Investigate Summer FUN!
Sign up now for Day/Twilight Camp
*Be sure to check out our all-day camps!
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**EXTRA! EXTRA!**
Check out the Troop Program Ideas and quick tips for new leaders on the page to your left. More Troop Program Ideas are available on the Council website under ‘publications.’

The Golden Scoop, a monthly Council emailed to all registered adults, has information you need, fun tips and more. Be sure your correct email is in our system. For help, contact Customer Service at 713-292-0300 or customerservice@sjgs.org.

Look for video highlights from around the Council around the first week of each month on the Council’s YouTube channel. Youtube.com/girlscoutssanjacinto

**On the cover**
Investigate how you can have fun this summer in Girl Scouts! Day/twilight camp information is available in this issue.

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Bigger, Bolder, Better...Are you pursuing your passion?

In my last article, I challenged you to pursue your passion. How are you doing? Are you following your dreams or exploring new opportunities to ignite your passion? I love the quote by Oprah Winfrey, “Passion is energy. Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you.”

With spring upon us, my thoughts immediately turn to camp and cookies. First, our camps, activities and programs provide great opportunities to learn new skills and meet the goals that you set for yourself this year. Are you energized by the thought of going to camp this summer, learning how to sail or participating in one of our fabulous STEM programs at Rice or the George Observatory?

I recently had the opportunity to attend one of the GSSJC Brownie Magic sessions at Camp Myra S. Pryor. There were 100 excited Brownies ready to hike, learn to sing new Girl Scout songs or experience science. And they weren’t alone. In order for Brownie Magic to happen, older girls, volunteers and staff came together to present the various programs. It was also special because it was held at Camp Myra S. Pryor, where we have focused our capital budget to expand the programs and serve more girls. And due to our generous donors, we are almost ready to start the next phase of construction at Camp Myra S. Pryor, which will include building a lake for canoeing and more cabin clusters. I am not sure if these Brownies were more excited about the thought of canoeing or staying in one of the new cabins when construction is finished.

Now on to cookies! Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council have been selling cookies since January and have just a few weeks to go. They are seeing the results of their individual and team work and making decisions that will help them meet their goals. At all levels, our girls are expanding their knowledge of financial literacy and hoping we will earn the honor of most cookies sold in the U.S. for a second year in a row!

Spring is also important because we are getting ready for our annual meeting and Adult Recognition Event at Camp Agnes Arnold on Saturday, April 18. At the annual meeting, we provide the Council an update on our key initiatives, the financial status of the Council and approve our slate of new officers and members-at-large. My favorite part of the day is giving out the special awards and numerals to our volunteers and alumnae. I look forward to seeing our delegates and honored guests. I hope that you can join me!

And with spring comes opportunities to grow! Whether you are a girl member or volunteer, I hope that you will find activities and trainings that you can sign up for today. What do you need to accomplish this year to earn your next badge or Bronze, Silver or Gold Award?

Volunteers, how do you want to partner with GSSJC to help us bring Girls Scouts to more girls this year? “Simply stated, girls want role models and mentors” according to Anna Maria Chavez. Who are you mentoring? How can you help?
Investigate spending a week at day/twilight camp!

Day/twilight camps occur during the summer months. Girls participate in a variety of activities during the day and return home in the afternoon or evening. Day camps typically start around 9 a.m. and twilight camps around 6:30 p.m. Each day/twilight camp offers a wide variety of activities for girls to enjoy together. Typical offerings include practicing outdoor skills (fire building, cooking or knot tying), making arts and crafts, singing songs, playing games, as well as stargazing, dancing, hiking and playing sports. Girls may also earn badges.

About Campers

Day camps are designed for girls and young women ages 5-17 living in GSSJC area. Participants must be registered Girl Scouts or pay the $15 Girl Scout membership fee when registering for camp. Girl Scout membership is open to all girls ages 5-17 and adults who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law and pay the annual membership fee. Day camp is open to all girls regardless of their religion, race or socio-economic factors.

Fees

Each day camp sets its own fees, which are mailed to the individual registrar for each camp. Generally the fee covers craft and program supplies, the day camp patch, site fees, as well as health, housekeeping and office supplies. There may be additional fees for a camp T-shirt, overnight camping, swimming and special projects or activities. Refunds are made only up to the final camp registration deadline or if the camp session is canceled. Non-registered Girl Scouts must pay the $15 Girl Scout membership fee when registering for camp.

No girl will be denied the opportunity to participate in day camp due to financial reasons. Financial assistance is available to cover the membership fee. To apply for financial assistance a parent or guardian should fill out and sign the Financial Assistance Request Section on the registration form. Financial assistance is confidential. Refunds: Each day camp issues refunds, not the Council. Each camp determines the amount of refund issued based on the date the refund is requested.

What to Bring

Campers should wear cool, comfortable clothing, sunscreen and insect repellent. Shirts must have sleeves, and shoes must have an enclosed toe and be worn with ankle-high socks. Bring these items marked with the camper’s name to camp daily:
- something to drink and sack lunch
- cup with handle
- a rain coat or poncho

Camp is usually held rain or shine. In the event of severe weather, each camp makes its own provisions and informs parents.

Registration Deadlines

It is very important that registration deadlines are met for the following reasons:
- Supplies are purchased based on the number of registrations received by deadline.
- Some camps require a minimum number of girls to register by the deadline or the camp may be canceled.
- Some camps charge an additional fee for late registrations.

If you cannot meet the deadline, call the registrar to see if an exception can be made.

Girl, Peewee and Boy Units

Girl campers spend each day in small groups called units led by an adult unit leader. Within the units, girls have the opportunity to practice leadership skills and cooperation as they learn and play together.

Many camps offer a pre-school peewee unit for children of staff volunteers. The peewee units accept girls and boys through kindergarten. Most camps require peewees to be toilet-trained. Contact the director for details.

Boy units are for boys of staff who are 12 years or younger.

Transportation

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation for their child to and from camp.
North of Houston

Silver Springs Day Camp
Enjoy a week at Camp Silver Springs! Have the opportunity to canoe, swim, shoot archery and make new friends.

Camp Code: DC10-WK1
Location: Camp Silver Springs, Conroe
When: June 8-12 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Deadline: May 1 Capacity: 175
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch $100 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15) $75 Girl of volunteer $50 Program/Camp aide Register at daycamp.gssjc.org or mail registration forms to 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098
Contact: daycamp@sjgs.org or 713-292-0300.

Northampton Day Camp
Join us and become a GSI (Girl Scout Investigator.) Girls will use their investigation skills as they look into the science of investigation. Girls will also participate in a variety of fun camp activities, such as archery and swimming.

Camp Code: DC6-WK7
Location: Northampton Centre Park, Spring
When: July 20-24; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Capacity: 190
Director: Shelley Barreda shelley.northampton daycamp@gmail.com
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch $40 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15) $35 Girl of Volunteer $40 Boy/Pee Wee of volunteer $30 Program/Camp Aide Adult volunteer-Free shirt (minimum three days) $5-$8 additional shirt depending on size. Mail forms to Lynda Starbuck, 11211 Evensong, Cypress, TX 77429

Questions about Day/Twilight Camp?
Contact the camp’s director or daycamp@sjgs.org

Huntsville Day Camp
Investigate the world of Girl Scouts through crafts, cooking, games and more! We will explore careers, nature and science along the way!

Camp Code: DC5-WK5
Location: Girl Scout House, Huntsville
Date: June 6-10; 9 a.m. -3:15 p.m.
Deadline: June 1 Capacity: 60
Director: Mary Gedelian; gedelian@sbcglobal.net.
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch $50 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15) $35 Girl or Peeewee of Volunteer $35 Program/Camp Aide Mail forms to Stephanie Pitts, 3973 SH30W, Huntsville, TX 77320

Jersey Village Twilight
Make new friends, make crafts and investigate the world.

Camp Code: TC9-WK7
Location: Jersey Village Baptist Church, Jersey Village
Date: July 20-24 M-Th 6:30-9 p.m. Friday 6:30-10 p.m.
Deadline: July 1 Capacity: 150
Director: Judy Harris
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch $40 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15) $35 Girl of Volunteer $40 Boy/Pee Wee of volunteer $30 Program/Camp Aide

The Woodlands Twilight
Imagination Station! Explore different stations filled with fun and creative activities. Friday will be a water day with foam filled fun! The optional sleepover is for girls going into third grade and above.

