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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.



Graduating Senior Scholarship

The Bryan-College Station Service Unit of Girl Scouts of Central Texas is pleased to offer our annual scholarship application. If you are gearing up to start college this fall, check out this opportunity. Information and needed forms are available at:

<https://bcsgirlscouts.org/2021/01/11/graduating-senior-scholarship/>

The deadline is **March 15th** and the recipient(s) will be announced in May.

It is with mixed emotions that we celebrate this year with you. Sad to see you go, proud to see you become an adult Girl Scout leader, and excited to see what you do with everything we have worked hard for, learned, and given over the years together. We hope to see your application soon.

Super Awards

The Super Awards showcase girls and adults working in partnership to give each member an amazing Girl Scout experience. Surveys show that a satisfied and happy Girl Scout is having fun with their friends and has a quality experience engaged in meaningful activities throughout the year.

A Super Troop, Super Girl Scout, or Super Service Unit meets deadlines for registration and membership, serves the community, uses VTK, participates in Product Program, and above all, gets out and does fun things while being change makers.

The Super Awards recognize the hard work and achievements of Girl Scouts, 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.

Please see the Super Award requirements for the 2022-2023 membership year below:

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



Howdy Day Camp

June 5th – 9th

Save the Date!



"Howdy Apocalypse" will be focusing on emergency preparedness and survival skills. Girl Scouts should have a basic knowledge of what to do in emergency situations and Camp Howdy is the perfect place to learn. We will be learning about sheltering in place, how to tie knots, how to use knives safely and we will learn how to build emergency shelters. Check out bcsgirlscouts.org for more info!

Upcoming Events

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



[Brownie First Aid Badge](#)

2/11/23
2-3:30pm

Come join the Kappa Deltas to learn about what to do in an emergency from a firefighter and build a first-aid kit with an EMT! Brownies will earn their First-Aid badge, open to all levels. Click the link above for more info and to register!



[Circle Mirror](#)

Girl Scouts can attend a creative arts production of Circle Mirror at Blinn. Use SCOUTS as the special discount code. Click the link above for more details.



DBJ Valentine's Party

2/14/23
4:45 pm - 8:45 pm
Cost: \$25

This is a daisy, brownie, and junior fun patch event that is being put on by our CSA girl led committee. Girls will have fun, food, and games at a valentine's themed tea party. This party will include a teddy bear tea party, multiple crafts, cookie decorating, simple dance lesson, and a meal. Register [HERE!](#)



StemFest 2023!

3/4/23
Cost: \$4-\$6
Register [HERE!](#)

Can you solve the mystery at Bryan/College Station STEMfest 2023? Go booth to booth completing hands-on STEM activities and looking for clues. You'll solve puzzles about coding, materials science, physics, and so much more!

Summer Camp



2023 Registration

GSCTX summer camp registration opens soon. Camps can fill up fast, so make sure you are prepared and check the [Summer Camp Guide](#) first!

For complete details, check out <https://www.gsctx.org/en/camps/summer-camp.html>

Summer Camp Registration Opens:

February 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CST
- Camp Texlake

February 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CST
- Camp Kachina

February 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CST
- GSCTX Summer Day Camp

- 2/8/23 [Virtual Microsoft: Minecraft Hour Of Code \(J,C,S,A\)](#)
- 2/11/23 [Two Hives Mini Honey Harvest \(C,S,A\) - Manor](#)
- 2/11/23 [Girl Scout Night With The Austin Spurs \(All Levels\) - Cedar Park](#)
- 2/18/23 [Youth Gun Safety \(C,S,A\) - Woodway](#)
- 2/18/23 [Virtual African American Heritage Tea \(All Levels\)](#)
- 2/22/23 [Virtual Microsoft: Minecraft Hour Of Code Voyage Aquatic \(J,C,S\)](#)
- 2/22/23 [Virtual World Thinking Day \(D,B,J\)](#)
- 2/25/23 [UT Girl Day \(All Levels\) - Austin](#)
- 2/25/23 [Survivor Skills \(C,S,A\) - Cedar Creek](#)
- 3/2/23 [Virtual Silver Award Workshop \(C\)](#)

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Check out more [HERE!](#)

Upcoming Events cont.

