

**April
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.



**June 5-9, 2023
8am-2pm**

We are ready to “Get prepared!” for this year’s day camp theme, Howdy Apocalypse 2023! This 100% volunteer run day camp experience is a week full of Girl Scout traditions, outdoor skill building, and emergency preparedness based activities!

Register [HERE!](#)

**Howdy Day Camp
2023 Co-Directors:**

- Jessica Stubblefield, toad12788@gmail.com
- Shea Stubblefield, shealibr@gmail.com
- Kaylee Gilmore, kayleera_mos18@gmail.com

Spring Renewal Season!

The earlier you renew, the more rewards you can earn. Girl Scout Youth Rewards:

Renew by April 7- Get a Trefoil shoe charm when you renew your youth, adult, volunteer, or Lifetime Membership by April 7! Show off your Girl Scout pride with every step. No Crocs? No problem! Make a craft to use the charm for your backpack, keychain, or anywhere else.

Renew by May 31 - Carabiner Lantern: Receive an exclusive Girl Scout carabiner lantern—perfect for your next campout. **Girl Scout Night In (grades 1-5):** Get free admission to an event near you. Events will be held in Austin (7/21, 8/4, 8/24), Brownwood (8/4), Bryan (8/11), San Angelo (7/21), and Waco (8/4). All times are 6-9 p.m. Registration will open on the [Event Calendar](#) on April 10.

Renew by June 30

- **Campout at Camp Kachina (grades 6-12):** Get free admission to a campout night just for older Girl Scouts. Girl Scout Campout at Camp Kachina is scheduled for Sunday, November 19 through Monday, November 20, as many school districts have Monday off. Registration will open on the [Event Calendar](#) on April 10.
- **Drawing Entry for Summer Camp 2024 Early Registration:** Have first pick of next year's summer camp sessions and get in early. Twenty winners will be selected.
- **Use Program Credits** to pay for your 2023-2024 membership.

Important Dates:

April 10 – [Virtual Adulting 101: Doctors Appointments](#)
April 12 – [Women In Math \(J,C\)](#)
April 15 - [Keep Brazos Beautiful; Trashoff 2023](#)
April 16 – [Painting Badge with Kappa Delta](#)
April 19 – [Insect Investigation at the Gardens \(C,S,A\)](#)
April 22 - [BCS Girl Scout Yard Sale](#)
April 23 - [CSA: Get to Know Nuclear Event](#)
April 26 – [Insect Investigation at The Garden \(D,B,J\)](#)
May 1 – [Troop Financials Due via VTK!](#)
May 6 – [Recycle Fashion Show](#)

Don't mess with Texas

April 15, 2023
9am - 11am

TRASH-OFF

Wolf Pen
Creek Park

2023



KEEP BRAZOS
BEAUTIFUL
KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE



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>



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](#)



This is a fundraising opportunity for all eligible troops in BCS. We will advertise for you and do the paperwork. You get items donated to you by troop friends and family, show up on the day of with your items to sell, then sell them, and keep the profit towards troop goals! This event is hosted by GS Troop 9021. Fill out this [FORM](#) to hold your spot, a second form will go out closer to the date of the event to get more details from each troop.

Questions? Email Christine Lawrence at Troop9021@gmail.com

CSA: Get to Know Nuclear

Register: <https://forms.gle/SpiNe93siwpZn1rk8>

Place: Luedecke Bldg (Cyclotron), 120 Spence St, College Station, TX 77840

Price: \$2

Texas A&M University
Cyclotron Institute

GET TO KNOW
NUCLEAR

Workshop and Tour
April 23 | 2 PM

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Upcoming Events

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

- [4/6/23 San Antonio Spurs in 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](#)
- [4/19/23 Virtual Microsoft: Hour of Code - A Tale of Two Villages \(J,C,S,A\)](#)
- [4/15/23 Save the Date: Strawberry Picking at Sweet Berry Farm \(All Levels\) - Marble Falls](#)
- [4/15/23 Playing the Past at Pioneer Farms \(J\)](#)
- [4/24/23 iFly STEM Experience \(J,C,S,A\) - Austin](#)



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



- 1.) BCS Girl Scouts teamed up with [Kendra Scott](#) to learn a little about the jewelry and create a custom necklace.
- 2.) Sydney with Troop 321 testing out her parachute at STEM Fest
- 3.) BCS Girl Scouts went out to [Savage Outdoors & Defense](#) to learn gun safety and practice their marksmanship



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Check out more [HERE!](#)

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 April featured patch is "Camping Adventures"! 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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Upcoming Volunteer Training

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- [4/19/23](#)
[CPR/First Aide, Adult Training - Austin](#)
- [4/20/23](#)
[Virtual Backpacking Basics, Adult Training - Zoom](#)
- [4/27/23](#)
[Virtual Leave No Trace, Adult Training - Zoom](#)
- [5/6/23](#)
[Howdy Day Camp Volunteer Training - Bryan](#)
- [5/16/23](#)
[CPR/First Aid, Adult Training - Austin](#)
- [5/20/23](#)
[Howdy Day Camp Volunteer Training - Bryan](#)
- [5/20/23](#)
[Lets Go!2, Adult Training - Austin](#)
- [5/20/23](#)
[Lets Go!3, Adult Training - Austin](#)



Service Unit Important Names and Contact Information

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:

1-800-733-0011

customercare@gsctx.org

Community Recruitment Specialist:

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Volunteer Support Specialist:

Emily Dawson
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Program Specialist (Part- Time):

Krysta Posalski
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B/CS SU Delegates:

Delegates:

Jessica Stubblefield
Julie Boytim

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Rachel Jungklaus
Aurora Brown

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| Service Unit Lead – Operations/Treasurer | Tiphany Bode | tiphany@tamu.edu | 979-422-4080 |
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| Camp Howdy Reservation and Outdoor Training | Kathy Beifuss | Kathy.beifuss@gmail.com | 979-229-7306 |
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| | Kay Simmons | Kay.Fitzpatrick.Simmons@gmail.com | 979-676-2970 |

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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