Camp Code: TC11-WK2
Location: Alden Bridge Presbyterian Church, The Woodlands
When: June 15-19; 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Deadline: May 20 Capacity: 75
Director: Christi Simpson
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch $57 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15) $47 Girl of volunteer $25 Program Aide $10 Late Fee $15 Optional Sleepover $0 Adult Volunteer (includes shirt)
Registration: Mail forms to Christi Simpson, 6 Belcarra Place, Woodlands, TX 77382

Day/Twilight Camps

June 8-12
Riverbend Twilight Camp
Silver Springs Day Camp

June 11-13
Lonestar Twilight Camp

June 15-19
Monument Twilight Camp
Spring Creek Day Camp
Camp Happy Bay Area Day Camp

June 15-17
Heights Day Camp

June 22-26
Farm and Ranch Day Camp
Colony Creek Twilight Camp
Peckham Park Twilight Camp

June 29-July 2
Richmond Twilight Camp

July 6-10
Camp Myra S. Pryor Day Camp
Huntsville Day Camp

July 15-17
Camp Yellow Rose Twilight Camp

July 16-18
Whispering Pines Twilight Camp

July 20-24
Northampton Day Camp
Eastern Shores Twilight Camp
Jersey Shore Twilight Camp

July 27-31
Program Place Day Camp

August 3-9
Camp Casa Mare Day Camp
Camp Agnes Arnold Day Camp
Camp Whispering Pines Twilight Camp
Join us for an adventure at camp. Enjoy the outdoors as you investigate your surroundings.

Camp Code: TC10-WK6  
Location: Camp Whispering Pines, Garrison  
Date: July 16-18  
Deadline: June 14  
Capacity: 60  
Director: Wendy Wilburn  
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt and patch  
$45 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$15 Adult  
$10 Late Fee
Mail forms to Wendy Wilburn, 411 Girl Scout RD, Garrison, TX 75946

Catholic Twilight Camp
Join us as we have fun, play games, sing songs and learn about the Girl Scout Law and Catholic faith.

Camp Code: TC14-WK8  
Location: St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church, The Woodlands  
When: July 28-30; 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Deadline: June 30  
Capacity: 40  
Director: Laura Davis  
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch  
$45 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$30 Program/Camp Aide  
Registration: Mail registration forms to Laura Davis, 10 Crested Cloud Ct., Woodlands, TX 77380

East of Houston
Riverbend Twilight Camp
Riverbend Twilight Camp provides girls with traditional camp experiences along with new and unexpected adventures!

Camp Code: TC1-WK1  
Location: East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Houston  
Date: June 8-12; 6-9:30 p.m.  
Deadline: June 1  
Capacity: 75  
Director: Margaret Offill  
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt and patch  
$35 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$25 Girl of Volunteer  
$35 Program/Camp Aide  
$35 Boy/Pee wee of Volunteer  
$10 Late Fee
Mail forms to Stacy Lane, 9802 Sunturf, Lane, Houston, TX 77044

McLeod Park Twilight Camp: It’s All Elementary
Girls will discover a mystery, connect the clues and take action to solve a daily mystery.

Camp Code: TC12-WK1  
Location: McLeod Park, Baytown  
When: June 8-11; 6-9 p.m.  
Deadline: May 17  
Capacity: 250  
Director: Joni Ligon  
Camp Fees include: T-shirt and patch  
$45 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$30 Girl or Boy of volunteer  
$20 Pee wee of volunteer  
$2 Program/Camp Aide  
$15 Late Fee
Registration: Mail registration forms to Joni Ligon, P.O. Box 2001, Mt. Belvieu, TX 77580
**Lone Stars Twilight Camp**

Girls are invited to put their powers of investigation to the test as they investigate the world around them. Other fun will include songs, games and crafts!

**Camp Code:** TC2-WK1  
**Location:** Lake Jackson Service Center, Lake Jackson  
**Date:** June 11-13;  
Th-Fri 4:30-8:30 p.m.  
Sat 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Deadline:** May 22  
**Capacity:** 100  
**Director:** Susan Mehner  
**Camp Fees include:**  
$25 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$20 Girl of Volunteer  
$15 Program/Camp Aide  
$0 Adult Volunteer (T-shirt and patch included)  
Mail forms to Susan Mehner, 215 Peppermint Dr., Lake Jackson, TX 77566

**Camp Happy Bay Area**

Five days of outdoor fun! Canoeing, archery, cookouts, crafts and more.

**Camp Code:** DC2-WK2  
**Location:** Bay Area Park, South Houston  
**Date:** June 15-19; 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
**Deadline:** May 2  
**Capacity:** 100  
**Director:** Domineque Westall  
**Camp Fees include:**  
$60 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$30 Girl of Volunteer  
$10 Boy/Peewee of volunteer  
$30 Program/Camp Aide  
$0 Adult Volunteer (T-shirt and patch included)  
Mail forms to Barbara Matthys, 2205 Troon Dr., League City, TX 77573

**Camp Casa Mare Day Camp**

Join us for a week with your friends at the beach. Enjoy swimming, crafts, games and fun.

**Camp Code:** DC8-WK9  
**Location:** Camp Casa Mare, Seabrook  
**Date:** August 3-7, 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
**Deadline:** July 10  
**Capacity:** 90  
**Camp Fees include:**  
$150 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$75 Program Aide  
Register at daycamp.gssjc.org or mail registration forms to 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098  
**Contact:** daycamp@sjgs.org or 713-292-0300.

**Southwest of Houston**

**Boling Twilight Camp**

Join us at camp as we have fun. We will be making friends, discovering the out of doors, making crafts and playing games.

**Camp Code:** TC13-WK5  
**Location:** Boling Community Center, Boling  
**When:** June 6-10; 6-8 p.m.  
**Deadline:** June 1  
**Capacity:** 200  
**Camp Fees include:**  
$30 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$20 Girl of Volunteer  
$20 Program/Camp aide  
Register at daycamp.gssjc.org or mail registration forms to 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098  
**Contact:** daycamp@sjgs.org or 713-292-0300.

**Camp Colony Creek Twilight Camp**

Come investigate Girl Scout camp! Learn new skills, songs and games and make friends while earning badges or patches.

**Camp Code:** TC4-WK3  
**Location:** Christ United Methodist Church, Sugarland  
**Date:** June 23-25; 3-8 p.m.  
**Deadline:** April 15  
**Capacity:** 330  
**Director:** Janet Wolf  
**Camp Fees include:**  
$40 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$10 Program/Camp Aide  
$5/day Boy/Peewee of Volunteer  
$10 Late Fee  
For forms email gscampcolonycreek@yahoo.com. Mail forms to Harriet Lowenthal, 1707 Enclave Court, Missouri City, TX 77459

**Richmond Twilight Camp**

Come and investigate some of the activities Girl Scouts have for our enjoyment and fun! We’ll use our Girl Scout Investigator skills to create friendships, learn new leadership skills and provide service while having lots of fun along the way.

**Camp Code:** TC6-WK4  
**Location:** Calvery Episcopal Church, Richmond  
**Date:** June 29-July 2; 6-9 p.m.  
**Deadline:** May 29  
**Capacity:** 50  
**Director:** Fae Knight  
**Camp Fees include:**  
$35 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)  
$30 Girl of Volunteer  
$30 Program/Camp Aide  
$5 Late Fee  
Mail forms to Fae Knight, 17802 Oakridge Canyon Lane, Richmond, TX 77407
Camp Yellow Rose
Camp Yellow Rose, a three day twilight camp will be packed full of fun, friends and badge work. At each level girls will work towards earning three badges.

Camp Code: TC7-WK6
Location: The Harvest United Methodist Church, Missouri City
Date: July 15-17; 3-8 p.m.
Deadline: April 10
Capacity: 125
Director: Melissa McDonald
campyellowrose@gmail.com
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt and patch
$35 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)
$35 Girl of Volunteer
$5 Boy/Pee Wee of volunteer
$8 Program/Camp Aide
$5 Late Fee
For registration forms, email campyellowrose@gmail.com. Mail forms to Jennifer Robinson, 3410 Cosby Landing, Missouri City, TX 77459

Day Camp at Camp Pryor
Join us for a 5 days with your friends at camp. Enjoy swimming, crafts, games and fun.

Camp Code: DC4-WK5
Location: Camp Pryor, Nada
Date: July 6-10, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Deadline: May 31
Capacity: 90
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt, patch, and activities
$175 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)
$75 Program Aides
Note: A bus will be picking up the girls at the Stafford Service Center and in Katy and driving to camp. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.
Register at daycamp.gssjc.org or mail registration forms to 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098
Contact: daycamp@sjgs.org or 713-292-0300.

Central Houston
Program Place Day Camp
Join us as we celebrate Girl Scouts. We will have crafts, games, songs and fun.

Camp Code: DC7-WK8
Location: Program Place for Girls, Houston
Date: July 27-31; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Deadline: July 12
Capacity: 50
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt, patch and activities
$100 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)
$50 Program/Camp Aide
Register at daycamp.gssjc.org or mail registration forms to 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098
Contact: daycamp@sjgs.org or 713-292-0300.

