

**October  
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.

It's the beginning of another exciting Girl Scout year! Make sure you're ready!

1. Renew you (your troop role) and your Girl Scouts  
<https://www.gsctx.org/en/join/renew.html>
2. If you hold a current SU Role and wish to renew your role please do so by using the roster form. <https://www.gsctx.org/suroster>
3. Update your troop information using the Troop Update and Transfers form. <https://www.gsctx.org/.../troop-update-transfer-request...>
4. Be sure you and your household information/communication is up to date in myGS
5. Update your yearly [Health History forms](#), [Meeting Permission forms](#), and [Driver form](#)

### Save the Date(s):



- October 1: First Aid/CPR Training (B/CS)
- October 3: [Jumpstart Training](#) (B/CS)
- October 6: [Leader Essentials](#) (B/CS)
- October 11: [Let's Go! 1](#) (B/CS)
- October 15: [Let's Go! 2 & 3](#) (B/CS)
- October 16: [Kappa Delta Event](#) (B/CS)
- October 17: [SU Cookie Manager Training](#) (Virtual)
- October 18: [Try-It Event](#) (B/CS, Recruitment)
- October 28: [Twilight Scouts Outdoor Art](#) (B/CS)
- October 29: [Carnival of the Ghoul Scouts](#) (B/CS)
- October 31: Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday!

### 578 Essential Troop Leader Training

Beginning October 1, all troop leaders, whether a first-time volunteer or a longtime member, will be assigned the "578 Essential Troop Leader Training" learning pathway in gsLearn. Taking this set of required online courses provides all new and experienced troop leaders with the policies, procedures, and resources needed to be successful in their role. Once a troop leader takes all of the courses in this learning pathway, they are considered "trained," with the added benefit that doing this will check off one of the requirements in becoming a Super Troop, getting the troop closer to being able to earn additional cookie proceeds. Note that leaders will not need to retake any courses in this Essential Troop Leader Training pathway they have taken in the past in gsLearn. These courses will automatically be checked off, and these troop leaders will only need to take any courses that remain in the list. We recognize the transition to online training and record keeping has been an adjustment and appreciate your flexibility and willingness to continue learn as a troop leader, ensuring our members receive the best possible Girl Scout experience.

[About gsLearn](#)

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# Upcoming Events

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

- **Aug – Dec 22**  
[Think Like a Programmer Online Journey \(C,S,A\) - Virtual](#)
- **10/15/22**  
[Virtual Celebration of Latin Heritage \(All Levels\)](#)
- **10/16/22**  
[Kappa Delta Event - B/CS](#)
- **10/17/22**  
[Virtual Science of Happiness \(C\)](#)
- **10/17/22**  
[Virtual Adulting 101: Healthy Minds, Healthy Relationships \(CSA\)](#)
- **10/20/22**  
[Virtual Silver Award Workshop \(C\)](#)
- **10/22/22**  
[Jewelry Design with Kendra Scott \(J,C\) - Harker Heights](#)
- **10/22/22**  
[Journey in a Day: Think Like a Citizen Scientist \(B,J\) -B/CS](#)
- **10/22/22**  
[Virtual 'So You Want To Be A Medical Doctor?' Youth Conference \(J,C,S,A\)](#)

**GO BRIGHT Ahead**



## Fall Product Important Dates:

- **Oct. 1:** Fall Product sales begin
- **Oct. 14:** Paper Nut & Candy Sale ends
- **Oct 15:** Paper Nut & Candy orders due
- **Oct. 15 - Nov. 7:** Online Nut & Candy/Mags sale continues
- **Nov:** Troop Fall Product Coordinator distributes product
- **Nov 8:** Submit Girl Scout rewards
- **Nov 17-24:** All money due to troop

Find more on Fall Products at the link below:

<https://www.gsctx.org/en/cookies/fall-products.html>

## The Girl Led Events Group

This is a special interest troop that will focus on mentoring and serving younger girls. The CSA (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors) Girl Scouts will plan and host events for the younger girls (Daisies, Brownies, Juniors). If your CSA Girl Scout is interested in joining the fun, contact Jessica at [toad12788@gmail.com](mailto:toad12788@gmail.com) for more details!

