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# Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

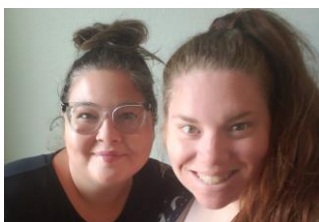
Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578

## Message from the SUDs

It's the start of a new Girl Scout year! That means it's also time to gather all the annual paperwork! Grab those yearly health forms, meeting permission slips, and update required training. Head over to the [VTK](#) to manage your troop roster and plan out the year with your Girl Scouts. The [Volunteer Essentials](#) is also a great resource for leaders. THEN make sure you attend the SU meetings, at the Scout House, the first Tuesdays of every month, starting 9/7/21, at 7:00 – 8:00 pm. It's the best place to meet other leaders and share your knowledge and expertise with your Sister Troops.

By the way, have you noticed the new Girl Scout branding? It's full of color! Go check it out [HERE!](#)

Happy Girl Scouting!



## Meet the new 2021 Girl Scout badges!

Girl Scout awards and badges are a great way for girls to explore their interests and learn new skills—and to remember every adventure and show the world what they've accomplished.

There's never been a better time for girls to practice ambitious leadership—and there's no better place to do it than at Girl Scouts. This year, we've added [new badges](#) in the following categories:

- **Entrepreneur**
- **STEM Career Exploration**
- **Automotive Engineering**
- **Civics**

Visit the [Award and Badge Explorer](#) for details on [the 28 new Girl Scout journeys and badges](#) and every badge a Girl Scout can earn.



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Brazos County.

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## Introducing Adventurefuls™



### Get ready to taste the adventure.

This year, cookie-loving consumers across the country can get a great big taste of deliciousness and adventure with new Adventurefuls, the latest addition to the iconic Girl Scout Cookie lineup.

An indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, Adventurefuls take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures all year long. Girl Scouts across the United States will offer Adventureful cookies next cookie season alongside favorites like Thin Mints® and Samoas®/Caramel deLites®.

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# Upcoming Events

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

- 9/1 – 9/30/21  
[Think Like a Programmer Online Journey](#)
- 9/1/21  
[Virtual Microsoft: Chaos Maze Inspired by Wonder Woman 1984 \(J/C/S/A\)](#)
- 9/10/21  
[Girl Scout Night w/Austin Bold FC Soccer](#)
- 9/12/21  
[iFLY STEM Experience \(J/C/S/A\)](#)
- 9/13/21  
[Virtual Cyber Sleuth \(D\)](#)
- 9/17/21  
[Introduction to Sailing \(C/S/A\)](#)
- 9/20/21  
[Virtual My First Daisy Badge: Good Neighbor \(D\)](#)
- 9/20/21  
[Virtual My First Brownie Badge: Girl Scout Way](#)
- 9/22/21  
[Virtual Microsoft: Create Digital Art w/FreshPaint \(J/C/S/A\)](#)

## Volunteer Training



Unleash the confident troop leader within through our new online training forum!



### About gsLearn

[gsLearn](#) is a digital platform that empowers learners to complete training when and where works best for them. Both Girl Scouts of Central Texas training courses as well as GSUSA courses are available online covering a variety of topics. Girl Scouts councils who have migrated their online learning to gsLearn gain access to nationally consistent training content (with more trainings be offered all the time!) and can also host their own training resources on the same site.

### Volunteer Events!

- 9/8/21 - [CPR-FA \(Austin\)](#)
- 9/24-9/26/21 - [Trailblazers 2021](#)
- 9/26/21 - [GSCTX Level 1 Kayaking](#)
- 9/29/21 - [CPR-FA \(Austin\)](#)

### [Girl Scout Family Day with A&M Football 10/2/21](#)

**Date: Oct 02, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM**

**Region: Bryan/College Station**

The Aggie Football team is hosting our annual Girl Scout Family Day at Kyle Field! \*\*Please note that game time is not yet confirmed. Please check back for updates two weeks prior to the game.

### Carnival of the Goul Scouts

**Date: Oct 30, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: Camp Howdy**

**Cost: Canned Food Drive for Brazos Valley Food Pantry**

**We NEED your help to make this happen! Please submit your interest form here:**

<https://forms.gle/CmJ6wLGEhLrxNa6p6>

### Skills Day

**Date: Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: Camp Howdy**

Calling all Howdy Day Camp Aides and volunteers! Jessica Stubblefield will be hosting a skills day to practice all of your important Aide skills. Cost is TBD, but should be no more than \$10. Contact Jessica Stubblefield with any questions. [toad12788@gmail.com](mailto:toad12788@gmail.com), 979-402-4842

## [Service Unit Team Vacancies](#)

This is the time of year when people make new commitments and move in different directions. There are several openings on the Service Unit Team. Please consider your talents and available time and then look at the openings (highlighted in yellow on last page). Contact [Christine](#) or [Ginny](#) if you would like to learn more about any of the positions or volunteer to fill one of the vacancies.