Peckham Park Twilight Camp
Want to investigate what Girl Scouting is all about? Come join us for an exciting week of hunting for clues to discover the keys to having fun with science, leadership, friendship and service. Use your Girl Scout Investigator skills as you journey through the week on this adventure. Be aware - some hunts may involve water, so come prepared to get wet! Guest speakers, canoeing and archery will round out our fun at camp.

Camp Code: TC5-WK6
Location: Mary Jo Peckham Park, Katy
Date: June 22-26; 6-9 p.m.
Deadline: April 10
Capacity: 125
Director: Brenda Clark
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt and patch
$40 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)
$30 Girl of Volunteer
$30 Program Aide
$15 Late Fee
$0 Adult Volunteer (T-shirt and patch included)
Mail forms to Margaret Richards, 22818 Fincastle, Katy, TX 77450

Houston Farm and Ranch Day Camp
Join us as we learn about outdoor skills, play games, learn archery and have much more!

Camp Code: DC3-WK3
Location: Houston Farm and Ranch
Date: June 22-26, 8 a.m-5 p.m. (ends at noon on Friday)
Deadline: May 31
Capacity: 175
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt, patch, and activities
$100 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)
$50 Program Aides
Note: A bus will be picking up the girls at the Stafford Service Center and in Katy and driving to camp. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 5 p.m.
Register at www.gssjc.org or mail registration forms to 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098
Contact: daycamp@sjgs.org or 713-292-0300.

Heights Day Camp
Join the Heights Day Camp for a fun filled three day Girl Scout Investigation. Hone your detective skills, learn about forensics and earn badges while doing spy/detective themed experiments, crafts and activities.

Camp Code: DC11-WK2
Location: Resurrection Metropolitan Community Church, Houston
Date: June 15-17; 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Deadline: May 25
Capacity: 80
Camp Fees include: T-Shirt, patch and activities
$40 Girls (non Girl Scouts add $15)
$35 Girl or Boy of Volunteer
$30 Program Aide
$25 PeeWee of volunteer
$10 Late Fee
$0 Adult Volunteer (T-shirt and patch included)
Mail forms to Linda Wu, 4625 Mimosa, Bellaire, TX 77401

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How To Register For Day Camp

Campers
1. The following forms need to be completed and legible: Day/Twilight Camp Registration Form; Girl Scout Medical Information (F-185), Girl Scout Permission Slip (F-204), and the Authorization for Release of Information Form (O-40)(also known as HIPAA form). Copies may be made of these forms. Use only one form for each child for each camp session. Send all forms to day camp registrar.
2. Mail the completed registration form (one per child) with your check or money order (no cash) to the address listed with the camp information. Mark the envelope “Day Camp.” Please do not send registration forms to the Girl Scout Center unless specified. This will delay the registration process.
3. Make all checks and money orders payable to GSSJC.

After a camper is registered, a confirmation with more specific information will be sent prior to the start of camp. Girls are placed on a first-come, first-served basis. Children of camp volunteers will have priority placement. Each camp’s capacity is noted in its listing. Girls will be placed as long as there is adequate adult leadership. If a girl cannot be placed in the camp of her choice, parents will be notified.

Day/Twilight Camp Registration Form

Option: Camper may register with ONE friend. Both sets of registration, Authorization to Release, medical forms and fees must be in the same envelope. Friend’s Name: ______________

Child’s Name __________________________
Parent/Guardian _______________________
Street _________________________________________
City ______________________State _____ Zip_______
Home Phone ___________________________
Mother’s Cell Phone ___________________________
Father’s Cell Phone ___________________________
Birthdate ___________________________
School _______________________________________
Parent’s E-mail _______________________________________

Unit Information (Check appropriate spaces)
_____Registered Girl Scout Troop # ________________ or Juliette _______
_____New Girl Scout (include $15 registration fee)
As of September 1, 2015, Camper will be in grade: _____
_____Camp/Program Aide
_____Pee-Wee of camp volunteer (preschool/Toilet trained)
          Girl Age_____ Boy age____
_____Adult wants to volunteer at camp!
          Volunteer interest form on page>>>>

Fees
$ ________ Camper Fee
$ ________ Program Aide or Camp Aide
$ ________ Girl Scout of camp volunteer
$ ________ Non-registered Girls Scouts $15
$ ________ Pee-Wee of camp volunteer (preschool/toilet trained)
$ ________ Boy of volunteer (school age)
$ ________ Extra t-shirt
$ ________ Other/Late Fee
$ ________ Total fees

Financial Assistance Application
(Application can only be considered if this is complete & signed)
Total fee $_________ Amount you can pay $_________
Amount requested $_________
Financial assistance is requested for the following reasons:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
I request financial assistance to send my child to day/twilight camp. I understand my financial assistance information is strictly confidential. Financial assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis.

X __________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Check camp listing to see if T-shirt is included. You MUST indicate T-shirt size or one will be assigned**

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Office Use Only
Unit ________ Grade _____ Shirt size ______
GIRL SCOUT MEDICAL INFORMATION
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council
HIS FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED WHEN COMPLETED. PRINT CLEARLY, USE BLACK INK.

Girl's Name ____________________________ Troop/Group # ________________ Phone (  ) ________________

Home Address __________________________ City ________________ State __________ Zip ____________

Date of Birth __________________________ Date of last Health Exam __________________

Girl's Physician/Clinic __________________________ Phone (  ) ________________

Parent/Legal Guardian __________________________ Phone (  ) ________________ Cell Phone (  ) ________________

HOSPITAL INSURANCE INFORMATION Attach photocopy of insurance card.
Name of Carrier __________________________ Policy # __________________
Insured's name __________________________ Member ID# __________________
Company name if insured through employer __________________________ Phone: (  ) ________________

Others who could be contacted to authorize treatments:
Name __________________________ Day(  ) ________________ Evn(  ) ________________ Relationship ________________
Name __________________________ Day(  ) ________________ Evn(  ) ________________ Relationship ________________

PART I  Allergies (Check those that apply. Specify cause and nature of reactions - e.g. penicillin causes hives.)

__Animals   __Plants   __Food   __ Medicine/Drugs ________
__Hayfever   __Pollen   __Insect Sting ________
__Other: __________________________________________

In case of an allergic reaction, respond by __________________________________________

PART II  Health Conditions (Check those that apply.)

Chronic or reoccurring illness:
__Asthma __Musculoskeletal Disorders __Kidney Disease ________
__Diabetes __Heart Disease/Defects __Hypertension ________
__Seizures __Bleeding/Clotting Disorder __Ear Infection ________
__Other: __________________________________________

IN THE LAST YEAR: (ANSWER YES OR NO)
Complicating medical problems/operations? __________ Serious injury/illness requiring medical care? __________

Explain: _______________________________________________________________________________________

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS / ONGOING TREATMENTS: __________________________________________

PART III  Other Health Conditions (Check those that apply.)

__Sleep disturbances __Motion sickness __Constipation/diarrhea __Bedwetting ________
__Hepatitis A / B / C (circle one) __Menstrual complications __Sickle cell trait or disease __ADHD / ADD ________
__Emotional disturbances __Hearing impairment __Special dietary regiment __Fainting ________
__Physical disabilities __Frequent headaches __Wears contact lenses/glasses __Nosebleeds ________
__Orthodontic appliances __Eating disorders ________
__Other (specify) __________________________________________

Please explain. Indicate any information useful to the adult in charge in relation to any of the above health conditions.
Indicate any activity to be encouraged or restricted __________________________________________

Dietary Needs / Restrictions: __________________________________________

GIRL SCOUT INSURANCE CARRIER: MUTUAL OF OMAHA  For confirmation, contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council 713-292-0300 or 1-800-392-4340

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PART IV

**Immunization/Disease History** *(Please complete or attach a copy of this child’s Immunization Record)*

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Over the Counter Medication(s):

She can have: ____________________________________________

She **cannot** have: _____________________________________

**Parent’s/Legal Guardian’s Authorization**: This health history is correct so far as I know, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all planned trip activities except as noted by the examining physician or me.

**TRANSPORTATION RELEASE**: I authorize transportation for my child by emergency vehicle to an appropriate health care facility and pre-hospital medical care, all hospital and physician services, whether medical, surgical and/or dental, necessary for the benefit/safety/well-being of my child. It is my expressed intention to hold Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council harmless for any and all injuries, death or damages arising from or in any way related to any such transportation.

**CONSENT TO TREAT**: I hereby give permission to the physician selected [by the trip coordinator] to order X-rays, routine tests and treatment for the health of my child, in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency. I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the first aider/trip coordinator to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for and to order injection and/or anesthesia and/or surgery for my child as named above.

The information disclosed on this form may be released to Volunteer/Staff responsible for this activity including, but not limited to troop/group leaders, drivers, medical personnel, etc.

My signature confirms that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to execute the information form and release.

