

**Girl Scouts
Bryan/College Station
Service Unit**

**2010
Girl Awards
Ceremony**



May 7, 2010

Award: **BRONZE**

Girl Scouts: Ashlyn C, Alisa S, Lois W, Elizabeth A, Cassandra S



Troop Number: 9132

Project Title: Stories of Crestview Retirement Home Residents

Troop Leaders: Lisa Soto and Jenny Adams

Project Advisors: Alice Mendez and Mike Adams





Description: Troop 9132 Scouts chose to help Senior citizens in our community. Crestview was selected because of the varied level of living assistance they provide and for their willingness to work with us. After participating in many different activities at Crestview (bingo, singing, Christmas party, etc.) and getting to know the residents there, the Scouts realized that the residents really enjoy having someone to listen to their stories. So, we decided to interview 14 residents then write and compile articles about their lives into handmade books for them to keep. The books were read aloud to all the residents at Crestview. The articles included photos and artwork.

Award: **BRONZE**

Girl Scouts: Sarah A, Katy C, Taylor C, Hannah E, Haille G,
Emily H, Danielle VO, Jordan W, Grace W

Troop Number: 9225

Project Title: Beds for Cats Waiting for Adoption

Troop Leaders: Lisa Hubacek and Nora Cargo



Description: Troop 9225 earned their Bronze Awards earlier this year. The girls held a dog wash at Highway 30 Vet Clinic and a Bake Sale at St. Joseph Catholic Church to raise funds. The funds were used to purchase fleece so that the girls could make cat beds for the Brazos Animal Shelter. Each girl worked very hard and made anywhere from six to ten cat beds each. These cat beds are used at the shelter to provide comfort and warmth for the cats in their cages. The beds are sent home with the cats when they are adopted, so they will take something familiar with them to their new homes. The troop presented approximately 90 cat beds to the shelter, along with a check for \$400.



Award: **BRONZE**

Girl Scouts: Angela S, Eileen B, Kaitlyn M, Kennedy W, Madelyn G.

Troop Number: 9164

Project Title: Sprucing up Hillman 1

Troop Leaders: Amanda Nuernberg and Brandi Whittenton



Description: Members of Troop 9164 performed the following task:

- **Angela S** helped to clear brush on the path to Hillman 1, helped place a new sign at Hillman 1 by digging some of the hole, mixed and poured concrete, and placed letters on the new sign.
- **Eileen B** helped to clear brush on the path to Hillman 1, helped to place a new sign at Hillman 1 by digging some of the hole, mixed and poured concrete, and placed letters on the new sign.
- **Kaitlyn M** cleared brush and large yaupon at Hillman 1, making the site bigger and more tent/troop friendly. Also cleared the path from RaNap Bridge to Hillman 1.
- **Kennedi W** cleared brush and large yaupon at Hillman 1, making the site bigger and more tent/troop friendly. Also cleared the path from RaNap Bridge to Hillman 1.
- **Madelyn G** designed new Hillman 1 sign, helped in making and painting of the sign, and the placing of the sign. Helped in clearing the pathway from RaNap Bridge to Hillman 1.

Award: BRONZE

Girl Scouts: Haley A, Sarah D, Lucy F, Caitlin G, Katie G, Lucy H, Laura O, Jessica S, Kelsee R

Troop Number: 9167

Project Title: Blankets for Babies

Troop Leaders: Kristie Orr and Lueann Donaldson

Project Advisors: All the moms of Troop 9167



Description: Time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of St. Joseph's Hospital is very stressful for families of preemies and children born with special medical needs. Troop 9167 wanted to comfort them by giving them a baby blanket for when they take their baby home. We spent over 150 hours planning, purchasing fabric, sewing, and collecting blankets. We made 61 blankets and collected 30 more gently used blankets from friends and family members. We delivered the blankets to the St. Joseph's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit on April 26, 2010 and got to see a baby in an incubator who will receive one of our blankets!

