

**February
2021**



Bryan / College Station

Service Unit News

**Area 3, Service Unit 700,
Council Code 578**

Message from the SUD

Happy Cookie Season! I hope all of your Scouts are enjoying selling cookies.

Spring is right around the corner and there are many things coming our way! There are many virtual events and badge opportunities on the GSCTX website. In addition, overnight camping requests are being approved, so the girls are able to experience the adventure of being outdoors.

Howdy Bugs! Day Camp is a go for this year! Last year was virtual so very trying but also successful. This year there will be guidelines but the camp should be face to face!

As more people are vaccinated and we are able to meet in person, I look forward to meeting all of you and to thank you for keeping Girl Scouts in the BCS area moving forward. You are all to be commended! Thank you!



Cookie Sales Delivery

Girl Scout Cookies are being sold and delivered by Uber Eats, Grubhub, and Favor this year. Our Scout House is being used as a pickup place on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of February.

For more information on this, contact Kim Wolfe or Amanda Court.

**Serving the girls of
Brazos County.**

**Helping to build girls
of courage,
confidence, and
character.**

Important Message for Troop Leaders

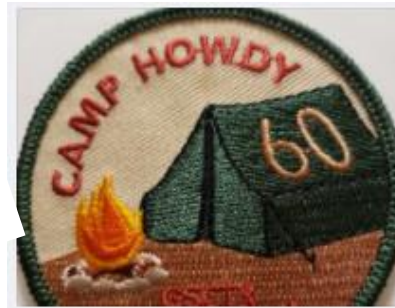
Troop leaders have not been receiving the email notification when a new girl joins the troop since the migration to the new system in December.

GSUSA is working to resolve this, but in the meantime Troop Leaders are asked to regularly check their Troop Rosters within the Volunteer Toolkit to see if new girls have joined. Please check regularly so you can connect with new girls who are ready to get started on their Girl Scout adventures!

If you need help with this Membership staff, Service Unit Directors and Registrars can also assist troops with checking for newly registered girls by accessing the SU Roster: New in the Last Two Weeks report within Looker

June 7 – 11, 2021

**Howdy
Bugs! Day
Camp is on
for this
June.**



**More
information
coming
soon!**

If you would like to help with planning Howdy Bugs!
Day Camp, please contact Jami Castillo.

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Upcoming Events

All event registrations are accessed by clicking on the event name.

For a complete listing of all events, click on the [GSCTX calendar of events](#).

- **2/1/21 – 2/28/21**
[Think Like a Programmer Online Journey](#) (C, S, A, nonmembers gr 6-12)
- **2/4/21**
[Virtual My First Badge: EcoLearner](#) (D)
- **2/6/21**
[Virtual Wells Fargo Cookie Pitch](#) (C, S, A)
- **2/8/21**
[Virtual STEMonday: At the Scene](#) (B)
- **2/12/21**
[Virtual See It, Be It: STEM SpeakHERS Series Digital Forensics](#) (D, B, J, C, S, A, Adult)
- **2/16/21**
[Virtually Wild: Texas Animal Adaptations](#) (D, B, J)
- **2/23/21**
[Virtually Wild: Texas Animal Adaptations](#) (C, S, A)
- **2/25/21**
[Virtually Wild: Digital Photography in the Outdoors](#) (C, S, A)

Training Events

CPR and First Aid Training:

Council is setting up a Zoom class to do both CPR and First Aid Training. Once the dates are set, the information will appear in the event calendar on the Council website.

Once you complete the Zoom class, contact Sandra Trainor to set up a final in-person training. Sandra will give you the card and certificate. The cost for a CPR class is \$30.

CPR Challenges:

Sandra will schedule CPR challenges one-on-one as needed. People taking the challenges are usually experienced CPR certificate holders. Email Sandra Trainor to schedule a challenge. The cost is \$30.

All other trainings remain unchanged, and online, at this time. This includes the Let's Go 1 training.

There is a committee working on an online Let's Go 2 training. This would enable a troop to build a fire for s'mores but NOT for overnight camping and NOT for extensive outdoor cooking. As this becomes available, information will be shared.

Camp Howdy Committee

There is a Camp Howdy Committee being formed to work with troops to rejuvenate the love for Camp Howdy. It is essential to get the girls and leaders involved in making decisions on how best to keep Camp Howdy fresh, fun, and new in the upcoming years.

If you are interested in joining this committee or joining a subcommittee that results from the committee, please contact DJ Weatherford (dj.weatherford@gmail.com) or Sara Ptomey (saraptomey12@gmail.com).

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Sign the pledge.



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Council and Unit Updates

Spring 2021 Store Hours

Monday: 1:30-5
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 1:30-5
Thursday: CLOSED
Friday: 1:30-5
Saturday: 11-4 (Jan 23, Feb 20,
Mar 13, Apr 24 and May 22)

Address: 1737 Briarcrest, Suite 10
Bryan, TX

Service Unit Member Update

Recruitment continues to be quite successful. As of January 28, there are 444 girls who have renewed for this year. The goal was 425 so there is an increase of 19 over our goal.

Our total girl count of 483 is significantly below our goal of 690, but recruitment continues.

We need to continue to work on recruiting new girls. As of today, there are 39 new girls, with a goal of 265.

Please contact Dani Jones with any questions you may have.

National Service Project – Cupid Crew

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity for you and your troop to reach out and show others that you care—especially those who may be alone on a day that's all about connection!

This year, Girl Scouts is teaming up with **Wish of a Lifetime from AARP for Cupid Crew 2021**, a volunteer-driven effort to create cards and safely send some love to tens of thousands of older adults who are socially isolated.

Even though we have to keep a safe distance, your troop can help spread joy to thousands of older adults across the country by writing Valentine's Day cards as part of the Cupid Crew national service project.

Use this link for more information and specifics on how your troop can join in the fun: <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/troop-leaders/national-service-projects.html>

Camp Reservations

Weekend camp reservations are now open for Spring 2021 only. **Guidance for Troop Camping During COVID-19**

Travel Guidelines

Effective Nov. 1, 2020

Approved Girl Scout troop/group overnight travel will be permitted.

Volunteers are required to submit the **online Activity and Travel Application** for all overnight trips and day trips over 100 miles at least two weeks in advance.

Domestic and international travel is permitted as long as the destination allows visitors from the home country/state/county/city.

Groups should check the **U.S. Department of State Travel Advisories** for intended international destinations.

Groups will need to demonstrate approval from the destination's local authority.

COVID-19 is a fluid situation. Groups accept the risks of cancellations due to changes in the destination travel status.



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