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GSSJC F-185  
This form must be completed yearly or updated as needed  
Revised 05/05
GIRL SCOUT PERMISSION SLIP – MULTIPLE USE
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

(THE FORM MAY BE PHOTOCOPIED WHEN COMPLETED. PRINT CLEARLY, USE BLACK INK.)

Girl's Name: __________________________________________ Troop/Group #: ______________ Age: __________

My daughter has my permission to attend the activity/activities listed below. She will not attend if she is not feeling well. I give my permission to have her treated by a licensed physician if necessary. I also agree to be financially responsible for all expenses associated with providing medical care for my child. My signature on this document also allows Girl Scouts to use photographs, voice, and/or video of my child for Public Relations purposes. My daughter may have opportunities in the future to attend activities other than the ones listed on this form. I acknowledge that if I give permission for her to participate in such activities in the future, it is under the same conditions that are set out in this form, including with respect to transportation. (Leader: Attach future parent permissions to this form.)

Leader should communicate complete information about each planned activity to parent/legal guardian, including activity, location, date/time, departure time/place, return time/place, cost, dress, what to bring, and other pertinent information.

Activity: __________________________________________ Date: __________

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TRANSPORTATION RELEASE: I understand that troop/group leaders must obtain the written consent of parent/guardian for every girl wishing to participate in an activity or outing that is held at a different place and time from the regularly scheduled troop/group meeting. I accept responsibility for the transportation of my child to and from any Girl Scout activity and recognize that transportation to and from Girl Scout events is not the responsibility of Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. I recognize that the driver of any such carpool or bus service that I arrange is not acting as an agent of Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. It is my expressed intention to hold Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council harmless for any and all injuries, death or damages arising from or in any way related to any such transportation.

I give my permission for my daughter to participate in Boating, Swimming, Horseback Riding, or other strenuous activities. If no exceptions, she may participate in all activities. EXCEPTIONS:

My daughter may not be released to: __________________________________________________________________________________________________________

If unable to reach me in case of an emergency or change in plans, please contact one of the following. I will make arrangements with these people prior to the event.

Name: __________________________________________ Day:( ___ ) Evn:( ___ ) Relationship: ______________

Name: __________________________________________ Day:( ___ ) Evn:( ___ ) Relationship: ______________

Medication(s) she can have: _____________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Medication(s) she cannot have: ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Note: Any medications must be provided in original containers along with a signed note and instructions.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian __________________________________________ Phone #: __________ Pager or Cell Phone __________________________________________ Date __________

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian __________________________________________

GIRL SCOUT INSURANCE CARRIER: MUTUAL OF OMAHA For confirmation, contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council 713-292-0300 or 1-800-392-4340

GSSJC F-204M

Rev. 05/05
Authorization for Release of Information
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

I. Information About the Use of Disclosure
I hereby authorize the use or disclosure of my daughter’s identifiable health information as described below. I understand that this authorization is voluntary and that I may revoke it at any time by submitting my revocation in writing to the entity providing the information.

Participant Name: _____________________________ Camper Number: _____________________________

Name of the plan authorized to provide the information: Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Persons/organizations authorized to receive the information: (For example: Mom, Stepfather, Grandparents) _____________________________

Specific description of information to be used or disclosed: (For example: can release medical information to people listed above) _____________________________

Specific purpose of the disclosure: (For example: put treatment or information) _____________________________

If a health plan or provider is requesting to receive the information described on this form, will that plan or provider receive financial or in-kind compensation in exchange for using or disclosing the health information described?

No ______ Yes (describe) _____________________________

This authorization will expire one year from the date next to my or my personal representative’s signature below, or upon the occurrence of the following event (put camp dates here) _____________________________ (must relate to the purpose of the authorization).

II. Important Information About Your Rights
I have read and understood the following statements about my rights:

- I may revoke this authorization at any time prior to its expiration date by notifying the providing organization in writing, but the revocation not effect any actions the entity took before it received the revocation.
- I may see and copy the information described on this form if I ask for it.
- I am not required to sign this form to receive health care benefits to which I am otherwise entitled.
- The information that is used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be redisclosed by the receiving entity and I understand that the information may no longer be protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (also known a HIPAA).

III. Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____________________________ Date _____________________________

(Form MUST be completed before signing)

Printed name of the participant: _____________________________

Printed name of the participant’s parent/legal guardian: _____________________________

Relationship to the participant, including authority for status as representative: _____________________________

** YOU MAY REFUSE TO SIGN THIS AUTHORIZATION **
Program/Camp Aides Lend Helping Hand and Earn Service and Leadership Hours!

In addition to adult volunteers, some day camps are in need of Cadette and Senior Girl Scout program aides. This position offers older Girl Scouts a leadership role at day camp, which may include assisting with badge work, crafts, games, advanced skills, or overnight camping. Check individual camp listing for more details.

Program aides must be registered Girl Scouts entering the sixth grade in the fall of 2015 or older and have completed Program Aide Training. They should also have prior day camp experience and a desire to work with children. Girls entering the sixth grade in the fall may participate as a camp aide at some camps, which prepares girls for the program aide position. They will have an opportunity to shadow program aides in addition to the day’s scheduled activities.

Please include a Permission Slip.

Camp/Program Aide Application

Detach and mail this form along with your Registration Form, Authorization to Release Form (HIPAA), permission slip and Medical Information/Insurance Form to the registrar of the camp you selected.

Name__________________________
Street__________________________
City__________________________ State_____ Zip____________________
Birth date_____________________ Age____ Grade in fall____
Troop/Group#________________ Phone________________________

Level Camp Experience # Camper Yrs # Aide Yrs
☐ 1st yr Cadette Day Camp ___________ ___________
☐ 2nd yr Cadette Troop Camping ___________ ___________
☐ 3rd yr Cadette Resident Camp ___________ ___________
☐ Senior Other ___________ ___________
☐ Ambassador Other ___________ ___________

Leadership Training
Program Aide trained? ☐ Yes ☐ no Date completed ___________
Camp Aide trained? ☐ Yes ☐ no Date completed ___________
Attended Day Camp ELITE training? ☐ Yes ☐ no
CIT trained? ☐ Yes ☐ no Date completed ___________

Questions/Comments: ______________________________________

What special talents or skills would you like to share?

List other significant leadership trainings you have taken that will help you in this position:

Email__________________________

Please help! Volunteers needed:

Day camps are planned and staffed by caring adults – parents, leaders, grandparents, and friends – willing to volunteer their time and energy to provide enriching programs for young girls. Many volunteers enjoy day camp as an opportunity to spend quality time with their girls away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Some day camps also provide units for younger children of staff volunteers.

At this time, camps are busy recruiting volunteers for many staff positions. Adults interested in volunteering any amount of time should complete the Adult Volunteer Interest form and submit it to the appropriate camp registrar. Adults working with campers must be registered with GSUSA and have a criminal background check on file and have completed the child protection test. The day camp director provides training of all day camp staff.

Adult Volunteer Interest Form

Name__________________________
Street__________________________
City__________________________ State_____ Zip____________________
Phone (Day)__________________ (Evening)____________________

T-shirt size___________
Do you have prior day camp staff experience? ☐ Yes ☐ no
(Training will be offered.)
Are you currently registered with GSSJC? ☐ Yes ☐ no
Do you currently hold a Girl Scout volunteer position? ☐ Yes ☐ no
If yes, what position__________________________
Troop # (if applicable)____________________

Mark Age Level Preference
☐ Brownies ☐ Juniors
☐ Cadettes ☐ Seniors/Ambassadors
☐ Peewees (3-5 year olds) ☐ Boys (6-12 year olds)
☐ Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors as program aides

Questions/Comments: ______________________________________

Please attach an Adult Emergency Slip.

Email__________________________
Celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday!

March 12, 2015
5 - 8:30 p.m.

GSSJC Program Place for Girls,
3000 Southwest Freeway, Houston 77098

This is the alumnae event of the year! Sing Girl Scout songs, roast marshmallows for s’mores and enjoy traditional Girl Scout fun.

And there’s a special surprise. The GSSJC History Committee’s vintage clothing collection of non-Girl Scout items will be for sale. The vintage items span generations of fashion, and proceeds will benefit the GSSJC History Committee.

All ages are welcome, RSVP at devrsvp@sjgs.org

GSSJC Just Desserts goes to the movies

Girl Scout Cookies met the magic of Hollywood for a fun-filled evening on January 22. This year local chefs brought our famous cookies to life with movies like “Wizard of Oz,” “Jurassic Park,” “Star Wars” and “Grease.” Take the Cake, pictured left, won the People’s Choice Award. Their dessert, themed around “Pirates of the Caribbean,” made with the Lemonades Girl Scout Cookie was a big hit. We hope you’ll join us in 2016, the date and theme will be announced in the fall.
Success to Significance 2015, April 23
Former Girl Scout Jessica Buchanan and her husband Erik Landemalm will talk about her kidnapping and rescue by SEAL Team Six

GSSJC is celebrating the fifth anniversary of its signature fundraising luncheon, Success to Significance, on Thursday, April 23 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown in Houston! At the event, the Council honors individuals who have used their personal and professional success to do great things for girls. Your support of Success to Significance helps raise funds for Girl Scout programs that build girls of courage, confidence and character.

