March 2022

Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578

Serving the girls of Brazos County.

Upcoming Local Events

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

- 3/5/22
 <u>Come Out In</u> <u>Nature, I Heart</u> <u>Bryan</u>
- 3/5/22
 <u>Cupcakes with</u> <u>Kappa Delta (Sold</u> <u>Out)</u>
- 3/26/22 Foxfire XXI
- 4/10/22 Pajama Party with Kappa Delta
- 4/23/22 Spring Aides Skill Day
- 6/6/22 <u>Howdy Day Camp,</u> <u>HowdyCraft 2022!</u>



2022 B/CS Cookie Box Creations Team:- "Cookie Crafters"



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

Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. Whether you're a Girl Scout alum, a current member, a dedicated volunteer, or you simply have an extraordinary Girl Scout in your life, you're an important part of the Girl Scout family!

Join us in treating each day from March 6-12 as a day of action focused on a powerful yet simple way to get involved.

- Sunday, March 6 Girl Scout Sunday is a special day to think and share about your beliefs. Wear your Girl Scout uniform to your place of worship and share your Girl Scout experiences. Explore a different kind of faith and learn something new. <u>Click here</u> to get ideas on how to explore faith and spirituality.
- **Monday, March 7** 7 Invite A Friend Monday Learn what it means to be an entrepreneur and invite a friend to join Girl Scouts! The founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low, used entrepreneurial skills to start Girl Scouts. Find out what she did to start Girl Scouts and brainstorm what you can do to be a leader, too.
- **Tuesday, March 8** International Women's Day Tuesday March 8th is International Women's Day! Celebrate Women and discover the STEM program pillar. Find a woman in STEM who inspires you and share what you learned about her with your troop, family, or school.
- Wednesday, March 9 Community Service Wednesday Show your love for the outdoors as you take action with a service project! Maybe you'll do a park cleanup, reduce your energy or water use at home, or help make a habitat for animals. Check out your level's naturalist badge for inspiration!
- **Thursday, March 10** Throwback Thursday Girl Scouts have been around for 110 years. Do a Girl Scout activity from past decades that involve learning a new life skill. Some examples of retired "legacy" badges to inspire you are weaving and basketry, storyteller, handywoman, and more! Or look online to find other Girl Scout activities of the past to connect with!
- **Friday, March 11** Girl Scout Jummah and Girl Scout Spirit Day Wear your Girl Scout uniform to your place of worship and share your Girl Scout experience, or take some time to learn about the Islamic faith and Jummah. Wear your Girl Scout gear at school out and about to show your Girl Scout pride!
- Saturday, March 12 It's Girl Scout 110 Birthday! Girl Scout Sabbath and Girl Scout Birthday Wear your Girl Scout uniform to your place of worship and share your Girl Scout experience, or take some time to learn about the Jewish faith and Sabbath.

Upcoming Events

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

- 3/16/22
 <u>Virtual The Ghost of</u> <u>Pandora's Manor: An</u> <u>Immersive Escape</u> <u>Room (B/J)</u>
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 <u>Virtual The Ghost of</u> <u>Pandora's Manor: An</u> <u>Immersive Escape</u> <u>Room (J/C)</u>

3/18/22 <u>Virtual Toy Business</u> <u>Designer (D)</u>

- 3/20/22 Program Aide Trainin-Austin (C/A/S)
- 3/23/22 <u>Virtual Microsoft:</u> <u>Brownie</u> <u>Cybersecurity</u> <u>Safeguards Badge</u>
- 3/25/22 <u>Me & My Gal Campout</u> <u>- Camp Kachina (All</u> <u>Levels)</u>
- 3/27/22
 <u>Virtual Junior Badge</u>
 <u>Day</u>
- 3/28/22 <u>Virtual STEMondays:</u> <u>Fling Into Spring (B)</u>

4/2/22 <u>Comics & Cosplay -</u> <u>Waco (C/S/A)</u>

Check out more HERE!

Discover	Save the Date(s): February 27: Last day of cookie sales February 27: Wells Fargo Cookie Pitch video due		
Connect	March 04: <u>Product Program Collection Form</u> due March 11: Final ACH withdrawal March 15: <u>Volunteer Awards and Nominations</u> due		
Take Action	March 29: Upcoming <u>Virtual Girl Scout Information Night</u> April 29: <u>Challenge For Change</u> event April 29: <u>Cookies and Cocktails</u> event		
= Leadership	May 02: <u>Service Unit and Troop Financial Reports</u> due May 16: <u>Super Award</u> applications due July 09: 2022 Volunteer Enrichment Conference		

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



Volunteer Appreciation and Awards

Girl Scouting would not be the same without our amazing volunteers. What better way to say "thanks" than to submit a nomination for a Service Unit, Council or GSUSA Award? Visit the <u>Volunteer Appreciation and Awards</u> page for nomination ideas and award information. Submit your Volunteer Recognition nominations now through **March 15, 2022.** Email your <u>Service Unit</u> nominations to <u>Gs.bcs.suds@gmail.com</u>.

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 thisopportunity. 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.

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 every month, 7:30pm, at the Scout House; 2512 Rountree Drive, Bryan, TX 77801.

Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The March featured patch will be "Luck of the Girl Scout"! Check out the <u>monthly patch program</u> page to find the program curriculum and how to order patches.

<u>gsLearn</u>

Check out the newest, up-to-date training courses available on our online learning platform, <u>gsLearn</u>. 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 <u>GSCTX</u> <u>Event Calendar</u>, please use the <u>Training on Demand</u> 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.

<u>Do it yourself.</u> 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 <u>Girl Scouts At Home</u> for more ways to stay engaged!

Change Memo for Volunteer Essentials

Volunteer Essentials: View the Membership Year 2022 Change Memo for updated sections.

Safety Activity Checkpoints

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: <u>http://www.gsctx.org/SAC</u>

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 <u>bcsintents@gmail.com</u> 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.

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

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In-person Gatherings Guidelines

Last Updated: 2/24/2022

Groups may gather inperson with the following guidelines:

- Small groups recommended. Indoor meeting space must accomdate 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. <u>Safety Activity</u> <u>Checkpoints</u> for virtual meetings and <u>Internet</u> <u>Safety Pledge</u> are available to ensure the continued safety and well-being of girls and volunteers while meeting virtually.

- Virtual meeting resources are <u>HERE!</u>
- In-person meeting & events guidelines are <u>HERE!</u>
- Troop camping guidelines are <u>HERE!</u>

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