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Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578



Location: Blinn Bryan Theater

Special Instructions: Use SCOUTS as the special discount code. Sign up at <https://blinnbryan.ludus.com/index.php>

In this Obie Award-winning play, a group of adult amateurs have enrolled in a Vermont community center's drama workshop and gradually learn more than just acting. Through a series of touching and often comic exercises, they reveal their deeper selves to each other. Recommended for Ages 13 and up.

Special Talk-Back Thursday Guests: Brazos Valley TROUPE, Stage Center, The Theatre Company

This Council Event coincides with GSCTX's Leadership Exploration Advancement and Development (LEAD) Program. LEAD offers leadership pathway skills based on girls' interests and their desired end results. This program will offer opportunities in mentoring, community leadership, advocating, and/or preparing for the future. To learn more about the LEAD program, contact Melissa Green at melissag@gsctx.org.

All fun.

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Girl Scouts.



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.

2023 Key Cookie Program Dates

- **January 14:** Mega Drop
- **January 18:** Cookie program begins
- **January 21:** Booth sales begin
- **February 3:** First automated clearing house (ACH) withdrawal (50% of initial order)
- **February 17:** Second ACH withdrawal (50% of initial order)
- **February 26:** Last day of cookie sales
- **March 10:** Final ACH

Find more resources [HERE!](#)



CSA Board Game Night!

1/14/2023
4-8 pm

All CSA Girl Scouts are invited to game night at the Scout House. Grab your favorite game from home and come on out! No 'sign-up' required. Contact [Jessica](#) with any questions.

Upcoming Events

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

- 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 \(C\)](#)



Thin Mint Sprint

1/14/23
8am

This year celebrates the fifth BCS Thin Mint Sprint 5K and 1M Daisy Dash. 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. More info and registration at the link above.

*Entries must be received by 12/21/22 to be guaranteed a t-shirt & fun patch.



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

Camp registration will be through gsEvents for Summer Camp 2023. You will also be able to register directly from the Summer Camp page.

Queue It will help manage website traffic by placing customers in a registration queue on a fair, first-come, first-served basis.

View the camp registration system early and familiarize yourself with the new process in gsEvents. Registration walk-throughs will help ensure your camper's information is accurate within our system.

Camp kits will be available for purchase separately from camp registration. Place your camp kit or t-shirt order before May 21, 2022, through our website.

Join us for outdoor adventures like no other!

Visit www.gsctx.org/summercamp for full registration details.

Financial Assistance

We believe every Girl Scout deserves to experience the magic of camp. Typically, financial assistance covers up to 50 percent of camp fees. When applying for financial assistance, follow the standard camp registration process to reserve your spot. All camp registrations require a \$50 deposit payment at the time of registration to hold the camp session. Awarded financial assistance will be used to help pay the balance. Please complete the [Financial Partnership](#) form and submit it at least four weeks in advance of the camper's camp session.

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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](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)



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



1. 2022 B/CS Christmas Parade Float
2. Girl Scouts Haelee & Belle at DBJ Holiday Party
3. Troop 33009 deliver bags for recycling project



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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 January featured patch is "Lunar New Year"! 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>

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!

InTents

Do you have a girl in 6th-12th grade that is interested in outdoor and high adventure activities? B/CS Intents 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 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. 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](#)

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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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