Honoree:
GSSJC will honor Y. Ping Sun of counsel with the law firm Yetter Coleman LLP and first lady at Rice University. She has been involved in numerous Houston-area nonprofits and organizations benefiting girls and the greater Houston community, such as United Way of Greater Houston, Asia Society Texas Center and Houston Arts Alliance. Ping and her husband David are proud parents to a son and a daughter who is currently working to earn her Gold Award.

2015 Success to Significance
Thursday, April 23
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Hyatt Regency Downtown
1200 Louisiana St., Houston

For tickets or more information visit http://s2s.gssjc.org

Thank you to our generous underwriters for the 2015 Success to Significance luncheon:

Presenting Sponsor
Insperity

Keynote Speaker Sponsor
HEB

Troop Leader Sponsor
John P. McGovern Foundation

Valet Sponsor
Texas Children’s Hospital

Printing Sponsor
Comerica Bank

To become an event sponsor, contact Emily Adkison at eadkison@sjgs.org or 713-292-0358.

Keynote speakers:
Jessica Buchanan and Erik Landemalm will share with audiences their experience in learning first-hand that the human spirit is impenetrable. No matter what obstacles or challenges lie in our path if we dig deep to find the strength and fortitude, there is help for any situation no matter how impossible the odds.

On October 25, 2011, Jessica Buchanan and a colleague were kidnapped at gunpoint by Somali land pirates and held for 93 days, enduring the most harrowing and painful experience of her life. With her health steadily deteriorating her husband, Erik Landemalm, was furiously working behind the scenes with the FBI, professional hostage negotiators and the United States government in negotiating her release. Finally after fruitless negotiations with her captors and her medical state becoming a life-or-death issue, President Barack Obama ordered Navy SEAL Team Six to attempt a rescue.

On January 25, 2012 members of SEAL Team Six attacked the heavily-armed captors killing all and airlifting Buchanan and her colleague to safety. Through this experience, Buchanan and Landemalm learned that the human spirit is indomitable. Jessica credits her days as a Girl Scout with helping her find her inner strength to survive.

GSSJC wishes to extend a personal invitation to members and friends of the Girl Scout family to attend the Annual Recognition Event. Join us for a memorable day of honoring some of San Jacinto Council’s most distinguished volunteers and community leaders who have played a major role in carrying forward the mission of Girl Scouting.

The Adult Recognition Event is a time to celebrate and honor those who have made significant contributions to the Girl Scout Movement. Any individual, group or family wanting to show support for the honoring of Girl Scout volunteers and community partners is encouraged to attend.

Individual tickets may be requested by completing the Individual Reservation Form below and either 1) mail it to the Girl Scout Center, 2) pay at the Girl Scout shop or, 3) register online and pay with a credit card. To purchase individual tickets for the event visit gssjc.org, click on events and then click on Adult Recognition Event.

Deadline to register is April 6, 2015.

Communities or groups may want to reserve a Friendship Table for six by completing the GSSJC Recognition Event Table Reservation Form GSSJC O-631 below. Table placements will be made according to the date the paperwork is received. If you are using the table form to also purchase tickets, a signature is required. Mail forms to Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Andrea Jeffery, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, Texas 77098, fax to 713-292-0340 or email to ajeffery@sjgs.org.

For additional assistance or questions, contact Andrea Jeffery at 713-292-0262 or 1-800-392-4340 ext. 1262 or ajeffery@sjgs.org

The Annual Meeting will follow the Recognition Event. Watch the website for more information regarding the Annual Meeting. For questions regarding the Annual Meeting, contact Robin Brown at 713-292-0229.

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**Recognition event table reservation**

HOSTESS INFORMATION (Deadline April 6, 2015) Tables will be assigned in date order received.

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

Phone ______________ Email ____________________________

Community/Group Name ____________________________

Form ___ of ___ (A maximum of four tables may be submitted for grouping together.) Please attach a list of the six people that will be attending the event. Include their address and phone number.

For Table Ticket Purchase: Amount enclosed (Do not mail cash): Make checks payable to GSSJC.

Tickets @ $15= ______ Account Code: 10-09-06-6242

Paid by: Check Master Card Visa Discover American Express

Number: ______________ Exp. Date: ___________

Print Name (as it appears on card): ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________

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**Recognition individual registration form**

Name ____________________________

Address ____________________________

Phone ______________ Work phone ______________

Email ____________________________

If you are sitting with an existing group or table please indicate hostess/group name:

Amount enclosed (Do not mail cash): Make checks payable to GSSJC. $15 Account Code: 10-09-06-6242

Paid by: Check Master Card Visa Discover American Express

Card Number: ______________ Exp. Date: _____

Print Name (as it appears on card): ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________
Benefits of Day/Twilight Camp

Girl Scouts began offering summer day camp experiences in 1921, just three years after the first documented day camp in the U.S. The first Girl Scout day camp was in Chicago, and the second was held shortly after that on a rooftop in New York City! GSSJC doesn’t hold any camps on rooftops, but we do offer a variety of exciting programs. It is no wonder that last summer 97 percent of our attendees report enjoying their experiences.

Day/twilight camps don’t just offer fun, they also give girls a chance to explore activities in a safe environment. Eighty-eight percent of girls who attended day camps last year report that they like trying new things. While every camp is different, some activities that girls have done include: archery, canoeing, textile art, fishing, swimming and learning about unusual animals. Girls have the chance to engage in activities they haven’t done and improve on skills they may already have. Not only do girls crave the challenge, it benefits them in terms of developing self-esteem and independence.

Day camp has a unique structure when compared to resident camp or short term programs. While girls at resident camp spend a week away from home, day camp allows girls the support of their home environment. Girls also get the experience of working and playing with new friends and volunteers over the course of a few days. This helps build relationships in a way that is different from short programs.

According to the American Camp Association, day camp offers unique benefits:

- Provides camp experience for girls that are not ready - because of age or any other reason - for resident camp or other overnight camp experiences
- Creates a “foundation needed for successful longer-term experiences away from home”
- Allows parents/guardians to see a child growing every day

Day/twilight camp is just one opportunity that girls have to challenge themselves to do new things, and it is often the first opportunity that they have to develop independence outside of a home or school environment. Many girls need experiences like these before they feel comfortable attending resident camp. Our day and twilight camps enable girls to become self-reliant and take risks while still being able to have the comfort of seeing family every day.

Of course, girls attend day camp for a lot of reasons, not just as a step to resident camp. Our programs offer girls of all ages fun activities and opportunities for leadership. Check out more information on page 5.

All good things don’t have to come to an end...

It’s coming soon! Renewal for the 2015-2016 membership year is coming in late spring/early summer. Fun give-aways and patches will be available. Look for more information in the next Golden Link and online at www.gssjc.org.

I can’t wait to continue the fun!

The Emerald Circle celebrates scholarship recipients
by Sharon Timmons

The 2015 Gold Award Merit Scholarships will be presented by The Emerald Circle on April 12 at 2 p.m. at the Girl Scout Center. The event is open to all and will honor this year’s scholarship recipients. The presentation is a highlight for Emerald Circle members and is always inspiring. The resumes of these outstanding Girl Scouts and the variety and significance of their Gold Award projects never ceases to amaze!

The fall 2014 Emerald Circle scholarship recipient is Ashley Kopf. Kopf, who is now attending Texas A&M University as a business administration major, graduated from Pope John XXIII High School in Katy where she was salutatorian of the 2014 senior class. A member of Girl Scouts for 14 years, she also attended the American School of the Hague in The Netherlands and represented USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic at the 2011 National Girl Scout Convention.

To earn her Gold Award, Kopf chose to create a kid-friendly space at Fisher House, a facility at the DeBakey VA Medical Center where families of hospitalized veterans or active military can stay. She transformed an office space into an organized, fun kid’s room. “I was able to see the positive ways Girl Scouting and its mission affects the world and how it empowers young women like me,” said Kopf.

Give your support to The Emerald Circle’s next class of scholarship recipients, all of whom are exceptional young women like Ashley Kopf, by joining The Emerald Circle.

At the service project to be held on March 4 from 6-8 p.m. at Program Place for Girls, members will focus their efforts on last year’s scholarship recipients, filling boxes with treats to sustain the college freshmen as they face their final exams. If you are interested in joining The Emerald Circle, come and work alongside current members. Call 713-292-0300 for more information.
Congratulations Gold Award recipients

The Girl Scout Gold Award represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting; it recognizes girls in grades 9-12 who demonstrate extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action projects. Since 1916, girls have successfully answered the call to Go Gold, an act that indelibly marks them as accomplished members of their communities and the world.

