

# September 2023



## Bryan / College Station Service Unit News

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578



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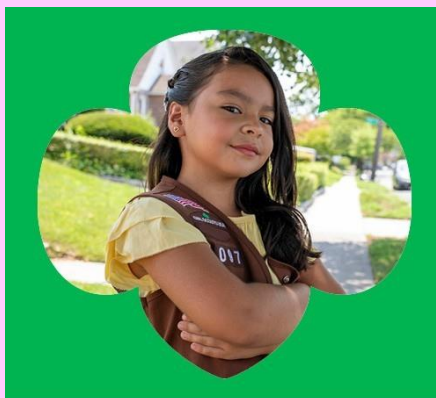
Helping to build girls  
of courage,  
confidence, and  
character.

### Fall Product Important Dates

- **September 1:** [Troop Fall Product Coordinator Agreement](#) is available online
- **Oct. 1:** Fall Product sales begin
- **Oct. 15:** Paper Nut & Candy Sale ends
- **Oct 15:** Paper Nut & Candy orders due
- **Oct. 15 - Nov. 6:** Online Nut & Candy/Mags sale continues
- **Nov:** Troop Fall Product Coordinator distributes product
- **Nov:** Submit Girl Scout rewards
- **Nov 17-24:** All money due to troop
- **Dec 1:** ACH date

[Find out more about Fall Products!](#)

### Membership Renewal



Keep the fun going!

Bigger and better things  
are around the corner.

**RENEW TODAY**



Time to get renewed for 2023-2024!

If you need help renewing your membership, check out these useful guides:

[Guide to Logging into MyGS](#)

[Guide to Renewing a Youth Member](#)

[Guide to Renewing an Adult Volunteer](#)

Remember [customer care](#) can always



## Girl Scouts Back-to-School Bash

**Sunday  
September 10**

**Come and go:  
1pm – 4pm**

**Bryan Scout House**

Enjoy bounce house,  
STEM activities,  
crafts and snacks!

## Girl Scout Troop Happenings – Summer Edition



Troop 9021 visited Las Vegas, NV over the summer. They visited Meow Wolf – Omega Mart, Cirque Mystere, Marvel Station, Tournament of Kings and Guy Fieri's Vegas Kitchen!



Aggie Girl Scouts at their last meeting of the year!



Cadettes from Troop 9132 enjoyed an outing to Austin's!



Troop 979 enjoyed a summer trip to the beach!



Troop 33009 enjoyed a cake decorating class, splatter room and even got mani/pedis!



Sabrina, Troop 9132, attended the National Convention in Orlando!



Troop 33002 bridged to Cadette at Juliette Gordon Low's house in Savannah, GA! They also went on a ghost tour, climbed a light house and visited Tybee Island. Along the way they stayed at different GS camps and visited the beach in Navarre FL!

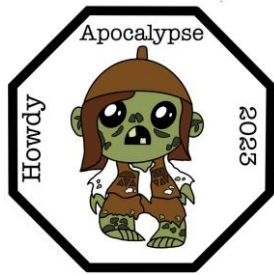


Amanda, Troop 9150, went on a GSUSA destination trip to California!

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# Howdy Day Camp 2023 – Howdy Apocalypse



Howdy Apocalypse was a success! Campers had a great week practicing Girl Scout traditions, building outdoor skills, and learning about emergency preparedness.

Howdy Day Camp 2024

Myths and Legends

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

Stay tuned for more info!

## In “Tents”



In “tents” summer adventure was spent at Riversport OKC! The girls spent time white water rafting, indoor skiing, canoeing/paddleboarding, climbing, doing rope courses, camping and having fun!

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.

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

## Girl Led Event Committee



The BCS GLE group had a great year with activities such as karaoke, Christmas present wrapping, Thanksgiving potluck, making balloon animals, hosting a DBJ Christmas party and more!

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. This girl led/driven group meets the last Friday of the month.

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## Upcoming Events

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

- 9/5/23 – 9/29/23  
[Virtual Adulting 101: Total Care Package \(C.S.A\)](#)
- 9/9/23  
[Virtual Get Moving Journey \(J\)](#)
- 9/10/23  
[Virtual GIRLtopia Journey \(S\)](#)
- 9/13/23  
[Virtual STEM: Hour of Code – Minecraft Voyage Aquatic \(J,C,S,A\)](#)
- 9/16/23 & 9/23/23  
[Texas A&M Football Girl Scout Day](#)
- 9/17/23  
[Flowers with Kappa Delta \(all ages\)](#)
- 9/23/23  
[Badge Day at the Science Mill \(D,B,J\) Johnson City](#)
- 9/23/23 – 9/24/23  
[Cadette Overnight at the Science Mill – Johnson City](#)
- 9/29/23 – 10/1/23  
[Intro to Sailing \(C.S.A\) Camp Kachina](#)
- 9/29/23 – 10/1/23  
[Sailing Fundamentals Level 1 \(C.S.A\) Camp Kachina](#)

Check out more [HERE!](#)



September 9, 2023

### Girl Scouts LOVE State Parks

Join an event at one of these state parks:

Palmetto State Park

Fort Boggy State Park

McKinney Falls State Park

Lockhart State Park

Lake Brownwood State Park

[Register for an event here](#)



Introducing [Life as Girls](#), a girl-lead podcast presented by Girl Scouts of Central Texas! Tune in and subscribe to “Life as Girls” on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Tune In](#), [YouTube](#) and [more](#).



### Trailblazers

Adult Volunteer  
Enrichment Retreat  
Camp Texlake, Spicewood

\$45: Saturday / \$75: weekend

[Register here!](#)

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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](mailto:austinshop@gsctx.org).

## Monthly Patch Program

Earn a new patch each month that's made just for Girl Scouts in Central Texas! The September featured patch is "Girl Scouts Love State Parks!" 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](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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## Upcoming Volunteer Training

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

- 9/14/23  
[Virtual - Plan Your Own Adventure Trip \(Adults, C,S,A\)](#)
- 10/15/23  
[CPR/First Aide, Adult Training – BCS \\$30](#)

## Outdoor Training

Let's Go 2 and Let's Go 3 will be held together. You must register for both classes.

- 10/21/23  
[Let's Go 2 – BCS @ Camp Howdy \\$5](#)
- 10/21/23  
[Let's Go 3 – BCS @ Camp Howdy \\$15](#)



## Service Unit Important Names and Contact Information

### Girl Scouts of Central Texas Staff:

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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

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