## Event Calendar

- 10/9 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 10/23 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 11/13 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 11/19 - DBJ Flag Ceremony Event
- 11/20 - Thanksgiving Potluck for CSA
- 12/11 - Christmas Wrapping Fundraiser
- 12/11 - Christmas Party for Events CSA
- 12/18 - Christmas Party for SU DBJ Event
- 1/8 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 1/14 - CSA Board Game Night
- 1/22 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 2/12 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 2/14 - Valentines Tea Party
- 2/26 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 3/4 - Cake Decorating for CSA
- 3/26 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 4/23 - Meeting @ Scout House
- 5/7 - Mother's Day Kit, DIY

## Service Unit Camp Out Camp Howdy November 12 - 13



Save the Date!

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Check out more [HERE!](#)

## Upcoming Events cont.

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- **10/26/22**  
[Virtual Microsoft: Make Your Own Story In Powerpoint And Word \(All Levels\)](#)
- **10/28/22**  
[Twilight Girl Scouts: Outdoor Art \(D,B,J\) - Bryan](#)
- **10/28/22**  
[Sailing Fundamentals Level 1 \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- **10/28/22**  
[Sailing Fundamentals Level 2 \(C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- **11/3/22**  
[Virtual Travel Committee Open House \(V\)](#)
- **11/3/22**  
[Meet The Author At Texas Book Festival \(All Levels\) - Austin](#)
- **11/5/22**  
[Star Of The Republic Museum, Texas Pioneer Patch \(All Levels\) - Washington](#)
- **11/5/22**  
[Badge Day At The Science Mill \(All Levels\) - Johnson City](#)
- **11/9/22**  
[Virtual Microsoft: Hour Of Code Minecraft AI \(B,J,C,S,A\) - Bryan](#)

### HOST TROOPS NEEDED FOR CARNIVAL OF GHOUL SCOUTS

OCTOBER 29, 2022  
6PM TO 8PM

#### CAMP HOWDY

##### WHAT IS IT:

CARNIVAL OF GHOUL SCOUTS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY FALL FESTIVAL. JOINTLY HOSTED BY THE LOCAL BCS GS SERVICE UNIT AND LOCAL TROOPS.

##### WHAT WOULD OUR TROOP DO:

LOCAL TROOPS VOLUNTEER TO HOST BOOTHS FOR OTHER TROOPS TO EXPERIENCE. BOOTHS ARE USUALLY HOSTED BY CSA LEVEL TROOPS. CANDY IS DISTRIBUTED BY MANY OF THE BOOTHS.

##### WHO IS INVITED?

IT IS OPEN TO GIRL SCOUT FAMILIES OF ALL AGES, BUT MOST OF THE BOOTHS ARE GEARED TOWARDS THE DBJ LEVEL.

##### DO WE WEAR COSTUMES?

COSTUMES ARE ENCOURAGED



Event Contact: Kate @ [katemrandolph@yahoo.com](mailto:katemrandolph@yahoo.com)

Booth form: <https://forms.gle/b3PftG5KeTkfLzvV7>

Troop 33009 is collecting plastic bags and needs your help! The official "Kick-off" will be Friday, October 14, 2022 at 6pm at the Girl Scout House: 2512 Rountree in Bryan, with a short presentation. Bring your plastic bags! The goal is to collect 500 pounds of plastic bags within 6 months, in order to get a cool bench for the Girl Scout House. If you can't make it to the Kick-Off, there is a collection box at the Service Center and Scout House.



## Girl Scouts About Town



Troops 33009 and 33005 participated in the Fiestas Patrias parade that took place in downtown Bryan on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022. The girls wore their vests and many also dressed up in their folkloric outfits. They took turns carrying a banner made by some of the troop members. It was hot, but we made the 1 mile walk. Everyone had a good time and represented Girl Scouts and Mexican culture well! This is a great kick-off event for our troop to celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 15 through October 15. The Fiestas Patrias Organization uses parade entry fees and other fund-raisers to give scholarships to local students.

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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 a representative, but everyone is invited to join us!

## Volunteer Support Specialist, Emily Dawson

Virtual office hours are back! Wednesday, 11:45-12:30. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98251823146> Meeting ID: 982 5182 3146 Passcode: 688616

Also check Emily's [Area 3 Service Center Updates](#)

## Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The September featured patch will be "Uncover Texas"! 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 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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# Service Unit Important Names and Contact Information

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### Area 3 Service Center:

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Call 512-490-2382 to  
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### Delegates:

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**Webpage Editor**  
**Troop School Organizer**  
**New Leader Consultant**  
**Volunteer Recognitions Committee Chair**  
**SU Events Committee Chair**  
**Community Service Committee Chair**

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