Sahar A. hosted a health awareness day for senior citizens at her mosque. She led a team of volunteers in teaching the participants the importance of maintaining their health. She hoped the project would encourage the seniors to live a long and happy life.

Brittany S. revitalized a prayer garden at Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament Covent. She led a team of volunteers in refurbishing the garden’s Stations of the Cross and revitalizing the garden’s grotto. She hoped her project would provide nuns at the convent with a more peaceful place for prayer and meditation.

Carina H. created memory books for seniors to help them document their memories and life experiences. She led a team of volunteers in interviewing each senior, then creating a book for them based on the stories shared. She hoped the books would help preserve their valuable memories and stories for years to come.

Jana H. built a garden to benefit children at La Escuela Rice (The Rice School). She led a team of volunteers in working with the children to create a garden and then taught the children how to maintain it and the benefits of eating homegrown foods. She hoped the project would teach the children the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

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Janell H. worked to clean-up and revitalize Powell Point Cemetery, which is more than 125 years old. She led a team of volunteers in mowing the area, cleaning mildew and algae from headstones, clearing debris and more. She hoped her project would beautify an important piece of history in Kendleton, TX.

Elizabeth K. hosted a musical theater workshop for children at the Boys and Girls Club. She led a team of volunteers in teaching the students dance, improvisation, theater games and more. She hoped her project would introduce children to musical theater and inspire them to pursue it as an interest.

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Aishwarya R. organized an ESL course for Bhutanese refugees at a local apartment complex. She led a team of volunteers in creating the course and then presenting it participants in a workshop format. She hoped to help her students learn how to read, write and speak English.

Shravya P. worked with three nonprofits serving youth to create a program to prevent bullying and promote healthy relationships. After creating the program, she led a team of volunteers in presenting the information in a workshop for children in elementary through high school. She hoped to help students prevent bullying and learn to create healthy relationships.
Gold, Silver, Bronze Award Projects around the Council

Troop #20124 earned the Silver Award by renovating a parent/student conference room at T.H. Rogers School and purchasing new furniture for the room.

Troop #2050 earned the Bronze Award by hosting a fitness and healthy eating sports camp at Blue Triangle Community Center.

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Sharon and Mikayla of Troop #21220 earned the Silver Award by sponsoring a Candy Cane Walk and Girl Scout recruitment at Santa's Exchange in conjunction with The Exchange Club of Sugar Land.

Sarah-Leanne S. and Katie S. of Troop #28028 earned the Silver Award by hosting a cheer and dance holiday camp for children at the Fort Bend Women’s Shelter.

Troop #2050 earned the Bronze Award by hosting a fitness and healthy eating sports camp at Blue Triangle Community Center.

Sarah-Leanne S. and Katie S. of Troop #28028 earned the Silver Award by hosting a cheer and dance holiday camp for children at the Fort Bend Women’s Shelter.

Abbe W., Brettyn N. and Felicia D. of Troop #13059 earned the Silver Award by hosting a sports clinic for students at Ehrhardt Elementary School to encourage physical fitness.

Grace C., an individually registered Girl Scout, earned the Silver Award by teaching a group of underprivileged girls how to bake.

Danielle B., Danielle D. and Kassidy G. of Troop #13059 earned the Silver Award by hosting a food drive and donating more than 1,600 pounds of food to Interfaith of The Woodlands.

Troop #26195 hosted a pet adoption fair in League City to earn the Bronze Award.

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How to Register: Online registration can be completed at www.gssjc.org. Click events, then click the registration site link above the search bar. If you have a question about your placement in an activity, contact 713-292-0370 or 1-800-392-4340. If you have a problem with your login, contact the Customer Service Help Desk at 713-292-0310 or customerservice@sjgs.org.

Bring: For all events, bring Permission Slip F-204 and Medical Form F-185 for each girl and the Adult Emergency Form F-22 for each adult.

Attention Daisy Leaders! Look for the Daisy in this section for activities that Daisies can attend.

Comic Con Themed Weekend
Come out and enjoy a Comic-Con themed weekend at Camp Misty Meadows. This fun-filled event is packed with themed games and activities of your favorite superheroes, villains and fantasy characters. Don’t forget to bring a costume for our dress up dance party to represent your favorite character. Girls will earn requirements of 2-3 badges.

Who: Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
When: April 25-26
Min/Max: 8 adults – 20/70 girls
Where: Camp Misty Meadows, Conroe
Cost: $30/girl, $25/adult (includes camp fees, meals and activities)
Contact: Nazia Frank, 713-292-0338, nfrank@sjgs.org

Nursing Career Day and First Aid
Are you interested in a career in healthcare? If so, this Nursing Career Day event is for you! You’ll have the opportunity to get information from and have hands-on experiences with nurses, faculty, and nursing students. This event will also provide you the opportunity to work on some of the requirements toward the First Aid badge for your level.

Who: Seniors and Ambassadors
When: Saturday April 25; 9 a.m.-noon
Time: 9 a.m.-noon
Cost: $5 Min./Max.: 20/40
Deadline: April 20
Contact: Consuelo Moses at 713-292-0225, cmoses@sjgs.org

Digital Movie Maker Badge Workshop
Movies don’t just tell a story, they show them. If you could show the whole world a story, how would it look? Bright and cheery? Fast-paced and full of changes in scene? With what visual would it start and end? You’ve probably spent countless hours watching movies—now’s your chance to show others how you want them to see the world! Come make your own digital movie at the Microsoft Store in The Woodlands Mall.

Who: Cadettes
Location: The Microsoft Store at The Woodlands Mall
When: March 29, 2-4 p.m.; May 16, 9-11 a.m.
Cost: $5 Min./Max.: 10/20
Contact: Consuelo Moses 713-292-0225, cmoses@sjgs.org
**Fabulous Zip Time Weekend**
Join us for a weekend at beautiful Camp Whispering Pines. On Saturday, girls will journey to ZipNac for a fun outing of zip lining. At camp, girls will earn their level’s Naturalist badge and will be able to experience fun day and evening camp activities. Badges: Cadettes-Trees; Seniors-Sky; Ambassadors-Water.

**Who:** Cadettes, Senior and Ambassadors  
**Where:** ZipNac and Camp Whispering Pines  
**When:** May 1-3  
**Min./Max.:** 20/55 girls; 5/20 adults  
**Cost:** $65- girls; includes meals, T-shirt, badge, patch and ziplining fee. $35 - adults (doesn’t include ziplining, add $25 and indicate on registration if you wish to participate)  
**Deadline:** April 10  
**Contact:** Melissa Hardy, 713-292-0376, mhardy@sjgs.org

**Bronze/Silver Award info. meeting**
We know you want to do good things for the world. Help the people who need it most. We know you have great ideas, ones that make a lasting difference. The Girl Scout Bronze Award and Silver Award are your chance to make a lasting difference in your community . . . and in the larger world!

**Who:** Juniors and Cadettes  
**Location:** First United Methodist Church of Conroe  
**When:** May 2, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $5  
**Min./Max.:** 20/60 girls; 10/30 adults  
**Deadline:** April 20  
**Contact:** Consuelo Moses, 713-292-0225, cmoses@sjgs.org

**Gold Award Orientation**
All girls who plan to earn their Gold Award must attend Gold Award Orientation prior to submitting their initial Gold Award application. Adult Gold Award Orientation is offered on the same dates, at the same times and same locations as the girl orientations. You register the same way you would register for the girl training. No drop-ins! Girls are encouraged to complete one Senior or Ambassador Journey before attending orientation.

**Who:** Seniors and Ambassadors or girls in grades 9-12 and adults  
**Where:** Girl Scout Center  
**When:** March 14, 10 a.m. – noon; April 12, 2-4 p.m.; May 2, 10 a.m.-noon; May 9, 10 a.m.-noon  
**Cost:** $5/person  
**Min./Max.:** 10/60 girls, 10/30 adults  
**Deadline:** Two weeks prior  
**Contact:** Jennifer Claxton, 713-292-0209, goldaward@sjgs.org

**Gold Award Orientation is also available online as a home study.** Adults are not required to attend orientation with the girls. Adults not registered for orientation should plan to drop off girls and pick them up at the close of orientation. Gold Award Orientation is also available online as a home study. Deadlines for submitting Gold Award Applications is the first and fifteenth of each month and the deadline for submitting final paperwork is the first of each month. This ensures that your project will be reviewed at that months meeting. If you wish to present at that meeting, please contact your Gold Award advisor.

Visit GSSJC Gold Award online at http://resources.gssjc.org/Resources/goldaward.

