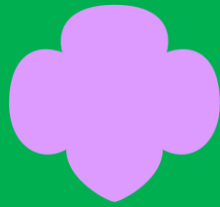


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Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578

Upcoming Local Events

All event information is accessed by clicking on the event name.

- 4/10/22 [Pajama Party with Kappa Delta](#)
- 4/12/22 [DreamGirls Initiative \(C\)](#)
- 4/23/22 [Spring Aides Skill Day](#)
- 4/30/22 [GSCTX Poison Control Patch Program \(C\)](#)
- 6/6/22 [Howdy Day Camp, HowdyCraft 2022!](#)
- 6/27/22 [Journey In A Day: Think Like A Citizen Scientist \(B/J\)](#)



I Heart Bryan and B/CS Girl Scouts teamed up for the "Coming Out In Nature" Event 3/5/22

Keep the fun going!

Bigger and better things are around the corner.

RENEW TODAY



Serving the girls of Brazos County.

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

April Service Unit Meeting

In preparation for the Troop Financial Reports being due on May 2nd, our Service Unit Treasurer/Service Unit Lead – Operations will be there for a Q&A. Join us as she shares "best practices" and answers all your burning Girl Scout Bank Account questions! April 5th, 7:30-8:30 pm, at the Bryan Scout House.

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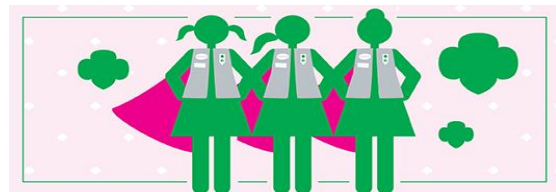
Save the Date(s):

- April 01: [Spring Renewal Begins!](#)
- April 04: VEC registration begins
- April 05: Service Unit Meeting at Bryan Scout House
- April 12: [Adult](#) and [Girl Scout](#) Property Survey due
- April 23: Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Ceremony
- April 24: [Level 1 Kayak Training - Granger \(Adult\)](#)
- April 29: [Challenge For Change](#) event
- May 02: [Service Unit and Troop Financial Reports](#) due
- May 16: [Super Award](#) applications due
- July 09: [Volunteer Enrichment Conference 2022](#)

Super Awards

The Super Awards recognize the hard work and achievements of girls, troop, and service unit leadership with an additional **cookie bonus** for troops and service units (added to the regular cookie bonus deposit) and eligibility for an exclusive pin which can be purchased through the GSCTX Shop. Find out more at the links below:

- [Super Troop](#)
- [Super Girl Scout](#)
- [Super Service Unit](#)



Upcoming Events

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

- 4/13/22
[Virtual Microsoft Beginners Guide To Arcade Games \(J/C/S/A\)](#)
- 4/22/22
[Introduction To Sailing: Fundamentals Level 1 - Kachina \(C/S/A\)](#)
- 4/23/22
[Climbing Adventure - Harker Heights \(D/B/J\)](#)
- 4/23/22
[Strawberry Picking At Sweet Berry Farm - Marble Falls \(All Levels\)](#)
- 4/24/22
[iFly Stem Experience - Austin \(J/C/S/A\)](#)
- 4/24/22
[Virtual Brownie Badge Day](#)
- 4/27/22
[Virtual Microsoft: Brownie Cybersecurity Investigator Badge](#)
- 5/1/22
[iFly Stem Experience - Austin \(J/C/S/A\)](#)
- 5/19/22
[Kristen Belle - Paint Your World Purple](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)

Service Unit Recognitions

Do you have an amazing troop leader or volunteer that deserves a little extra appreciation? Here's your chance to nominate them for a Service Unit Award! Submit your nomination to, michelleethridge@gmail.com, so we can honor your exceptional volunteer at our Service Unit Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony.

Deadline: Nominations must be submitted to me **by April 5th.**

Awards Ceremony Booklet

We, as a Service Unit, enjoy recognizing the achievements of our girls. Kay Simmons has volunteered to put together an Awards Booklet for this year to recognize those girls who earned a Bronze, Silver, or Gold award.

Each leader or parent needs to send Kay the information as indicated below. If a troop or group did their project together then they can send in one entry.

Please send the following information to Kay Simmons **by April 16, 2022 at:**

gscamphowdyadultregistrar@gmail.com

Title: short project title

Award: (Gold, Silver, or Bronze)

Girl Scout (Troop): first name only of the girl plus their troop number in parenthesis

Guidance: name of advisor for the project (advisor) / name of the GS leader (leader)

Description: about 2 to 5 sentences describing the project (hopefully, most of this would be from their paperwork)

Photos: 1 to 2 photos (prefer in jpeg format)

To see examples, view previous year's booklets available on our Service Unit website: <http://www.bcsgirlscouts.org/award-booklets>.

