

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

**2013
Girl Awards
Ceremony**



April 26, 2013

Title **Saving Project Hope**

Award Gold

GS (Troop) Brenna (9700)

Leader/ Advisor Tina Thompson

Description I became aware that there are 433 registered homeless children in Bryan ISD. Before I finished my project, that number jumped up to over 574 kids. I also learned that there is a program called Project Hope that provides basic necessities to these children. My project addressed the homeless kids needing for their daily lives. The donation drive described above began to address the problem. By identifying a sorority at Texas A&M to sustain the drive, it will have continuity for years to come. I know that this project only had a small impact on this problem but anyone can make a difference if they believe in themselves and give it their all.



Title Vannie E. Cook Jr. Children's Cancer & Hematology Clinic
Adult Child Activity Boxes

Award Silver

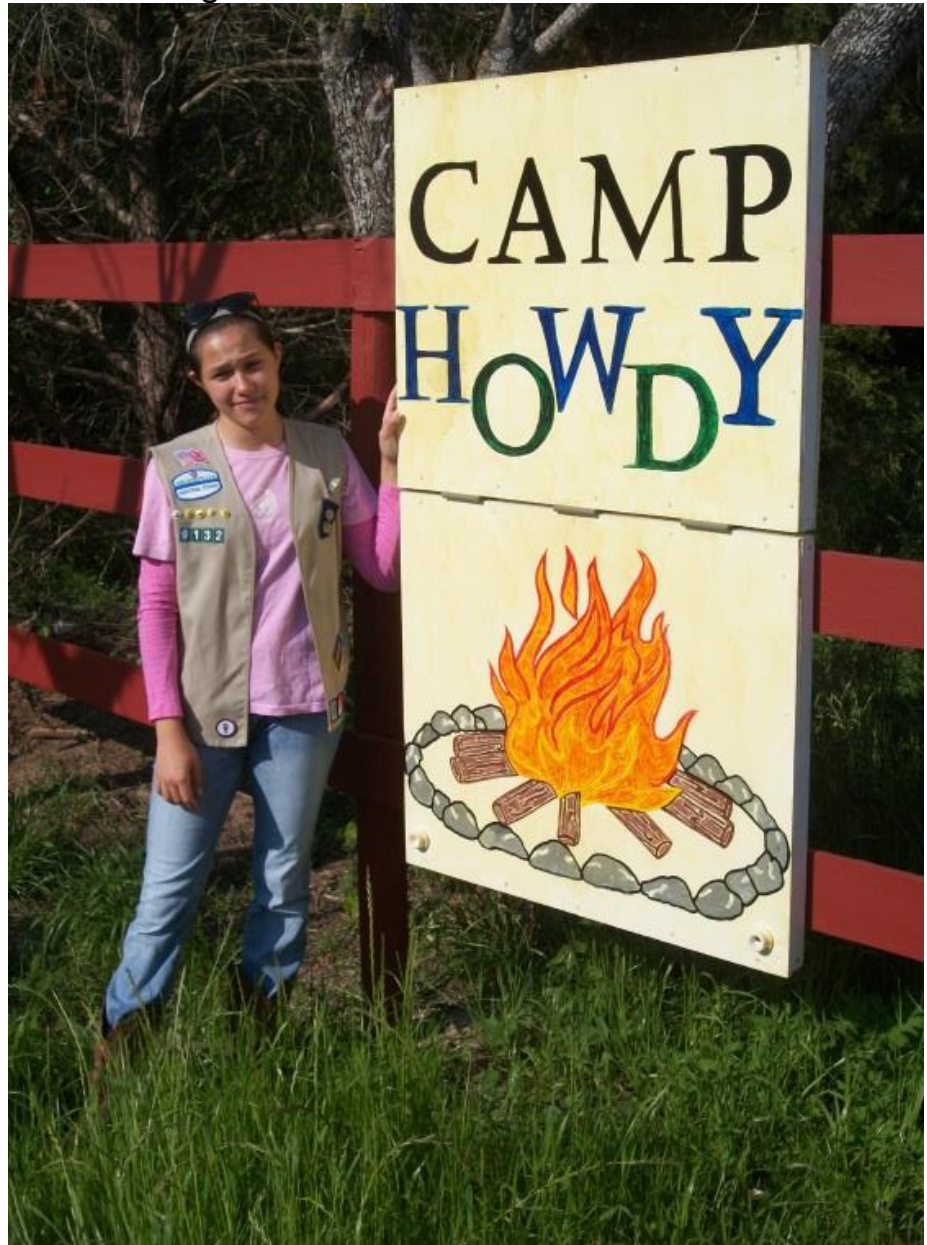
GS (Troop) Whitney (9080), Nicole (9080)

