



T52 NEWS



The Lakeway Church | Bee Cave District | Capitol Area Council

Troop Meeting

July 7, 2025; 7PM

Future Leadership and Annual Planning Prep

@ The Lakeway Church

Monthly Campout

July 26, 2025 - TBD

Kayaking MB on Lake Travis

Summer Activities underway and Annual Planning will set next Campouts.

PLC Meeting

July 28, 2025

Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)

TBD

@ 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

Reflecting on Independence Day and Resilience in the Texas Hill Country

As we gathered this past week to celebrate the 4th of July, Troop 52 joins the nation in honoring the spirit of freedom, unity, and resilience that defines our country. This year's Independence Day was a celebration of community, marked by fireworks lighting up the night sky, backyard barbecues, and families coming together.

Yet, as we reflect on the joy of this holiday, our hearts are heavy with the news of the devastating floods that swept through the Texas Hill Country. The torrential rains brought destruction to homes and livelihoods, and tragically, lives were lost. We mourn for those who have suffered and extend our deepest sympathies to the families and communities affected. Their loss is felt deeply, and we hold them in our thoughts.

In the face of such tragedy, the resilience of the Hill Country shines through. Neighbors are helping neighbors, volunteers are stepping up, and communities are rebuilding with courage and hope. As Scouts, we are inspired by this spirit of service and unity. Troop 52 invites all members to join in these acts of kindness, embodying the Scout Oath to help others at all times. Opportunities on how to help will become clearer in the days to come.

Let us carry forward the light of the 4th of July—its hope, its strength, and its call to stand together. As we honor those we've lost and support those in need, we are reminded that our community's heart beats strongest in times of challenge. Together, we will rise, rebuild, and continue to make a difference.

-Yours in Scouting



Summer Camp Notes

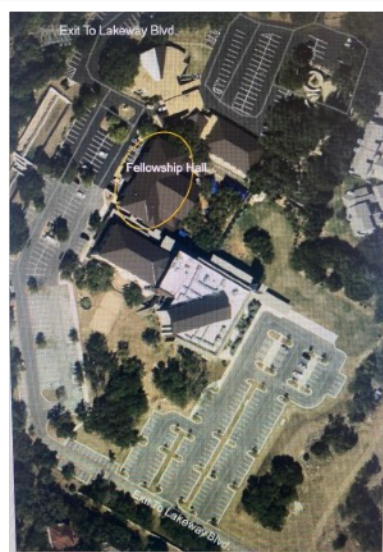
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SUMMER CAMPER 2026

We have our upcoming Annual Planning meeting on Saturday, July 12, 2025. We will discuss SIC and potential locations for next years Summer Camp. Stay tuned!!!

TROOP MEETING LOCATION:

Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall



Troop 52 Meeting Agenda: Annual Planning Input Session

Date: July 7, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: **Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall**

Objective: Collect ideas, preferences, and feedback from Scouts, leaders, and parents to shape the troop's annual plan for the upcoming year.

This meeting will be one of the most critical Troop Meetings of the year, helping us get started with an exciting and fun Annual Plan. Start thinking about all the cool things you want to do and bring those ideas to our meeting at our new location, **Lakeway Church Fellowship Hall, on Monday night! Then on Saturday, July 12th, our Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) will meet again to formulate these ideas into our Annual Plan! Saturday's meeting will be led by PLC, but is open to all.**

AGENDA

1. Opening Ceremony (5 minutes)

- **Flag Ceremony:** Led by Patrol selected by Senior Patrol Leader.
- **Scout Oath and Law:** Recite together.
- **Welcome and Purpose:** Scoutmaster or Senior Patrol Leader explaining the goal of gathering input for the annual planning meeting.

2. Icebreaker Activity: "Dream Scout Year" (10 minutes)

- **Activity:**
 - Divide Scouts by patrol.
 - Ask each group: "If you could plan the perfect Scout year, what would it include?"
 - Give each group 5 minutes to brainstorm and write down 3-5 ideas (e.g., campouts, activities, merit badges, service projects).
 - Each group shares one idea with the troop.
- **Facilitator:** Assistant Scoutmaster.