Volunteer Appreciation & Awards Ceremony

**April 23, 2022
7:00 PM**

This year, we will be holding our Volunteer Appreciation and Awards Ceremony at Camp Howdy (in conjunction with the event being held there the same day). Please join us as we gather at Jane Pulley's Ceremonial Song Circle to celebrate our Girl Scouts who have earned their Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards this year and to recognize our GS volunteers who have gone above and beyond for our service unit. There is some seating at the song circle, but bring a camp chair/picnic blanket if you wish and we will supply dessert for all! So that we may plan for enough dessert, please **RSVP to michelleethridge@gmail.com.**

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8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

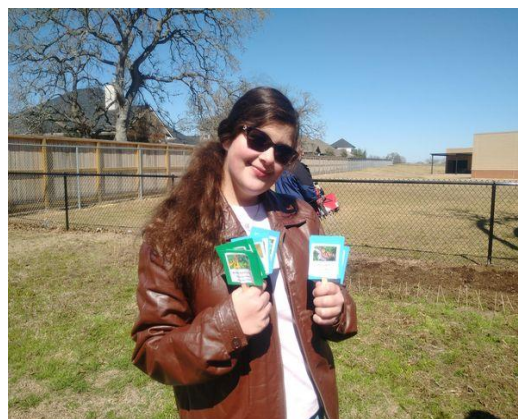
We are ready to “press play” for this year’s day camp theme, HowdyCraft 2022! This 100% volunteer run day camp experience is a week full of Girl Scout traditions, outdoor skill building, and STEAM based activities! Campers can expect to learn the basics of coding while also enjoying all the other things that make Howdy Day Camp one of our best local traditions.

- **Volunteers, their children, AITs, and Aides** - may [register](#) now!
- **General registration** - starts on April 15th
- **[Song Book Cover Contest](#)** - deadline May 1st.

Go to bcsgirlscouts.org to find out more!

Foxfire 2022

It was a gorgeous day to spend outdoors with the high adventure/outdoor enthusiast group, “InTents”, as they flexed their leadership muscles and guided several Girl Scouts through traditional pioneer inspired activities during This biyearly event. The Aides did a fabulous job teaching skills like soap whittling, candle making, fire safety, knife safety, rope making, calligraphy, games, corn husk flowers and dolls. The Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts had a blast!



Silver Aspirations

Miss Belle, from troop 9021, honored the 110th Birthday of Girl Scouts by motivating her team of community volunteers to install a butterfly garden in the outdoor classroom space at River Bend Elementary. She has worked many hours with her community partners and Silver Award Consultant to make her dream a reality. Way to go, Belle!

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Council Guidelines and Resources

Service Unit Meetings

Service Unit meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, 7:30pm, at the Scout House: 2512 Rountree Drive. Bryan, TX 77801.

Volunteer Support Specialist, Emily Dawson

Starting April 5, **Virtual Office Hours** will be offered on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11am-12pm, 4:30pm-5:30pm (link to be provided). You may also **make an appointment** with Emily to meet **In-Person** on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The April featured patch will be "Earth Day"! Check out the [monthly patch program](#) page to find the program curriculum and how to order patches.

gsLearn

Check out the newest, up-to-date training courses available on our online learning platform, [gsLearn](#). Self-assign any course using the search titles under the Content Library. If you are unable to find the in-person training that you need in our area on the [GSCTX Event Calendar](#), please use the [Training on Demand](#) form to request training. Once your request is submitted they will work with our Service Unit and the Volunteer Facilitators to schedule the requested training.

Guide for Individually Registered Girl Scouts.

[Do it yourself.](#) A great Girl Scout recruitment or retention resource which showcases the many opportunities available for Girl Scouts who choose to participate as individually registered members. Also check out [Girl Scouts At Home](#) for more ways to stay engaged!

Volunteer Essentials

Have questions? Check out the [Volunteer Essentials](#). This guide is designed to support busy troop volunteers on the go. You can easily find what you need to get started on your Girl Scout journey and search for answers throughout the troop year. Also, All volunteers should review the *Safety Activity Checkpoints* manual when planning activities with girls in order to manage safety and risk in Girl Scout-sanctioned activities. You can find it here: <http://www.gsctx.org/SAC>

In "Tents"

Do you have a girl in 6th- 12th grade that is interested in outdoor and high adventure activities? BCS In"tents" may be the group for her. This girl led/driven outdoor interest group meets once a month at Camp Howdy. It can be a great supplement to a girls existing troop. Please contact bcsintents@gmail.com for more information.

Camp Howdy Volunteers

Sometimes it takes a village and the same is true for Camp Howdy. We need volunteers to continue to care for and improve our beloved camp. The Camp Howdy site team is always on the look out for handy volunteers who love nature, building things, and supporting Girl Scouts. Work days are typically the third Saturday of every month. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Steve Gossett at gossett@suddenlink.net.

In-person Gatherings Guidelines

Last Updated: 3/25/2022

Groups may gather in-person with the following guidelines:

- **Groups Size** - No specific group size limit.
- **Masks** -Refer to CDC guidance for [county community level](#).
- **Physical Distancing** - Keep three to six feet of distance between members of different households.
- **Pre-screening** - Pre-screening forms are not required for volunteer-led activities. ***If you are not feeling well, stay home.***
- APPROVED Girl Scout troop/group overnight travel is 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.
- Troop camping guidelines are [HERE!](#)
- In-person meeting & events guidelines are [HERE!](#)
- Virtual meeting resources are [HERE!](#)

Visit the service unit online at: <http://www.bcsgirlscouts.org/>

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