This project is dedicated to the memory of Cole Harrison, the brother of one of our former Girl Scout troop members. Cole was born July 7, 2008 with multiple medical complications and spent much of his life in the NICU and PICU. Cole passed away on February 17, 2010.



Award: **BRONZE**

Girl Scouts: Madeleine A
and Jessica B

Troop Number: 9072

Project Title: Sock Hop for
Veterans

**Troop Leaders and Project
Advisors:**

Janet Ackerman, Jennifer Brown, and Candy Garrett



Description: Jessica and Madaleine have an older Girl Scout friend, Bethany Monsees, who was working on her Gold Award project to make care kits for homeless veterans and they wanted to help. The girls decided to hold a sock hop event for



younger girls to come have an afternoon of fun and the entrance fee would be a pair of new men's crew socks to put in Bethany's care kits. Jessica and Madaleine organized the event that was held on a Saturday afternoon in the cafeteria at College Station Middle School. There was a jump rope jumping contest, a bubble gum blowing contest, a sock relay and of course, dancing. Forty-six girls attended the Sock Hop for



Veterans and thanks to the generosity of those troops, they collected just over 200 pairs of socks for Bethany's project.

Award: **BRONZE**

Girl Scouts: Kaylee D,
DeeAnna J,
Gabbie M,
Amanda M,
Lexie R,
Ashley W

Troop Number: 9125

Project Title: Wild Things

Troop Leader: Heather Moehring

Assistant Troop Leaders: Tennille Lamon and Eileen Winkle

Project Advisors: Melanie and Dale DeAeth



Description: Our idea was to help rescued animals, especially horses. This led us to True Blue Animal Rescue in Washington, TX. After looking at the web site we decided we wanted to buy some of the supplies they needed. We decided to have a dog wash to raise the funds we would need. Afterward we visited True Blue Animal Rescue where we learned that one of the items on their list, PVC pipe, was to be used for an automatic watering system for their barn. It would be used to water the horses that have to stay in the barn for health reasons, particularly during the hot summer months. We spent the afternoon cleaning stalls, and feeding all the animals at True Blue.



Award: **BRONZE**

Girl Scouts: Katie M, Lea S,
 Maggie D

Troop Number: 9015

Project Title: Christmas Craft
 Program

Troop Leader: Mary Marek

Co-Troop Leader/Advisor: Hollee Shoemake



Description: In December 2008, the Juniors in Troop 9015 hosted a Christmas Craft and Games Program for Brownies and Daisies as part of their Bronze Award. The girls organized the program, selecting the crafts, snacks and games. The Brownies that attended the



program completed the requirements for the Color and Shapes Try-it. The younger girls were able to make several different crafts, including poppers that were given to Meals on Wheels. The girls also decorated sugar cookies baked by the older scouts. Finally, all the girls had a fun time with an indoor snowball fight with pompoms made by the troop during a meeting.



Award: **SILVER**

Girl Scouts: Claire S and Mikayla B

Troop Number: 9449

Project Title: Breezeway Renovation

Troop Leaders: Kay Simmons and Jenny Newsom

Project Advisors: Mark Simmons and Janine Barry



Description: Our Silver Award Project was cleaning, sanding, and painting a hallway/breezeway. We first sanded the benches, poles, and cross beams so that they would hold the paint. Then we cleaned them off of dust, dirt, and random scum. Then we painted the crossbeams the colors of the rainbow, the benches springtime colored green with daisies and butterflies, and the poles blue with white clouds. The hallway is at Saint Joseph's Early Learning Center in-between the Church and School. The project serves Church and School Community. The Church goes pass by the now cheerful hallway and the preschoolers go through it several times every school day. Including the boy scouts, preschoolers, teachers, parishioners, and people who use the music room about 300 people are served. The project benefits others by brightening up a well used but no longer dull hallway.



