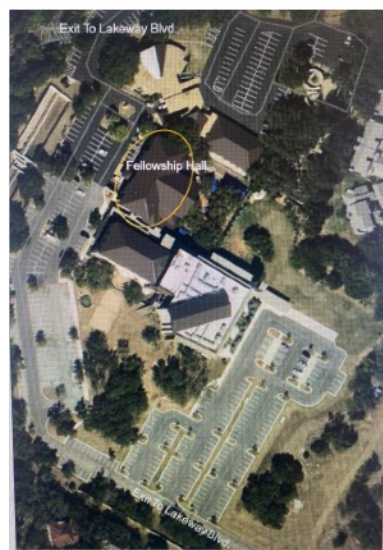
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Investigating the potential for
Emerald Bay @ Catalina Island

Reach out to Mr. Nicolas for any
questions.

TROOP MEETING LOCATION:



Troop 52 Campout: Fort Davis Star Party & Balmorhea Swimming!



We are firming up the details for our September campout, which will be at Fort Davis, Saturday - Monday, September 20-22. There is no school on Monday, September 22, so we are taking advantage of the long weekend. This is a heads up for anyone who needs to put in for the time off work. This is going to be a unique campout that we have not ever done before. We will see an amazing part of West Texas and attend a Star Party at McDonald Observatory for the Astronomy Merit Badge. Scouts must have passed the swim test in the past year in order to swim. Scouts and adults should bring swimsuits, towels, masks, etc. This campout is capped at 32 people by first to register.

Campout Itinerary:

Location:

Saturday, September 20:

Arrive at LTMS at 7:00 am

Depart LTMS by 7:30 am

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/uCgHS5iFQETSEH9V7>

Arrive at Davis Mountains SP at 1:30 pm

Scouts should pack a sack lunch for the road!

Campsites 49-52 at Davis Mountains State Park

Park Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4501_004d.pdf

Sunday, September 21:

Balmorhea State Park

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/QjmNfqSUMKjfcE5x7>

Campsites #14, #15, #17 & #20 (group site)

Park Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4501_002h.pdf

Activity Schedule:

Saturday:

Arrive approximately 1:30 pm



Set up camp

Dinner - Patrol Cooking, James
and Mike Bat grubmasters
Astronomy MB - prep for the
evening

All scouts should print and
bring the MB worksheet:

<http://usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb022.asp>



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 **Facebook** or on the **Troop 52 Website**

Here is a link to the Astronomy MB pamphlet at the bottom of this page (no need to print):

<https://www.scouting.org/merit-badges/astronomy/>

Star Party at McDonald Observatory:

<https://mcdonaldobservatory.org/visitors>

20 minute drive:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/VjBKzNJv6x4K5KH78>

Late night for all since Star Party begins at 8:45 pm, arrive by 8:30 pm

Return to campsite

Sunday:

Breakfast at Davis Mountains State Park

Optional early morning trail hike. Trail Map:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/park_maps/pwd_mp_p4501_0004f.pdf

Pack up camp

Move to Balmorhea State Park (30 minute drive)

Set up camp

Lunch - patrol cooking

Swim in spring-fed pool!

TTFC Option: First Class #6e - water line rescue

Astronomy MB wrap-up

Free time for others

SM Conferences and/or BORs

All adults must take Safe Swim Defense:

<https://www.capitolareascouting.org/training/adult/safe-swim-defense/>

Dinner - Patrol Cooking, James and Mike Bat grubmasters

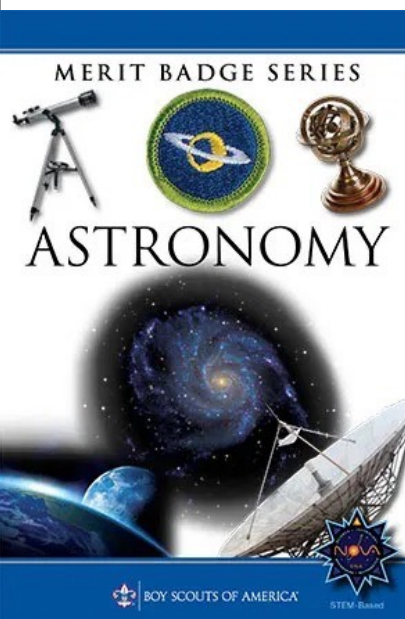
Monday:

Cold breakfast

Roses and Thorns and Buds

Pack and depart for Lakeway

Arrive home approximately 3:00 pm



Note: Campsites have a maximum of two vehicles and eight people except group site can have four vehicles and 16 people.

Needs:

Assistant adult grubmaster

All adults attending must take Safe Swim Defense for safety.

Adult to pull trailer?

Not bringing smoker

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Congratulations to all the recent 2025 Eagle Scouts!