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**Field Day**
Juniors and Cadettes are invited to a field day which will include games, snacks, T-shirts and other exciting competitions for everyone to enjoy. This is a great opportunity for the Cadettes to learn leadership skills by leading Juniors in team bonding activities. Cadettes will earn requirements for the Field Day badge, and Juniors will earn requirements for the Fair Play badge.

**Who:** Juniors and Cadettes  
**When:** April 11, 1 – 4 p.m.  
**Cost:** $5  
**Deadline:** March 27  
**Where:** Imperial Valley  
**Note:** Make sure to wear athletic attire and tennis shoes.

**Women’s Health Weekend**
This fun-filled, high intensity weekend will provide older girls the opportunity to learn about the importance of staying fit and healthy throughout their lives. Enjoy morning yoga and boot camp, cooking expos and more. This is a great experience for Seniors and Ambassadors to gain more knowledge about living a healthy lifestyle.

**Who:** Seniors and Ambassadors  
**When:** May 16-17  
**Where:** Camp Misty Meadows, Conroe  
**Cost:** $40/girl; $30/adult  
**Min./Max.:** 30/80  
**Deadline:** May 1  
**Contact:** Nazia Frank, 713-292-0338, nfrank@sjgs.org

**JuniorPalooza**
Come one, come all: experience the merriment, magic and menagerie - GSSJC invites girls to step inside the Junior carnival! Under the big top at Camp Myra S. Pryor, special interest groups will be the main event and girls will be the ringmaster of their adventure in games, crafts, and more! A bridging option will be available to Juniors who are eligible.

**Who:** Juniors  
**Where:** Camp Myra S. Pryor, Nada  
**When:** May 2, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
**Cost:** $20  
**Deadline:** April 15  
**Contact:** Kelli Cavenah, 713-292-0271, kcavenah@sjgs.org; Volunteer coordinator, Lauren Walls, lwalls87@yahoo.com

**Note:** Leaders will be responsible for ensuring girls have met bridging requirements prior to event and communicating names of girls bridging to event team (details on event confirmation).
Activities

Curriculum: Ready made programs for troops

What do you need to know?
Do you have trouble coming up with activities to fulfill a badge or Journey for your troop? Headed to camp and need a fun activity to do for your troop or region weekend? These activities are ready made troop for a variety of themes/activities. Most help the troop earn badges or Journeys and can be hosted wherever the troop meets.

How long do they take? That’s up to you! Spread them out over several troop meetings or have a fun weekend at camp with some ready made curriculum. Some have a suggested time frame to help you out.

How much does this cost? The curriculum is free, although the facilitator will be expected to provide supplies.

Where can I find them? They will soon be on the Resources site. Can’t wait?? Contact Mary LeMaster, 713-292-0357, mlemaster@sjgs.org, if your troop or region is interested in piloting these programs.

Brownie Inventor Badge
Have fun and explore the wonderful world of engineering using GSSJC’s Brownie Home Inventor badge activity. This badge activity will complete all the requirements for the Brownie Inventor badge; it can also be used in conjunction with the Brownie A World of Girls Journey.

Note: The experiments found in this activity are similar to the ones found in the Brownie Girl Guide Inventor badge. However, these experiments have been revised and updated to reflect the modern engineering method by GSSJC’s STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) committee.

Agent of Change Journey
Using the It’s Your World – Change It! Agent of Change Journey curriculum, Juniors will create a better world for girls by examining issues and learning leadership skills – all while completing the Staying Fit badge. This curriculum includes: a timeline, materials list, complete session outline and lesson plans.

Note: Girls must complete the included prep work before beginning the Journey. This Journey does not include a Take Action project. Doing a Take Action project for this Journey completes the Journey requirement for the Bronze Award.

Host a Journey Weekend
Host a Journey weekend in your region or with your local troop! Program should take place from 7 p.m. Friday to noon Sunday.

Or

Troop Sessions
Want to go slower? Spread this curriculum over six sessions. Each session is an hour long.

aMUSE Journey Weekend
This leadership Journey is designed to teach Juniors how to reach out, speak out and try out against stereotypes while earning the Social Butterfly badge. Completing this Journey will also teach Juniors the skills they need to plan and carry out a Bronze Award. This curriculum includes: a timeline, materials list, complete session outline and lesson plans.

Note: Girls must complete the included prep work before beginning the Journey. This Journey does not include a Take Action project. Doing a Take Action project for this Journey completes the Journey requirement for the Bronze Award.

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Amazing Race...
Girls will exercise their leadership skills as they race through the Houston Museum District. This curriculum includes: badge requirements, materials list, race worksheets, answer sheet and a map of the Houston Museum District.

Where: Houston Museum District
When: Race should be completed in 2-4 hours

Juniors: Run an amazing race through Houston while completing your Scribe badge. Girls do not have to be in a troop to complete this curriculum; it can be done individually as well. Most of the badge work is done during the race; however, a few writing activities are meant to be completed after the race.

Cadettes: Run an amazing race through Houston while completing your Good Sportsmanship badge. Girls do not have to be in a troop to complete this curriculum; it can be done individually as well. The amazing race only completes Step 5 of the badge requirements; Steps 1-4 have been designed as preparation for the race.

Seniors: Run an amazing race through Houston while completing your Adventurer badge! Girls do not have to be in a troop to complete this curriculum; it can be done individually as well. The amazing race only completes steps 4-5 of the badge requirements; steps 1-3 have been designed as preparation for the race.

where: Houston Museum District
When: Race should be completed in 2-4 hours

Juniors: Run an amazing race through Houston while completing your Scribe badge. Girls do not have to be in a troop to complete this curriculum; it can be done individually as well. Most of the badge work is done during the race; however, a few writing activities are meant to be completed after the race.

Cadettes: Run an amazing race through Houston while completing your Good Sportsmanship badge. Girls do not have to be in a troop to complete this curriculum; it can be done individually as well. The amazing race only completes Step 5 of the badge requirements; Steps 1-4 have been designed as preparation for the race.

Seniors: Run an amazing race through Houston while completing your Adventurer badge! Girls do not have to be in a troop to complete this curriculum; it can be done individually as well. The amazing race only completes steps 4-5 of the badge requirements; steps 1-3 have been designed as preparation for the race.
Recipe for Success
Recipe for Success offers girls hands on cooking classes that allow girls to experience culinary skills in a safe and healthy kitchen. At RecipeHouse, girls learn healthy food is fun and delicious. Girls cook alongside professional chefs and fulfill requirements for badges and Journeys.

Who: Brownies and Cadettes; adults who are registered for the class participate in the class. Other adults will not be allowed to stay.
When: “Call in your Class!” contact Susie to schedule during March
Cadette New Cuisines Workshop: April 18, 10 a.m. – noon
Brownie Healthy Snacks Workshop: April 19, 1 – 3 p.m.
Where: RecipeHouse, 4400 Yupon St., Houston
Cost: $22 per person (including adults); fee includes equipment usage, food, program expenses
Min./Max.: 12/18 (girl/adult ratio differs according to class – please look when you register online)
Deadline: One week prior to event
Contact: Registrars, 713-292-0370; Susie Mullen, susie@recipe4success.org or 713-520-0443
Note: Email Susie with any food-related allergies or physical or mental challenges the chefs would need to be aware of for a smooth class. Wear comfortable clothes and closed-toed shoes.

Archery

Archers In Motion- AIM
Interest Group JOAD Club
The archery interest group AIM (Archers In Motion) follows a program from USA Archery. It has an individual program called JOAD (Junior Olympic Archery Development). The club will meet once a month so that members may shoot 36 arrows to try to attain specific JOAD and GSSJC shooting levels. These are based on age and distance. There is also instruction on the JOAD Xperience program each month.

Shooting record sheets for each day and personal data will be recorded on the member information sheet. Certificates will be awarded for bull’s-eyes scored and levels achieved. Pins will be presented to those in attendance at the end of the year program. This is an individual sport. Although members from troops may ride together and compete, there is no guarantee they will shoot at the same time. Age is a factor and different ages shoot from different distances. Each member (or minor’s parent) will be required to sign a NAA Athlete Code of Conduct and liability waiver.

Parents may not go on the range for any reason. Girls should be dropped off and picked up at the end of the session. Should distance be an issue in leaving your daughter, check with the coordinator for alternative ideas.

Who: Any registered Girl Scout 8 years and older (JOAD age is as of December 31 of current year)
Where: Camp Robinwood, Willis
When: March 15, April 19, May 17; 12:30-4:30 p.m.
Cost: $4
Deadline: Two weeks prior to event
Contact: George Ann Barrett at 713-292-0313 or gbarrett@sjgs.org

Archery at Camp
If you have tried archery and like it, this is the way to strengthen and improve your skills. All instruction takes place on the archery range, so dress for the outdoors. No prerequisites are necessary. Troops that are camping or are willing to take a day trip should consider taking part in this exciting activity. Troops should be at the range at least 10 minutes prior to the start time. Arriving late will result in less time to participate. Instruction is based upon individual skill level and prior experience. Due to limited space, adults may not register for these sessions.