Award: **SILVER**

Girl Scout: Maggie F

Troop number: 9324

Project: Reclamation of the
Ginger Freeman Trail

Troop Leaders: Ginny Ford and Martha Clanton

Project Advisor: Ginny Ford



**Trail Marker with
Reflective Buttons**



One third of the brush removed to Monkey Island

Description: Ever since I have been attending Camp Howdy, I have wanted to see the Ginger Freeman campsite. However, the trail was too overgrown to find. I decided to clear it for my Silver Award project. With the help of Mrs. Beifuss and Mr. Flores-Meath, I rediscovered the trail and campsite. Over the next month, I clipped brush and dragged it out to a place where someone could pick it up. Then I made yellow reflective arrows from recycled aluminum cans to use as trail markers so campers could find the trail whether day or night. I also put up a new rope for the flagpole and made a sign to mark the campsite. The trail benefits campers at Howdy and is a great resource for troops who want to learn the skills of backpacking.



Beautiful cleared campsite with a new marker sign.

Award: SILVER

Girl Scouts: Karen M

Troop Number: 9420

Project Title: Signs for
Cypress
Grove

Troop Leaders: Tillie
McVay and Anita Feigenbaum



Project Advisor: Tillie McVay, Sandy Lewelle, Coach Childers



Description: Karen made signs for Cypress Grove Intermediate School. One set of signs was for the dedication of a tree in memory of a student who had died during the school year. The other two sets of signs were for the road runners and PE running track. Our troop met in the cafeteria at Cypress Grove for several years even after the girls were in high school and Karen wanted to do something for the school. One of her favorite

teachers is Sandy Lewellen and Karen talked with her about making signs for the tree that was being planted in memory of a student who had died suddenly. Karen used her cookie dough money to buy the supplies for the signs, and carved, painted and mounted the signs on posts. She got to meet the family during the dedication ceremony and they were very touched that she did this for their daughter. Karen had another favorite teacher, Coach Childers, at that school and was in the road runners club with him. The school constructed a new running track last summer and Karen wanted to make signs to show how far the track was. Karen mounted the signs on the front and back of the posts so the kids can see them running either direction. The signs were placed at opposite ends of the track so the kids can see them when they come out for PE and also neighborhood people can see them when they use the track. Karen really enjoyed making the signs and helping support the school and the memory of a student.



Award: SILVER

Girl Scouts: Sarah F and Kristina R

Troop Number: 9420

Project Title: Blankets for Scotty's House

Troop Leader: Tille McVay

Project Advisors: Rhonda Raphael and Anita Feigenbaum



Description: Sarah and Kristina met with Mrs. Jane Riley who is the Nurse Practitioner that works for Scotty's House (a safe house for abused children). They discovered a need for larger blankets to be given out to the older children as they arrive. Kristina and Sarah tied a total of 31 fleece blankets of various colors and designs. They met with and taught a younger Girl Scout troop about Scotty's House and the need for the blankets. The younger troop also helped tie some of blankets. Kristina and Sarah delivered the blankets to Scotty's House. Scotty's House has reported back to the girls about how much the blankets mean to these children who are going through a difficult time.



Award: **GOLD**

Girl Scouts: Bethany G

Troop Number: 9042

Project Title: Soaps for Soldiers

**Troop Leader and
Project Advisor:** Reni Pratt



Description: I collected several thousand hygiene items and assembled 619 hygiene care kits for the homeless veterans residing in Central Texas. The hygiene care kits included a new pair of men's white crew socks, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, bars of soap, spiral memo pad, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, two writing pens, sewing kit, cotton balls, q-tips, shaving razor, band-aids, safety pins, extra zip-locks, and two blank note cards. I personally wrote a thank-you note to each veteran thanking them for their service. The hygiene care kit contents were housed in a plastic school pencil box. All 619 hygiene care kits were transported to Austin, Texas on October 23, 2009 for the "Homeless Veterans Stand Down". I personally gave 175 care kits to homeless veterans that day and verbally thanked each veteran for their military service and for attending the Stand Down. The remaining 444 hygiene kits were divided between the homeless veteran coordinators of Austin, College Station, Temple, and Waco. The remaining kits will be distributed as future homeless veterans are identified and serviced through the four facilities.





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