

**Girl Scouts Bryan/College Station
Service Unit**

**2023
Girl Scout Awards
Ceremony**



June 2, 2023

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Green-But-Growing Award

- ❖ **Cassandra Lane, Troop 979**
- ❖ **Sarah Bankston, Troop 9134**
- ❖ **Kat Evans, Troop 321**
- ❖ **Kristy Wallace, Troop 33017**
- ❖ **Jessica Stubblefield, Troop 1303**

Service Unit Star Award

- ❖ **Debbie Mitchell, Troop 9145**
- ❖ **Tiphany Bode, Troop 9041**
- ❖ **Dawn Jiménez , Troop 9132**
- ❖ **Eric Brown, Troop 9025**

Service Unit Outstanding Partners Award

- ❖ **Julie Boytim (Troop 9018) & Paula Welch (Troop 9145)**

Service Unit Extra Mile Award

- ❖ **Melissa Maness, Troop 9134**
- ❖ **Shelly Peacock, Troop 33012**
- ❖ **Elizabeth Poprik, Troop 9060**
- ❖ **Katina Osth, Troop 33009**
- ❖ **Michelle Ethridge, Troop 9021**

Outstanding Volunteer Award

- ❖ **Kate Randolph, Troop 9150**
- ❖ **Christine Lawrence, Troop 9021**

B/CS Graduating Senior Scholarship

Jenna Randolph, Troop 9045



B/CS Graduating Senior Scholarship

Hailey Hudson, Troop 9016



Title: **The Scout House Beautification Project**

Award: **Bronze**

Girl Scouts: Aida, Alayna, Alyssa, Brianna, Claire L., Claire W., Joanna, Kate, Lily, Mandy Lu, Sabrina, Samantha, and Tara (Troop 9132)

Guidance: Dawn Jiménez and Katie Westerheim (advisors) / Dawn Jiménez (leader)

Description: We re-landscaped our Bryan Scout House to make it look nicer and more homey and inviting. We pulled out overgrown plants, added new plants, put in new soaker hoses for watering, and added a border around the plant beds.



Title: Birthday Party Bags

Award: Bronze

Girl Scout: Emily (Troop 9018)

Guidance: Nancy Browning & Julie Boytim

For my bronze award, I decided to make birthday bags. I wanted to do this project because kids should have the opportunity to celebrate their birthday, blow out candles and eat some cake. Despite circumstances, everyone should be able to celebrate their life. So I made 50 birthday bags to give to kids the CASA volunteers help, a place that provides court advocates for children. Each birthday bag includes cake mix, frosting, candles, soda, and a birthday card!



Title: **Birthday Bags for Brazos Valley Food Bank**

Award: **Bronze**

Troop: Isla (Troop 9018)

Guidance: Erica Harvey & Julie Boytim

I made birthday bags so that kids in our community could have a birthday celebration all ready. My family loves to celebrate birthdays, and I wanted to spread the joy to others who might not otherwise be able to celebrate with cake & a card. The bags included a birthday card, birthday sticker, can of coke, cake mix, chocolate frosting, candles, recipe, and a disposable pan. The bags were placed in a gift bag with tissue paper.



Title: **Read to Learn**

Award: **Bronze**

Girl Scouts: Scarlett, Alice, Angelica, Seraphina, Alena (Troop 9021)

Guidance: Richard Lawrence & Christine Lawrence

Description: The Juniors of Troop 9021 decided to focus on bringing literacy to their local community. The girls built, painted, and installed a free little library in the community park of Meadowcreek. They also collected donated books and stocked the library.



Title: **Food and Clothing Drive**

Award: **Bronze**

Girl Scout: Hannah (Troop 33005)

Guidance: Shameena Bake (Hannah's parent), Patty Luna (troop leader)

Description: This project aimed to provide food and clothing to needy people in Brazos County. Hannah and her troop members made flyers with information about this activity with Ms.Luna's guidance and distributed the flyers to individual homes in different neighborhoods, schools, and offices. They collected canned foods (vegetables, soup, meat, beans), rice, pasta, cereal, and a variety of new and gently used clothing for different age groups. To distribute the items, the girls scouts partnered with another charity group (group leader -Dr. Iqbal Awooda) in town- they do monthly visits to a neighborhood in Bryan and offer their services. The girls scouts went to the same neighborhood in Bryan, where a lot of low-income families live, and spent half a day distributing food and clothing. Hannah and her fellow troop-mates felt that this was a great experience and realized the value of generosity in a community.



