

March
2023



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.

Celebrate
Girl Scout
Week



Girl Scout Week | March 12 - March 18

March 12

Girl
Scout
Sunday

It's Girl Scouts
Birthday!

Celebrating
111 years.



March 13

Act of
Kindness
Day

One act of
kindness
toward another
person.

Donate used
clothes or toys
to a nonprofit.



March 14

Share
Your
Story

Write a story
about your
favorite Girl
Scout memory.

Upload your
favorite memory
to Facebook in a
Girl Scout
setting.



March 15

Girl
Scout
Spirit Day

Create a chant
about Girl
Scouts.

Set a goal to do
something
different in your
Girl Scout
meeting.



March 16

Sharing
is
Caring

Plan to give
your idea to
your Troop for
a service
project in your
community.

Bake Girl Scout
cookies and give
to someone in
your community.



March 17

Explore
the Arts
Day

Create a skit or
a play to
present at your
next Girl Scout
meeting.

Create a song,
drawing,
painting, or
Playdoh of your
favorite thing
you saw. Take a
pic!



March 18

Girl Scout
Sabbath
Day

Learn about
someone else's
faith.

Learn about your
faith.



**MOM AND
ME
CAMPING**

**MARCH
25-26**
4PM-9AM
CAMP HOWDY



March 4 – [STEMfest @ A&M](#)
March 4 – [WTD @ Blinn](#)
March 11 – [Marksmanship Event](#)
March 11 – [Let's Go! 2&3 \(Bryan\)](#)
March 12 – [Color Bar @ Kendra Scott](#)
March 25-26 – [Mom & Me Campout](#)
April 12 – [Women In Math \(J,C\)](#)
April 1 – [Ergonomics Workshop](#)
April 16 – Kappa Delta Event
April 19 – [Insect Investigation at the Gardens \(C,S,A\)](#)
April 26 – [Insect Investigation at The Garden \(D,B,J\)](#)
May 6 – Earth Day Fashion Show

Jewelry Making Event



March 12, 2023
11am - 12pm
Kendra Scott
166 Century Ct. College Station

ERGONOMICS

APRIL 1, 2023
9:30 AM - 10:30AM



Texas A&M University School of Public Health

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2022-2023 Awards Booklet

We, as a Service Unit, enjoy recognizing the achievements of our girls. Michelle Ethridge has volunteered to put together an Awards Booklet for this year to recognize those girls who earned a Bronze, Silver, or Gold award.

Each leader or parent needs to send Michelle the information as indicated below. If a troop or group did their project together then they can send in one entry.

Please send the following information to Michelle Ethridge by April 15, 2023 at: michelleethridge@gmail.com

Title: short project title

Award: (Gold, Silver, or Bronze)

Girl Scout (Troop): first name only of the girl plus their troop number in parenthesis

Guidance: name of advisor for the project (advisor) / name of the GS leader (leader)

Description: about 2 to 5 sentences describing the project (hopefully, most of this would be from their paperwork)

Photos: 1 to 2 photos (prefer in jpeg format)

To see examples, view previous year's booklets available on our Service Unit website: <http://www.bcsgirlscouts.org/award-booklets>



Howdy Day Camp 2023

Registration will happen in two blocks!

1. 3/15-4/1 – Early Registration for Volunteers, their children, Aides, and AITs
2. 4/2-4/30 – General Registration for any remaining open spots

Find more information at bcsgirlscouts.org

Super Awards

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](#)



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.



Save the date!
More info coming soon!

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Upcoming Events cont.

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

- **3/11/23**
[Virtual Women Entrepreneurs \(D,B,J\)](#)

- **3/20/23**
[Virtual Adulting 101: Budgeting, Credit, and Taxes \(C,S,A\)](#)

- **3/22/23**
[Virtual Microsoft: Beginners Guide to Arcade Games - Code Your Own Game \(J,C,S,A\) - B/CS](#)

- **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**
[Bull Creek Eco Learner Badge Hike \(B\) - Austin](#)

- **3/25/23**
[Chicken and Bones: Dissection Discovery \(J,C\) - Austin](#)

- **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



Special interest group, In”Tents”, went to Colorado Bend State Park for some spelunking adventures! They learned about cave ecology and got up close and personal to several of the cutest cave dwellers...bats, a cliff chirping frog, and several dark-adapted bugs.

If your troop is looking for an adventure, check out

[Nichols Outdoor Adventures](#)



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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 March featured patch is "Women of 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.

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- 3/31/23
[Sasquatch \(J,C,S,A\) - Camp Kachina](#)
- 4/1/23
[Comics and Cosplay \(C,S,A\) - Waco](#)
- 4/1/23
[Fancy Letter Cookie and Cake Decorating Class \(C,S,A\) - Austin](#)
- 4/10/23
[Virtual Adulting 101: Doctors Appointments \(C,S,A\)](#)
- 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](#)

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Service Unit Important Names and Contact Information

Girl Scouts of Central Texas Staff:

Area 3 Service Center:

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Bryan, TX 77801

Open by appointment only.
Call 512-490-2382 to
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customercare@gsctx.org

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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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