Leader/Advisor Michelle Lovingshimer (Leader), Nancy Browning (Adviser), Bennie Thompson (Adviser)

Description For the Silver Award project, Whitney & Nicole created activity boxes for the Vannie E. Cook Children's Cancer & Hematology Clinic in McAllen, Texas. Vannie E. Cook Children's Cancer & Hematology Clinic provides outpatient cancer and blood disorder treatments for children in the Rio Grande Valley and Northern Mexico. Without the clinic, either the children and their families would have to travel 5-6 hours to the San Antonio or Houston areas or, if they could not afford the travel, they would not be able to receive the lifesaving treatments. They created 40 children's activity boxes and 95+ adult activity projects for the patients (and their families members) undergoing treatment at the facility. Kits included both purchased activity supplies and handmade projects. We included instructions for the projects in both English & Spanish. The activity boxes and projects provide the patients and their family members with activities while waiting for and undergoing cancer treatments, providing a distraction and making the treatment process less frightening.



Title **Camp Howdy Entrance Sign**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Cassandra (9132)
Leader/
Advisor Lis Soto
Description Cassandra designed, built, painted and installed a new sign for the Camp Howdy entrance on Jones Road in Bryan, TX. She also built and painted a new fence and helped clear the brush near the entrance to Camp Howdy. She wanted the entrance to be more welcoming.



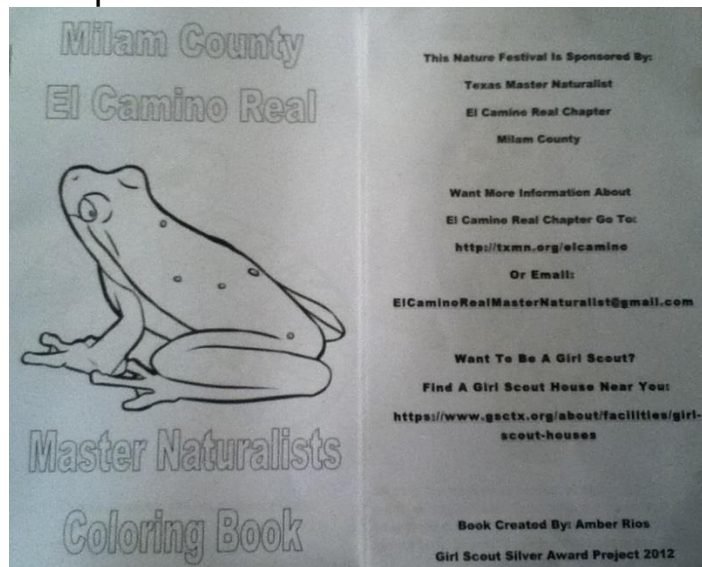
Title **Shade for Howdy**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Emily, Katy, Haille, Danielle, Jordan, and Sarah (all in 9225)
Leader/
Advisor Nora and Lisa
Description The shade structure by the traffic circle at Camp Howdy was extended out to each end of the traffic circle and doubled back in depth. The girls harvested most of the posts used for the project from trees at Camp Howdy. This served two purposes: it helped to clear camp of some trees that needed to be cut and saved the girls money by not having to purchase all of the posts. The result is a lot more Shade at Howdy!



