

**November  
2023**



# Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578



## Cookie Program Important Dates

- **Now:** [Troop Cookie Coordinator agreement available online](#)
- **Nov 10:** [Caregiver Permission form due](#)
- **Nov 10:** ACH form due for new troops
- **Dec 1:** Initial Orders due in Smart Cookie
- **Jan 13:** Cookie Delivery
- **Jan 17:** Cookie Sales Start
- **Jan 20:** Cookie Booths start
- **Feb 2:** 1<sup>st</sup> ACH (50% of initial order)
- **Feb 16:** 2<sup>nd</sup> ACH (remaining balance of initial order)
- **Feb 25:** Cookie Sales End
- **March 1:** Reward Orders Due
- **March 8:** Final ACH

[Find out more about Cookie Program!](#)

## Become a Climate Advocate!

[Climate Challenge Badges include activities for all ages!](#)



## Mobile STEM Experience

Girl Scouts can:

- Design and build a robot
- Learn how to code
- Delve into animal ecosystems
- Explore outer space
- Create experiments in electricity, physics, and more

[Reserve your mobile STEM experience today!](#)

Serving the girls of Brazos County.

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



**2024 BCS Thin Mint Sprint  
January 13, 2024  
5K and 1 Mile Daisy Dash  
[Registration is open!](#)**



**BCS Cookie Rally  
January 6, 2024  
2pm - 4pm  
Registration details coming soon!**



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

# Troops Out and About



Troops 812 and 9023 toured the Brazos County Volunteer Fire Department and earned their Daisy safety badge.



Troop 321 toured the Bryan Police Department.



Troop 9132 enjoyed camping at Camp Texlake.



Troop 33303 worked on the Drawing and Painting badges at DEGALLERY.



Troop 33303 visited iFly.



Troop 33308 toured Farmhouse Yogurt.



Troop 33307 enjoyed their 1<sup>st</sup> campout at Camp Kachina.



Troop 33309 installed sleeves for flags.

## Special Interest Troops

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. It can be a great supplement to a girls existing troop.

**Next Meeting:**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2pm at Kung Fu Tea in College Station

Please contact [bcsintents@gmail.com](mailto:bcsintents@gmail.com) for more information.

Do you have a girl in 6th-12th grade that is interested in planning and hosting events? B/CS Girl Led Event Committee (GLE) may be the group for her. Meetings and events held at the Bryan Scout House.

**November Meeting**  
11-19-23 6-8pm

**December Meeting**  
12-3-23 6-8pm

**Upcoming Events:**

12-16-23  
CSA Karaoke – Bring a Friend Event

1-6-24  
CSA Movie Night – Double Feature

Please contact [gs.bcs.suds@gmail.com](mailto:gs.bcs.suds@gmail.com) for more information.

## Upcoming Events - Nov

All event information is accessed by clicking on the event name

- 11/3/23 [My First Campout \(DB\)](#)
- 11/4/23 [Curiosity Cube \(BJCSA\) 5 sessions](#)
- 11/4/23 [Arbor Day with TAMU Forest Service \(DBJ\)](#)
- 11/4/23 [Virtual Junior Amuse Journey Jumpstart](#)
- 11/5/23 [Arbor Day with TAMU Forest Service \(CSA\)](#)
- 11/5/23 [Virtual Cadette MEdia Journey Jumpstart](#)
- 11/11/23 [Make-a-soda at the Dr Pepper Museum \(BJ\)](#)
- 11/11/23 [Virtual Brownie World of Girls Journey](#)
- 11/12/23 [International Girls Day at Kappa Delta](#)
- 11/18/23 [Crawling in the Caverns \(DBJ\)](#)
- 11/19/23 [Ballet Austin Nutcracker \(BJC\) 2 sessions](#)
- 11/25/23 [Girl Scout Day at UT Womens Volleyball](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)

Troop 33002 will be hosting a sheets and pillowcases drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

They are looking for donations of new twin sheets and pillowcases.

Donations will be collected on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4pm at the Larry J Ringer Library in College Station.

Contact [Courtney DeVries](#) for more information.



[Texas Renaissance Festival Tickets for Girl Scouts at a discounted rate! Click for more info.](#)

TAMU Winnie Carter Wildlife Center  
Educational Tours  
Nov 11  
10am, 12pm, 2pm  
\$20/ticket



### [Make Your Mark Challenge](#)

Girls will learn what makes them unique while earning this limited-edition Girl Scout My Little Pony Make Your Mark fun patch.

### [Girl Scout Tree Promise](#)

Take part in this National Service Project and earn the Girl Scout Tree Promise Badge.



[Check out other Girl Scout National Service Projects here](#)



### Summer Camp 2024

Registration for Summer Camp 2024 opens in January.

[Learn more about GSCTX Summer Camps here](#)

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

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## Upcoming Events - Dec

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- 12/1/23 [Girl Scout Night with the Austin Spurs](#)
- 12/2/23 [Virtual Take the LEAD Part 1 \(CSA\)](#)
- 12/2/23 & 12/3/23 [Girl Scout Day at the Nutcracker \(Austin\)](#)
- 12/2/23 [Virtual Agent of Change \(J\)](#)
- 12/3/23 [Virtual Your Voice, Your World Journey \(SA\)](#)
- 12-9-23 [Happy Hanukkah! \(DBJ\)](#)
- 12/10/23 [Virtual aMAZE Journey \(C\)](#)
- 12/16/23 [Caving and Repelling with REI @ Colorado Bend St Park \(SA\)](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)

## Upcoming Volunteer Training

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

### Calling all CSA Girl Scouts

Cookie Captain Sign up is live

–  
[Cookie Captain Program CSA 2023 – 2024](#)

More info on training coming soon. Sign up will close December 1.

### Specialty Committees

#### Camp Howdy Committee

Interested in helping make decisions about Camp Howdy? Girl and adult volunteers are needed for the Camp Howdy Committee.

#### Scout House Committee

Interested in helping make decisions about the Scout House? Girl and adult volunteers are needed for the Scout House Committee.

# Council Guidelines and Resources

## Service Unit Meetings

Service Unit meetings are generally 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](mailto:austinshop@gsctx.org).

## Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The November featured patch is "**STEM In History!**" 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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.

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### Open Positions:

**Troop School Organizers** – Help foster school relationships and assist Recruiter in your community school

**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.

## Girl Scouts of Central Texas Staff:

### Area 3 Service Center:

2512 Rountree Dr  
Bryan, TX 77801

Open by appointment only.  
Call 512-490-2382 to schedule.

### Help Desk:

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