Title: Birthday Bags for Still Creek Ranch

Award: Bronze

Girl Scouts: Riley & Caitlyn (Troop 9018)

Guidance: Melissa Lucas, Kelli Yates, & Julie Boytim

Description: For our bronze award, we decided to make birthday bags. We wanted to do this project because kids my age should have the opportunity to celebrate their birthday with friends and family, blow out candles and eat some cake. We made 50 birthday bags to give to kids that live at Still Creek Ranch, a place that helps kids that have been through harsh times and need a second chance. Each birthday bag includes cake mix, frosting, candles, coke, and a birthday card!



Title: Restoring a Campsite at Camp Howdy

Award: **Bronze**

Girl Scouts: Lyla, Mallory, Abigail, Megan, Hayden (Troop 33002)

Guidance: Courtney DeVries & Lydia Scott

Description: We noticed a section of Camp Howdy called Juniper was overgrown and unusable and decided we wanted to help. We love going to Camp Howdy and hanging out with other girl scout friends and participating in different activities at our local camp in our own backyard. We spent many hours clearing brush and making a fire ring. We hope that Juniper 2 is a campsite that will be used for future girl scouts for many years to come.



Title: **Butterfly Garden**

Award: **Silver**

Girl Scout: Belle (Troop 9021)

Guidance: Laurie Carona & Carol Foster

Description: I made a butterfly garden for Riverbend Elementary. The garden is part of an outdoor classroom for the Riverbend Elementary students. It included native host plants for butterflies like the Monarch Butterfly. I also made rocks with fun facts about Monarch Butterflies, and worked with the kids to paint rocks for the garden's border. In preparation for planting the garden, I worked with the school to determine the garden site. I inquired about underground utilities and getting permission to make a wildflower border around the garden. The wildflower border idea was not used, but I did make a rock border with rocks the kids painted. The students painted the rocks I used for the border. I worked with the art teacher and provided all supplies and instructions needed to paint the rocks for the border. To prepare the rocks to be painted, I boiled and rinsed the rocks to remove debris. Then, I gave them to the art teacher for the kids to paint. In order to educate kids and adults, I made a brochure about Monarch Butterflies. I researched Monarch Butterflies and their migration paths and put them together in a brochure. Then, I did research on fun facts, food sources, and life cycle information to assist in educating kids using the classroom. Finally, I added information on how people can help in conservation efforts to save the Monarch Butterfly. I sent a PDF of the brochure to the teacher I was working with so she can print them and laminate them. Then, if a brochure gets ruined more can be printed and replace the ruined ones.



Title: **Compass Course**

Award: **Silver**

Troop: Reese & Amanda (Troop 9150)

Guidance: Kate Randolph & Laurie Carona

Description: Reese and Amanda created three individual compass courses and installed them at Camp Howdy. The compass courses are designed to teach Scouts how to find directions on a compass and problem solve. The courses are available for any troop that is interested in using them.



Title: Homelessness Awareness Patch

Award: Silver

Troop: Sophia (Troop 9150)

Guidance: Kate Randolph & Laurie Carona

Description: Sophia created a homelessness awareness patch that can be earned by troops or individual girls. She wanted to address the lack of information given to youth about homelessness. She also started and ran a food drive for the Brazos Valley Food Bank.