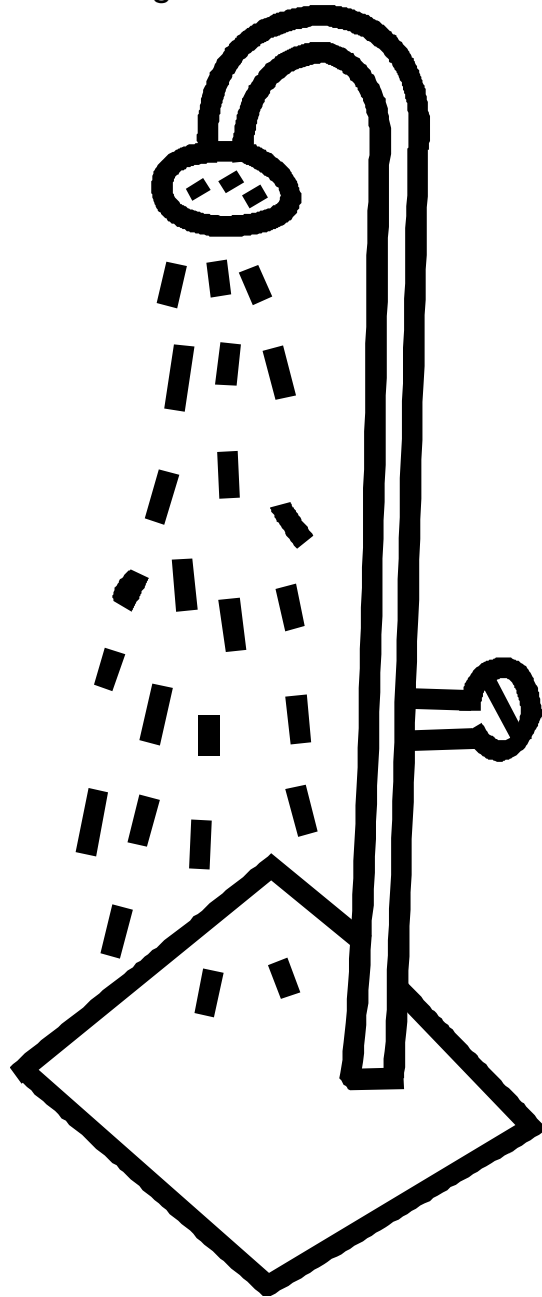
Title **Milam County Coloring Books**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Amber (9553)
Leader/ Liz Terry
Advisor Texas Master Naturalist El Camino Real (Katherine Bedrich)
Description Amber's silver award project was to design coloring books for the annual Milam County Nature Festival sponsored by the Texas Master Naturalist El Camino Real Chapter in Rockdale, Texas. The coloring books were given to children who attended the annual Rockdale Nature Festival. She chose this project because she wanted to encourage children to be excited about art like she is and to learn important information about the animals in their area. Amber had decided to put a tree frog on the cover of the coloring book because it is the Nature Festival's mascot.

In order to pay for the coloring books, she organized an aluminum can drive with the El Camino Real Chapter and was funded by a generous grant given to her troop for girls completing their silver awards. Raising money by collecting aluminum cans tied in well with the message of preserving wildlife and caring for the earth. With all funding sources, she was able to produce 600 copies of the coloring books.

On April 13, 2013, the festival was held in the town of Rockdale and Amber passed her books out along with the goody bags that are given out every year. A digital copy of the coloring book was given to the El Camino Real Chapter in order to produce the book for future festivals.



Title **Camp Howdy Shower Renovation**
Award Silver
GS (Troop) Kaley (9553)
Leader/ Liz Terry
Advisor Robert Kruse
Description I built a waiting area outside of the Camp Howdy showers. I built benches so you would have a clean place to sit and put on shoes without making mud.



Title Cat Scratch Pads for Animal Shelter
Award Bronze
GS (Troop) Emily (9184), Megan (9184), Maggie (9184), Kristin (9184), Rebecca (9184), Shannon (Juliette), Elizabeth (9184), Sarah (9184), Emma (9184)
Leader Paula Tag
Description To recycle the Girl Scout cookie cardboard boxes and to help newly adopted animals with some enrichment, cat scratch pads were built. In addition, instructions on how to build the cat scratch pads were typed out. Both the cat scratch pads and several copies of the instructions were delivered to the local humane society for them to hand out to new cat owners.



Title Getting Active with Flower Power
Award Bronze
GS Emma, Kaylee, Paige, Carly, Danielle, Jadis, Aiden
(Troop) (all with 9016)
Leader Dana Hudson
Description We wanted to spend time with those in a retirement center while leaving something for them to enjoy. We built a new flower box and trimmed bushes at The Bluebonnet House. At Waterford we cleaned out their existing courtyard beds and replanted them. We even cleaned up the tootsie rolls left by some of the four-legged residents. We had a great time talking with one of the residents who told us stories all about her Girl Scout days.



Title **Lap Blankets for the Elderly**
Award Bronze
GS (Troop) Shelby (9019)
Leader/ Kathy Williams and Adriana Burnett (Leader)
Advisor Shelby Williams, Emilia Burnett, Lindsey Cave, and Jennifer Cave (Advisers)
Description For my Bronze Award, I wanted to make fleece lap blankets for the elderly. I chose this project because my Great Grandmother is in an assisted living home and she is always cold. My resources were used wisely; majority of the blanket material was donated. Luckily, the materials coordinated well together. After cutting, pinning and tying the materials into blankets it was time to deliver them. I spoke with the director of the Waterford Assisted Living Home and we discussed an activity to give the 7 blankets to residents. We played BINGO! The winner of each game received a lap blanket. I believe that this project matters because blankets make people feel warm and loved. I learn many things throughout completing my Bronze Award, I am glad I could be an agent of change.





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