Huge “thanks” goes out to our one and only, Amber Fazzino, for agreeing to take on the Service Unit Fall Products Coordinator position for 2021! Because she said “yes”, our girls will be able to develop the five key skills of goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics this fall. It is a way for our girls to participate in online and in-person sales and gives troops a chance to earn start-up funds for exciting opportunities. Troops keep 35% of the proceeds they earn from selling nuts and candy and \$2 for each magazine subscription ordered. Keep your eyes peeled for Fall Product updates!

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# Council Guidelines and Resources

## [Monthly Patch Program \(September 2021\)](#)

GSCTX now offers a Monthly Patch Program! Each month a new patch program will be offered. This month council is offering the "Dare to Self-Care" patch, in conjunction with Self-Care Awareness Month. Check out the patch requirements for this month by going to GSCTX "[COUNCIL PATCH PROGRAM](#)" page. Then scroll down to the "Monthly Patch Program" section. There you will find links to the current monthly patches in the drop down section at the bottom and the requirements to complete.

## [September Community Service Project](#)

We are partnering with the local childrens advocacy group, [Scotty's House](#), to collect items for birthday bags. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of September. They suggest that tactile, comforting items that help regulate emotions are the best. Think fidget toys, cute journals, colored pens, stickers, little stuffed animals, kinetic sand...anything party favor sized. Bring them to Septembers SU meeting, 9/7/21 @ 7:00pm OR Contact [gs.bcs.suds@gmail.com](mailto:gs.bcs.suds@gmail.com) to arrange drop off/pickup of donations!

## [Store Closing](#)

The Bryan-College Station retail shop is closed, effective immediately. Council did not come to this decision lightly as they understand how much this store means to you. Careful consideration and prioritization of the support needs of our members and volunteers, combined with decreasing sales in the Bryan College Station shop, led them to this decision. To ease this transition, they are offering free shipping to all customers in the Bryan-College Station area beginning now through the month of October. If you have questions about this closure, please submit a support request at [www.gsctx.org/contactus](http://www.gsctx.org/contactus)  
Girl Scout merchandise can be purchased:

- In person: The Kodosky Service Center in Austin
- Online: <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CENTRAL-TEXAS-COUNCIL>
- Over the phone: 1-800-733-0011 ext. 316
- Via email: [austinshop@gsctx.org](mailto:austinshop@gsctx.org)

Our GSCTX Area 3 Service Center is still located at 1737 Briarcrest, Suite 10, Bryan TX 77802. However, they are still working remotely. If you need to come see them, please call for an appointment.

## [Cookie Box Creations](#)

Design and create a unique structure using Girl Scout Cookie boxes. Build a team of other passionate Girl Scouts who are ready to think outside of the box. Using STEM concepts, you're challenged to develop critical thinking, cooperation, and team building skills to plan, design, and create your structure around one central theme. The 2022 Cookie Box Creations theme is frontline workers and will honor the professions that have been essential to our economy and society during the COVID-19 pandemic. Download and read the [Cookie Box Creations Handbook](#) for upcoming deadlines, box order forms, judging criteria. and more.

## [Area 3 Girl Talk Coaching \(September 15<sup>th</sup> 6-6:45pm\)](#)

Via Zoom (Have fun and learn how Ginny and Emily do Girl Talks at schools and in the community) Come along on a journey with us and let us share our Girl Scout Story with you. Bring your prop so you can share your Girl Scout story with us. **(Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99681908043> Meeting ID: 996 8190 8043 Passcode: 691814 Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/ab5oF3R3nk> Join by Skype for Business <https://zoom.us/skype/99681908043>)**

Additional date: **October 15** - 6-6:45pm (Zoom link info will be provided in October)

## In-person Gatherings Guidelines

*Last Updated: 8/6/2021*

*Groups may gather in-person with the following guidelines:*

- Small groups recommended. Indoor meeting space must accomodate group size. Groups over 30 must seek pre-approval via the online [ATA](#).
- **Outdoors:** Masks are optional. **Indoors:** Masks are highly recommended per CDC guidance.
- Keep three to six feet of distance between members of different households.
- Attendees should complete a pre-screening form before each in-person activity and stay home when not feeling well.

Given the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and the highly transmissible Delta variant, GSCTX recommends following CDC and local guidelines to help prevent the spread of the disease. CDC guidelines suggest mask-wearing for all indoor, in-person activities. Social distancing is encouraged. Leaders should gauge participant comfort level when planning events and activities. For detailed info, click [here!](#)

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