



T52 NEWS



The Lakeway Church | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

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

		Meeting Plan: _____ Week __ DateSeptember 8, 2025		
ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	RUN BY	TIME*	
Preopening 10 minutes before meeting	Set up Table & Chairs. Flags and Bases Set up SMC and BORs with Mrs. Sullivan & Ms. Taylor	SPL	6:50	
Opening Ceremony 5 minutes	Flag presentation Oath and Law Red Cobras - Flags Uniform Inspection		7:00	
Group Instruction 25 minutes	• Grubmaster Training • Budget Planning • Food Amounts • Storage		7:05	
Skills Instruction 20 minutes	• Patrol Leader & Quartermaster review of Patrol gear in Trailer & Cleaning of the equipment. Test stoves and other gear.		7:25	
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Breakout Groups 20 minutes (Patrol Meetings)	Meeting the Patrol ASM		7:45	
Game (or Challenge) 20 minutes	Capture the Flag		8:05	
Closing 5 minutes	Announcements Leader's minute Closing		8:25	
Total 90 minutes of meeting				
After the Meeting 10 minutes	Leadership team review plans for the next meeting and for the main event.		8:40	

Troop 52 Meeting Agenda — Monday, 7 PM

[Grubmaster Instructions](#); [Grubmaster Meal Planning](#); [Grubmaster Reimbursement Sheet](#)

[Patrol Duty Roster](#); [Patrol Box Gear Checklist](#)



Summer Camp Notes

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SUMMER CAMPER 2026

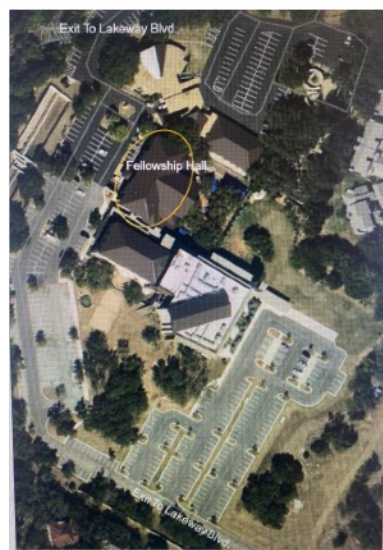
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Investigating the potential for
Emerald Bay @ Catalina Island

Reach out to Mr. Nicolas for any
questions.

TROOP MEETING LOCATION:



The Grubmaster's Role: Feeding the Patrol, Working with Leaders on Gear

Being a Patrol Grubmaster is one of the most important responsibilities in Scouting. The job goes beyond just buying food—it teaches planning, budgeting, teamwork, and responsibility for the entire patrol's well-being.

Meal Planning and Budgeting

The Grubmaster begins by confirming the number of scouts and adults attending the campout. Using the [Grubmaster Instructions](#) and [Meal Planning Guide](#), they develop a menu that is balanced, simple, and scout-friendly. Meals must stay within the budget, and the [Grubmaster Reimbursement Sheet](#) helps track spending and ensures fair cost-sharing across the patrol.

Shopping and Preparation

Once the plan is set, the Grubmaster creates a shopping list, combining all ingredients by category for efficiency. Food should be portioned, labeled, and packaged for easy transport and cooking. Items are packed in coolers or containers to stay fresh and organized until mealtime.

Campout Cooking and Clean-Up

At camp, the Grubmaster leads meal preparation, often with help from other patrol members. Assignments for cooking and cleanup are laid out in the *Patrol Duty Roster*. The Grubmaster ensures food is prepared safely, everyone gets their fair share, and cleanup is done properly. This includes following Leave No Trace practices and ensuring dishes and cookware are cleaned and sanitized after every meal.

Patrol Leader and Quartermaster Responsibilities

While the Grubmaster focuses on food, the *Patrol Leader* and *Quartermaster* are responsible for patrol boxes and gear. They confirm that all required cooking equipment, utensils, and supplies are packed using the [Patrol Box Gear Checklist](#). They also provide leadership by organizing patrol duties and preparing the [Patrol Duty Roster](#) before the campout. At the end of the outing, they ensure all gear is cleaned, returned, and stored properly for the next event.

Teamwork in Action

Together, the Grubmaster, Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster form a team that ensures the patrol functions smoothly. By sharing responsibilities for food, gear, and leadership, they help create an enjoyable campout experience for everyone while building skills in responsibility, organization, and service.



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](#)

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



Our September campout is set for **Fort Davis, Sept 20–22** (Sat–Mon). With no school on Monday, we'll enjoy a long weekend exploring West Texas.

Highlights include a **Star Party at McDonald Observatory** for the Astronomy Merit Badge and swimming at **Balmorhea State Park**. The trip is limited to **32 participants** on a first-come, first-served basis.

Itinerary

Saturday, Sept 20

- Meet at LTMS: 7:00 am; Depart: 7:30 am
- Arrive at Davis Mountains SP ~1:30 pm (bring sack lunch)
- Campsites 49–52
- Patrol cooking dinner (James & Mike Bat)
- Astronomy MB prep (bring printed worksheet)
- Evening: **Star Party at McDonald Observatory** (8:45 pm start)

Sunday, Sept 21

- Breakfast & optional hike
- Pack up and move to Balmorhea SP (30 min drive, group site #14–20)
- Lunch, then swim in spring-fed pool (swim test required; bring swim gear)
- TTFC option: First Class #6e – water rescue
- Astronomy MB wrap-up, SM Conferences, free time
- Patrol dinner (James & Mike Bat)

Monday, Sept 22

- Cold breakfast, Roses/Thorns/Buds
- Depart ~9:00 am, return to Lakeway ~3:00 pm

Notes & Needs

- Adults attending **must complete Safe Swim Defense**
- Looking for assistant grubmaster & trailer driver
- Campsite vehicle limits: 2 per site (4 at group site)
- Contact: **James Ezell**
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