3. Brainstorming Session: Key Planning Areas (30 minutes)

- **Purpose:** Gather structured input on specific aspects of the annual plan.
- **Setup:**
 1. Set up stations or discussion groups for each category below, led by a Scout leader or adult volunteer.
 2. Provide paper, pens, or sticky notes for Scouts to jot down ideas.
 3. Rotate patrols through stations (5-7 minutes per station).



Gear Tips & Tricks: Summer Scouting

Beat the Heat with Hydration

Packs: Summer hikes demand hydration. Use a lightweight hydration pack with a 2-liter reservoir for hands-free sipping. Clean it after each trip with a vinegar rinse to prevent mold.

Quick-Dry Clothing Hack: Pack synthetic or merino wool shirts and socks for summer camp—they dry faster than cotton and reduce blisters. Roll them tightly to save backpack space.

Bug-Proof Your Tent: Apply permethrin spray to tent seams and guy lines before summer outings to repel mosquitoes and ticks. Always ventilate the tent well to stay cool.

Multi-Use Bandana: A bandana is your summer MVP—use it as a sweatband, pot holder, or emergency sling. Soak it in cool water for instant relief on hot days.

Gear Check: Flashlights: Swap out batteries in your headlamp or flashlight before camp. Pack a spare set in a ziplock bag to avoid corrosion from summer humidity.



- Categories for Input:
 1. **Campouts and Outdoor Activities:**
 - Where do we want to go? (e.g., national parks, local campsites, high-adventure bases)
 - What types of activities? (e.g., hiking, canoeing, rock climbing)
 2. **Merit Badges and Advancement:**
 - Which merit badges should we focus on as a troop?
 - Are there specific skills or workshops we want to include?
 3. **Service Projects:**
 - What community service projects are exciting or meaningful?
 - Any partnerships with local organizations?
 4. **Troop Events and Fun Activities:**
 - Ideas for courts of honor, troop parties, or special events.
 - Themes or unique activities (e.g., Scout Olympics, cooking competition).
 5. **Leadership and Patrol Goals:**
 - What goals should patrols set for the year?
 - Ideas for leadership training or youth-led activities.
- **Facilitator Notes:**
 1. Encourage all Scouts to contribute.
 2. Use open-ended questions like, “What’s one thing you’d love to do this year?” or “What would make this year unforgettable?”
 3. Adults take notes to compile ideas for the planning meeting.
- 4. **Parent Input Session (10 minutes)**
 - **Purpose:** Engage parents for their perspectives and support.
 - **Activity:**
 - Invite parents to share ideas or concerns (e.g., budget, transportation, volunteer roles).
 - Ask specific questions like:
 - Are there any skills or expertise you can offer for activities?
 - What types of family-inclusive events would you like?
 - Email Scoutmaster for any additional ideas.
 - **Facilitator:** Committee Chair or Scoutmaster.
- 5. **Prioritization Activity: Dot Voting (10 minutes)**
 - **Purpose:** Narrow down the most popular ideas to bring to the annual planning meeting.
 - **Activity:**
 - List top ideas from the brainstorming session on a whiteboard or large paper (group similar ideas if needed).
 - Give each Scout and adult 3-5 stickers to place next to their favorite ideas (dot voting).
 - Identify the top 5-10 ideas based on votes to prioritize for Saturday’s planning meeting.
 - **Facilitator:** Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Scoutmaster.
- 6. **Wrap-Up and Next Steps (5 minutes)**
 - **Summary:** Scoutmaster recaps the top ideas and explains how they’ll be used at the annual planning meeting.
 - **Action Items:**
 - Encourage Scouts to talk to their Patrol Leaders with any additional ideas before Saturday.
 - **Thank You:** Acknowledge everyone’s contributions and enthusiasm.
 - **Closing:** Scoutmaster’s Minute (short inspirational message) and closing ceremony (retiring the flag).