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- **3/3/23**
[Introduction To Sailing \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- **3/3/23**
[Sailing Fundamentals Level 1 \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- **3/4/23**
[Save The Date: STEMfest \(All Levels\) - B/CS](#)
- **3/4/23**
[Turtle Trackers \(C,S,A\) - Cedar Creek](#)
- **3/4/23**
[American Red Cross Babysitting Workshop \(C\) - Austin](#)
- **3/24/23**
[Spring Fling Campout \(J,C,S\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- **3/24/23**
[The Wildside of Camp \(C,S,A\) - Camp Texlake](#)
- **3/25/23**
[CSA Leadership Retreat - Camp Texlake](#)
- **3/25/23**
[Two Hives Honey \(D,B,J\) - Manor](#)



Do you know a certain someone who has gone above and beyond for Girl Scouts? Use this form to nominate them for a Service Unit Award!

SU Recognitions Form: <https://forms.gle/kmQviBT7v7Wtai5HA>

How to nominate a Volunteer:

- 1.) Learn about the awards by reviewing the [GSCTX Recognitions Packet](#) to see awards your candidate may be eligible for. You can also check out the [GSCTX Decision Tree](#) to get a better idea of which awards to narrow down based on volunteer position.
 - 2.) Complete the appropriate online form. Anyone can submit a [Council or National Award Nomination Form](#) or a [SU Recognitions Form](#). Service Unit Directors or Recognitions Chairs can submit an order form for Service Unit Recognitions.
 - 3.) Identify others who can complete additional Letter(s) of Recommendation and submit!
- Contact [Michelle](#) if you have any questions!

Girl Scouts About Town



Everyone enjoyed the 2023 Cookie Rally as they practiced their math, safety, and interpersonal skills to help prepare them for cookie season!



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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). Every troop should send at least one representative, but everyone is invited to join us!

GSCTX Shop

Council Staff have generously offered to routinely pick up orders and drop them at the Scout House. Make arrangements with [Emily](#) and then make a [special order](#) by contacting the shop at austinshop@gsctx.org.

Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The February featured patch is "Explore the World"! 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. 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>

Troop Leader Blueprint

New troop year? Bring it on! Keep your troop going strong with these specially adapted badges, Journeys, and activities for virtual and safe in-person meetings, as well as current COVID-19 guidelines and resources. We're here to support you as you help your troop thrive.

Brand & Communication Resources

Creating a flyer or poster for your next event? Designing a t-shirt for your girls? Click the link above for ready-to-use materials and resources that you can use to make your designs look fantastic and Girl Scout-approved!

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. If you are coming out to camp at any time, please email Steve with your name, vehicle description and plate number. Thank you.

Upcoming Events cont.

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- 3/31/23
[Sasquatch \(J,C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- 4/14/23
[Introduction to Sailing \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- 4/14/23
[Sailing Fundamentals Level 1 \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- 4/15/23
[Texlake Adventure Day \(C,S,A\) - Cedar Creek](#)
- 4/15/23
[Save the Date: Strawberry Picking at Sweet Berry Farm \(All Levels\) - Marble Falls](#)
- 4/24/23
[iFly STEM Experience \(J,C,S,A\) - Austin](#)
- 4/30/23
[Two Hives Honey: Hive Tour, Session 1 \(J,C,S,A\) - Manor](#)
- 4/30/23
[Two Hives Honey: Hive Tour, Session 2 \(J,C,S,A\) - Manor](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)

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Service Unit Important Names and Contact Information

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Open by appointment only.
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Open Positions:

Webpage Editor – Edit and update the <http://www.bcsgirlscouts.org/> webpage using Wordpress
Troop School Organizers – Help foster school relationships and assist Recruiter in your community school

New Leader Consultant – Support new leaders

Volunteer Recognitions Committee Chair – Help identify volunteers for recognitions at Service Unit and Council levels.

SU Events Committee Chair – Help organize and execute Service Unit events

Community Service Committee Chair – Help identify, organize, and execute Service Unit community Service opportunities

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