Title: **A World of Xeriscaping: Sally the Saver**

Award: **Silver**

Girl Scout: Emma (Troop 9020)

Guidance: Kelly Dubuisson, Andrea Reyna & Mandy Schaefer

Description: I focused on environmental change for my project. I wanted to raise awareness and help people think about their environmental actions related to gardening decisions like watering and making plant decisions. First, I explored ways to save the environment through water use. One way to do this is to adopt Xeriscaping practices. In order to understand these practices, I looked at 10 different activities considered to be Xeriscaping. One practice is to garden with rocks instead of plants; therefore, I built a rock garden in a conservancy area. I also wanted young people to be more aware of Xeriscaping, so I wrote and illustrated a children's book to help them be aware of the environment and educate them about Xeriscaping. I shared my book, Sally the Saver, with Daisies as part of their Eco Learner badge and Between Earth and Sky journey and the Brownies as part of their Eco Friends badges and part of the WOW! Wonders of Water journey.



Title: **Outdoor Classroom Benches**

Award: **Silver**

Girl Scouts: Aurora (Troop 9021)

Guidance: Katie Conner & Christine Lawrence

Description: I made several outdoor benches for an outdoor classroom at Riverbend Elementary. These benches aim to encourage students and teachers to have an enjoyable class outside. With this area, students can explore the nature around them for things like science and use the space for things like reading outside in the sun. My initial design had several different types of seats available, though I only used one of them. I sanded, stained, and bolted the benches together by hand. After the first coat of wood stain, I transferred the benches to the school and finished them on-site. After a few days of drying, they were finally placed in the outdoor classroom location.



Title: **Organization for CASA**

Award: **Silver**

Girl Scout: Sarah (Troop 9018)

Guidance: Kate Randolph & Julie Boytim

Description: Sarah organized and created an inventory system for donations to Voices for Children (VFC). Staff at VFC can now know what supplies they have on hand and easily log new donations into the system. The improved organization and inventory system will help CASA continue to serve about 150 children per year and many foster families.



Title: **BCS Spay Informational Videos**

Award: **Silver**

Girl Scout: Lily (Troop 9018)

Guidance: Kate Randolph & Julie Boytim

Description: Lily made three videos for BCS Spay, a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, that spays and neuters feral cats, allowing them to become either adoptable or released again. The three videos consisted of what BCS Spay is and what they do, how to adopt with BCS Spay, and how to volunteer and foster with BCS Spay. The videos will be used by BCS Spay on various platforms to raise awareness.



Title: Art therapy for Teenagers and Young Adults

Award: Gold

Girl Scout: Rowan (Troop 9060)

Guidance: Elizabeth Poprik

Description: Stress and poor mental health can often be overlooked and ignored by teenagers. For her project, Mental Health in Teenagers and Young Adults, Rowan partnered with her school's student council to teach students how to reduce stress and increase community. Students participated in a presentation about stress and art therapy and then drew representations of themselves; these representations were used to create a mural to show their connections to one another.



2022-2023 Service Unit Leadership

- ❖ **Service Unit Lead - Operations:** Tiphany Bode
- ❖ **Service Unit Lead - Membership & Volunteer Support:**
Christine Lawrence and Michelle Ethridge
- ❖ **Service Unit Lead - Programs:** Kate Randolph
- ❖ **Training Coordinator:** Sandra Trainor
- ❖ **Camp Howdy Reservations / Outdoor Training:** Kathy Beifuss
- ❖ **Fall Product Sales:** Debbie Mitchell
- ❖ **Cookie Sales Manager:** Julie Boytim
- ❖ **Cookie Sale Booth Coordinator:** Paula Welch
- ❖ **Service Unit Madrina:** Katina Osth
- ❖ **Newsletter:** Michelle Ethridge
- ❖ **Camp Howdy Site Team:** Steve Gossett (lead), Ken Turner, Kathy Beifuss, DJ Weatherford, Larry Marek, Benito Flores Meath, David Morrison



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- ❖ **Silver Award Consultants:** Laurie Carona, Kate Randolph
- ❖ **Gold Award Consultants:** Kathy Beifuss, Kay F. Simmons, Elizabeth Poprik.
- ❖ **Scholarship Award Committee:** Kay F. Simmons (chair), Beverly Kuhn, Rebecca Thompson, Susan Chrysler, Karen Dixon.

2022-2023 Local Council Staff

- ❖ **Volunteer Support Specialist:** Emily Dawson
- ❖ **Community Recruitment Specialist:** Jesse Blum
- ❖ **Part-Time Program Specialist:** Krysta Posalski



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