Scouting Summer Factoids

Sunlit Adventures: Scouting's summer camps, inspired by Baden-Powell's 1907 vision, offer activities like archery, swimming, and canoeing to build teamwork and confidence.

Outdoor Cooking Craze: Scouts master Dutch oven cooking at summer camp, baking cobblers and stews under the sun, a skill honed since Scouting's early days.

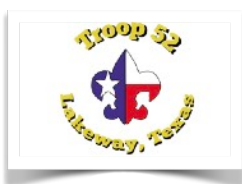
Waterfront Wonders: The Aquatics merit badge, earned at summer lakesides, teaches Scouts lifesaving, kayaking, and snorkeling, with over 50,000 badges awarded yearly.

Nature's Classroom: Summer hikes introduce Scouts to ecology, identifying plants and wildlife, continuing the 1910 tradition of nature study in Scouting programs.

Campfire Chronicles: Summer campfires unite Scouts for skits, songs, and storytelling, a ritual rooted in the first World Scout Jamboree of 1920 in London.

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 Annual Planning Meeting: Shaping Our Future Together - July 12, 2025

As we look ahead to another exciting year of adventure, growth, and camaraderie, Troop 52 is preparing for our Annual Planning Meeting, a cornerstone event that sets the direction for our troop's success. This meeting is not just a date on the calendar—it's an opportunity for our Scouts to take the lead, dream big, and shape the experiences that will define their Scouting journey.



When and Where:

The Annual Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 9AM-2PM, at Lakeway Church. Led by our Patrol Leaders Council but all Scouts, parents, and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Why It Matters:

The Annual Planning Meeting is where the heart of Troop 52 beats strongest. This is the time when our Scouts take charge, deciding what activities, outings, and goals will fill our calendar. From camping trips and service projects to skill-building workshops and high-adventure outings, the Scouts' voices drive the agenda. This process empowers our youth to develop leadership, teamwork, and decision-making skills while ensuring the troop's activities reflect their interests and aspirations.

Equally vital is the role of our parents and volunteers. While Scouts set the vision, parents and adult leaders are the backbone of executing the plan. Your commitment ensures we have the resources, transportation, and supervision needed to bring these activities to life safely and effectively. Whether it's volunteering as a trip chaperone, helping with logistics, or supporting troop events, your involvement makes all the difference.

What to Expect:

During the meeting, Scouts will:

- Brainstorm and prioritize activities for the upcoming year.
- Set goals for advancement, community service, and troop achievements.
- Collaborate to create a balanced calendar that includes fun, learning, and growth.

Parents and volunteers will:

- Learn about the Scouts' proposed plans and provide input.
- Sign up for roles to support the execution of the calendar, ensuring we have enough adult leaders and resources.
- Discuss how to align our efforts to meet the troop's needs while keeping safety first.

How You Can Prepare:

- **Scouts:** Come ready with ideas! Think about the types of activities you'd like to do—whether it's hiking, canoeing, community service, or earning specific merit badges. Talk to your patrol members beforehand to gather input.
- **Parents:** Consider how you can contribute your time or skills. Even a few hours of volunteering can make a big impact. Bring your calendars to sign up for events where you can help.

Why Your Participation Is Crucial:

Scout-led planning ensures our troop remains vibrant, relevant, and engaging for our youth. When Scouts take ownership of the agenda, they develop confidence and a sense of responsibility for their troop's success. Meanwhile, parent involvement guarantees that we can execute these plans safely and effectively, creating memorable experiences that build character and lifelong skills.

Let's come together to make this Annual Planning Meeting a success. Your ideas, energy, and commitment will shape Troop 52's future and ensure another year of adventure and growth for our Scouts.

P.S. Can't make the meeting? Reach out to [Tray Bates](#) to share your ideas or volunteer availability. Every voice matters!