

**August  
2022**



# **Bryan / College Station Service Unit News**

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

**Serving the girls of  
Brazos County.**

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

Make the  
world a better  
place.

Become a  
Girl Scout volunteer.

Making a  
difference.  
It's better  
together.

Become a  
Girl Scout  
leader.

## **Howdy Day Camp**

Summer started with the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Howdy Day Camp! I, personally, had an amazing time and I hope everyone else did, too. Over 300 Girl Scouts came together for HowdyCraft 2022, with a total of 312 pounds of food collected and donated to the Brazos Valley foodbank! Way to go, Girl Scouts!

-Michelle Ethridge



### **Save the Date(s):**

**July 31:** Last day to archive [Volunteer Toolkit](#)  
**August 01:** Complete your [Troop Update Form](#)  
**August 02:** B/CS Service Unit Meeting  
**August 20:** InTents [A&M Rock Climbing](#) Event  
**September 23-24:** [Trailblazers: All the Worlds a Stage](#)  
**October 31:** Early Bird for [2023 Girl Scout Convention](#) ends

\*Local training facilitators are working to get some training on the calendar starting in September. We will keep you updated.

## **Don't Forget to Opt Into GS Communications!**

Opt your troops members into Girl Scout communications to ensure they receive important newsletters including Tuesday's Trefoil and Legendary Leader, along with updates regarding rewards, events, product sales, and more.

Follow these steps to opt individual members into communications:

1. Login into your *MyGS* account.
2. Go to *My Troop(s)* using the top navigation buttons if you're not already there.
3. Select *Troop* from list.
4. Click *Edit details* next to each troop members name.
5. Scroll to the bottom of the page to *Communication Opt Ins*.
6. Click the box(es) *SMS Opt In*, *Email Opt In*, and any others unselected.
7. Be sure to click *SAVE* in the bottom right corner.

**OPT-IN**

# Upcoming Events

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

## Girl Scouts About Town Summer Edition

### Bronze Beginnings

The Juniors of Troop 9021 spent the summer planning and executing their Bronze award project. Meadowcreek park now has a Tardis themed Little Lending Library for the whole community to enjoy.

Great Job!



### Lincoln Rec Community Troop

The Lincoln Rec community troop partnered with HEB to earn their Health and Wellness patch. These future leaders learned about healthy eating and tried several fun activities to keep their minds and bodies moving! We know they are ready to share a few new skills with their friends and family.



### Turbo Trefoils

Area Girl Scouts used kits to design and create solar powered cars that they then raced out at the Lake Walk. Awards went to the fastest in three heats, fastest overall, most creative, and most renewably resourced! Girls also learned how to harness solar energy by creating a solar oven. Great job, ladies. Can't wait to see this event grow next year!



■ 8/13/22  
[Designing Robots \(B,J\) - B/CS](#)

■ 8/13/22  
[What Robots Do \(D\) - B/CS](#)

■ 8/15/22  
[Virtual Cookie Captain Program \(C,S,A\)](#)

■ 8/24/22  
[Virtual Microsoft: Selma to Montgomery Experience \(J, C. S. A\)](#)

■ 9/9/22  
[Sailing Fundamentals: Level 1 \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)

■ 9/9/22  
[Introduction to Sailing \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)

■ 9/10/22  
[Virtual What Does A Leader Look Like? \(5th Grade\)](#)

■ 9/14/22  
[Virtual Microsoft: Beginners Guide to Arcade Games - Make a Clicker Game \(J,C,S,A\)](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)



# Upcoming Events cont.

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

- [9/17/22](#)  
[Virtual Take the Lead: Part 1 \(C.S.A\)](#)
- [9/28/22](#)  
[Virtual Microsoft: Junior Photography Badge](#)
- [9/30/22](#)  
[Sailing Fundamentals: Level 1 \(C.S.A\)](#)
- [9/30/22](#)  
[Introduction to Sailing \(C.S.A\)](#)
- [10/2/22](#)  
[Pumpkin Patch at Sweet Berry Farm \(All Levels\) - Marble Falls](#)
- [10/8/22](#)  
[Samsung STEM Rescue Challenge \(J,C\) - Camp Texlake](#)
- [3/11/23](#)  
[Grand Canyon Spring Break Trip \(C.S.A\) - Bryan](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)

## InTents Summer Trip

The special interest group, InTents, chose to spend their summer trip in the Corpus Christi area. They toured the ARK (Amos Rehabilitation Keep), attended a sea turtle release at the national seashore, went on a sunset dolphin cruise, and scheduled some time out on the water to learn how to surf and windsurf.

When your troop attends their Girl-Led events, like Foxfire and Mom&Me campouts, you are helping these young ladies fund their adventures, explore their interests, and flex those leadership muscles!



## HowdyCraft – Howdy Day Camp 2022



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

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# Council Guidelines and Resources

## Service Unit Meetings

Service Unit meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Scout House (2512 Rountree Dr, Bryan, TX 77801).

## Volunteer Support Specialist, Emily Dawson

Virtual Office hours will return in August 2022. Feel free to contact Emily to make an appointment if needed this summer at 512.490.2382. For immediate assistance please reach out to customer care at 800.733.0011.

## Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The August featured patch will be "Business Wiz"! 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.

## 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>

## 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!

## 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](mailto:bcsintents@gmail.com) for more information.

## Camp Howdy Volunteers

Camp Howdy is a great resource for our Girl Scouts! Camp Howdy work days are typically the third Saturday of the month. If you would like to volunteer to help maintain camp, contact Steve Gossett at [gossett@suddenlink.net](mailto:gossett@suddenlink.net). If you are coming out to camp at any time, please email Steve with your name, vehicle description and plate number. Thank you.

## In-person Gatherings Guidelines

Last Updated: 5/31/2022

**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!](#)

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