

**December  
2021**



# Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578

## Program Credits

Girl Scouts work hard to earn their Program Credits and there are lots of ways to use them.

Program Credits earned during the 2021 cookie program will expire December 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Girl Scouts are encouraged to plan ahead how they would like to spend or roll over their credits.

### Program Credit spending options:

- Register for one of our [program events](#). Just select program credits as your payment method at checkout or complete the [Program Credit Request Form](#).
- Apply your program credits to [service unit or troop travel, your GSUSA Destination trip, or a GSCTX council trip](#).
- Convert your 2021 Program Credits to [Carryover Credits](#) and save for future camps, travel, or a lifetime membership. (Requires a minimum of \$100 in Program Credits)



Serving the girls of  
Brazos County.

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

## Gearing Up for Cookie Program!

January 19 – February 27

When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you're doing more than just helping your customers stock up on delicious treats (and having lots of fun). You're doing it with a goal in mind. Whether that goal is going to summer camp, a community project, or your first overnight trip with your troop, you know how many packages you need to sell to make it happen.

But did you know that you're also part of the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world? Even cooler: being a Girl Scout Cookie Professional gives you skills essential for success both now and later!

You can find all of your cookie program resources [HERE!](#)



### Key Cookie Program Dates

- **December 3:** Initial cookie orders due in Smart Cookies
- **January 6-18:** Initial order deliveries to service units
- **January 15:** Mega Drop
- **January 19:** Cookie program begins
- **January 22:** Booth sales begin
- **February 4:** First automated clearing house (ACH) withdrawal (50% of initial order)
- **February 18:** Second ACH withdrawal (50% of initial order)
- **February 27:** Last day of cookie sales
- **March 11:** Final ACH

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## Upcoming Events

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

- 12/12/21  
[Be Tee-riffic Top Golf Waco \(All Levels\)](#)
- 12/12/21  
[Virtual Wizarding World of Christmas \(All Levels\)](#)
- 12/13/21  
[All About Owls, Waco \(B/J\)](#)
- 12/15/21  
[Virtual Microsoft: Brownie Computer Expert](#)
- 12/18/21  
[Bouldering Night at ABP, Austin \(B/J\)](#)
- 12/19/21  
[Virtual Cadette Badge Day](#)
- 1/8/22  
[Coffee and Cookies, Waco \(C/S/A\)](#)
- 1/8/22  
[Girl Scout Night with the Texas Stars, Cedar Park \(All Levels\)](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)



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.

### SU Meeting & Soup Swap!

**When:** 12/7, 7:30 pm

**Where:** The Scout House, 2511 Rountree Dr, Bryan, TX 77801

For more info, click [here!](#)



This year celebrates the Fourth BCS Thin Mint Sprint 5K and 1M Daisy Dash. This year's event will support Bryan-College Girl Scout Service Unit that provides scholarships for graduating seniors, Howdy Day Camp scholarships for local Girl Scouts, and membership scholarships for participating adult members.

This will be a timed race and the grand prize will be a year's supply of your choice of Girl Scout cookies. Don't worry, there will be plenty of cookies at the finish line buffet and in the winners' hands. Register [here!](#)

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, contact Mary Marek at [Mareklm@aol.com](mailto:Mareklm@aol.com)

### Save the date for the summer 2022 Volunteer Enrichment Conference.

We are excited to announce this year's Volunteer Enrichment Conference will be hosted in person!

This years conference will feature:

- Multiple training and enrichment sessions
- A State of the Council update from our CEO, Paula Bookidis
- Volunteer Awards Recognition
- Annual Meeting for Council Delegates

Training and enrichment session details and event registration will be posted in the spring. We cannot wait to see you all there!

Saturday, July 9, 2022, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.  
Mayborn Convention Center  
3303 N 3rd St. Temple, TX 76501

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# Council Guidelines and Resources

Service Unit meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month, at 7:30pm.

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

Looking for some additional fun activities for your troop or just to do on your own? GSCTX now offers a Monthly Patch Program! This month we are offering the "Take Flight with the Wright Brothers" patch. 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. After completing the patch, be sure to complete this [SURVEY](#) to help us serve you better. Patch/Badge: Patch will be mailed out a couple of weeks after last registration date.

## [Letter-Writing National Service Project \(December 2021\)](#)

The idea is simple: girls write letters to people in nursing homes, senior residences, and assisted living facilities, including the dedicated staff and caregivers. This long-distance hug is a way to share your good thoughts with these vulnerable and loved community members. Especially needed around the holidays. For more info on how to participate, click [HERE](#).

## [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.

## [Check out the new 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.

## [Join our team—Work for GSCTX!](#)

Girl Scouts of Central Texas is hiring for multiple positions. Service unit team members and troop leaders especially make amazing Volunteer Support Specialists—we currently have two openings in Area 4. [Apply today](#) or tell your friends about helping thousands of girls learn new skills and making the world a better place!

## [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 [bscsintents@gmail.com](mailto:bscsintents@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. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Steve Gossett at [gossett@suddenlink.net](mailto:gossett@suddenlink.net).

## In-person Gatherings Guidelines

Last Updated: 11/12/2021

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

- Small groups recommended. Indoor meeting space must accommodate group size. Groups over 60 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.
- Pre-screening forms are not required for volunteer-led activities. **If you are not feeling well, stay home.**

Virtual troop meetings and service unit meetings are encouraged. [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) for virtual meetings and [Internet Safety Pledge](#) are available to ensure the continued safety and well-being of girls and volunteers while meeting virtually.

- Virtual meeting resources are [HERE!](#)
- In-person meeting & events guidelines are [HERE!](#)
- Troop camping guidelines are [HERE!](#)

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