Who: Brownies through Ambassadors
Min./Max.: 5/12 per session
Cost: $6 per participant
Deadline: Two weeks prior to event
Contact: George Ann Barrett, 713-292-0313, gbarrett@sjgs.org
Time: Pick one of these sessions: hour-long sessions start at 9 a.m., last session starts at 5 p.m.

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Backpacking

Backpacking Groups
Pack Rats: Group Coordinator: Dave Lee, 713-824-2897, pumbapackrat@yahoo.com
Trail Cats: Group Coordinators: Valerie Weber, 713-963-0453, valerie_weber@gensler.com
Skillet Benders: Group Coordinator: Laura Pemberton, 832-248-7721, ljpemberton@sbcglobal.net

Backpacking Weekend Trips
Once you’ve completed Backpacking Orientation, join us for a trip! The Backpacking Interest Group hosts three backpacking trips a month from October through May. Backpacking groups are a great way for novice backpackers to gain skills by learning from experienced backpackers and are an excellent way for both experienced and novice backpackers to meet more girls who share the same interests and love for the outdoors. If you don’t have all the necessary backpack equipment for group weekend trips, arrangements can be made to rent equipment through the trip coordinator. So get out on a trip and join the fun!
Carousel

Camp with your Girl Scout troop at these fun-filled weekends! Program is provided you prepare your girls for the camping experience and bring your own meals and camping supplies. Carousel is a perfect introduction to camping for your troop’s first time and a great event to attend more than once as each Carousel is unique. Get ready to make memories that will last a lifetime!

Who: Girl Scout troops (levels specified below) and Girl Scout ratio of adults only; GSSJC reserves the right to refund adults that exceed this ratio because space is limited. Priority is given to the girls.

Bring: Troops are responsible for providing a Standard Outdoor Training adult*, a current CPR/First Aider* and a first aid kit, simple meals, personal camping equipment and SWAPS.

Cost: $20/participant (girl or adult). Fee covers cost of camp, session materials, administrative fees and event patch.

Deadline: Two weeks before event

Contact: George Ann Barrett, 713-292-0313, gbarrett@sjgs.org

Note: Carousel program is designed to serve troops. *Submit a copy of Standard Outdoor Training and First Aid/ CPR to Dejah Covick at dcovick@sjgs.org or FAX to 713-292-0330 or mail to GSSJC, Attn: Dejah Covick, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098.

March 6-8 Astronomy: Juniors – Camp Robinwood
Have you ever wondered about our place in the universe? Get ready for a weekend of fun as we give you some answers through a scavenger hunt and balloon races. Learn about the planets as we make bracelets and phases of the moon in a yummy way. We will view the stars at night and give you some constellation legends.

April 24-26 Mad Science: Cadettes and older – Camp Robinwood
Wear your lab coat and help us transform Camp Robinwood into the weirdest science lab on earth. You will visit the optics lab and learn about persistence of vision and what it allows us to enjoy. You will be able to take a picture of a really bad hair day in our weather lab. In the chemistry lab you will use science to create cosmetics like no other. A trip to our recycle lab will show you the art of repurposing. Dip in the Aquarius lab will teach you about bouncy while in the motion lab we will explore energy and projectiles.

Wanted: Carousel host troops!
Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors: are you looking for an opportunity to execute a fantastic service project? Or maybe you just love to spend the weekend at camp and meet other Girl Scouts!

Come share your Girl Scout memories, favorite songs, games and traditions with younger girls by serving as a host troop for a Carousel event at one of our awesome camps. Carousel is an exciting twist to traditional troop camping where a host troops serves as camp counselors to coordinate the Saturday camp activities.

Pick a weekend, pick a theme and the girls and adult volunteers in your troop prepare a fun day of activities for other troops at camp. The dates available at Camp Robinwood are: May 15-17, June 5-7 and June 19-21. For more information, contact George Ann Barrett, 713-292-0313, gbarrett@sjgs.org.

Challenge Course
A Challenge course, also called a ropes course, is a wilderness-type experience in a fixed setting. The course has a series of activities on/close to the ground (low elements) and built on utility poles and trees (high elements). It’s an exciting day of challenge and team building for troops.

Who: Girl Scouts, ages 12-18
Where: Camp Silver Springs, Conroe
When: September – May, Saturdays only, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Min./Max.: 6/12
Cost: $25 per girl
Deadline: Program registration form must be received six weeks prior to requested date.
Contact: Jamie Williams, 713-292-0224, jwilliams@sjgs.org; Registrars, 713-292-0370

Note: Indicate your preferred date to use the course on your registration form. Due to facilitator scheduling, registration is not guaranteed until confirmation letter is received. All groups will start with team-building activities and the low elements. Troops progress to high elements when they schedule a second day on the course. The Challenge course is for girls only. Spectators cannot be accommodated.

Guided Hikes at Camp
If your troop is camping at Camps Agnes Arnold, Misty Meadows, Robinwood or Silver Springs or if you want a fun way to introduce your girls to camp during the day, consider taking a guided hike. Foresters Henry Steitz or John Ross conduct hikes that are both fun and informative. You haven’t really seen camp until you have toured it with these guys!

When: Saturdays throughout the year
Who: Girl Scouts of all ages; Girl Scout ratio of adults
Cost: $3 per person; includes patch
Min./Max.: 5/25
Contact: Alneisa Slaughter, 713-292-0288, aslaughter@sjgs.org
Interested in Geocaching?
Join the fun with this high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. GSSJC has units available for rental. The cost is $10 per week with a $25 deposit per unit. Use the units locally, in state parks or even in some of our camps. Currently geocaches are set up at Camps Wind-A-Mere, Myra S. Pryor, Misty Meadows, Silver Springs and Agnes Arnold. Thanks to Troop #17258 for setting up seven new caches at Camp Misty Meadows. If your troop is interested in setting up new geocaches at any of our camps, you can use our GPS units at no cost! For information or to reserve units, contact Melissa Hardy at 713-292-0376 or mhardy@sjgs.org.

Join the GSSJC activities email distribution lists!
When leadership or program activity opportunities for Girl Scouts come up with a short deadline, GSSJC wants to be sure that you receive the information.

Have your name included on one of three special Girl Scout Distribution Lists. There is a list for general program information, one for leaders of girls ages 5-10 and one for girls ages 11-17 and their advisors.

To join, send an email to jewilliams@sjgs.org stating: “Add me to the Girl Scout (general, ages 5-10 or ages 11-17) Distribution List.” That’s all you have to do! Then sit back and wait for emails announcing special, spur-of-the-moment opportunities in which your girls might like to participate!

Note: The email newsletters are not designed to replace the events page of the website or eBiz/registration site. Visit gssjc.org regularly for new opportunities.

Canoeing
Taste of Canoeing
Come learn how to canoe! This is an introductory course for Brownies and Juniors with no previous training required. Canoe instructors and older girl canoe aides will teach girls waterfront safety, basic canoe strokes, how to swamp a canoe and race on the water.

Who: Brownies and Juniors  
When: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Where: April 25 at Camp Arnold, May 16 at Camp Robinwood  
Bring: Level III Swim Card and Safe Boating Card  
Cost: $5  
Note: Girls must have a Level III Swim Card and Safe Boating Card to canoe in a boat without an adult. Adults must register if they are canoeing. Participants need to bring a sack lunch.

Environmental
Armand Bayou Workshops
Armand Bayou Nature Center (ABNC) is working to preserve the wetlands prairie, forest and marsh habitats surrounding Armand Bayou right in our backyard! Visit this scenic part of the Texas Gulf Coast and reconnect with nature. Visitors can learn about plant and animal inhabitants, bird watching, hike on the Nature Center’s trails or view live animal displays of snakes, spiders, hawks and bison.

General information for all badge or Journey workshops:
Where: Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd., Pasadena  
Min./Max.: 10/20 (for each workshop)  
Note: Registration fees do not include badges; no charge for leader or co-leader. Prices listed below are per girl.  
Deadline: One week prior to event  
Contact: Melissa Hardy at 713-292-0376 or mhardy@sjgs.org

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Sims Bayou Workshops
Birds and Bayou Badge
Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center is on the southeast side of Houston. Indoor teaching areas include the log cabin or the bayou barn. There is a small nature gift shop and a play area for non-Girl Scout siblings who are accompanied by parents.

Who: Brownies and Juniors  
Where: Sims Bayou Urban Nature Center, 3997 River Dr. Houston  
Dates: March 14, April 11; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Cost: $13 per girl; no charge for adults  
Deadline: One week prior to event  
Min./Max.: 10/20  
Contact: Melissa Hardy at 713-292-0376 or mhardy@sjgs.org

Note: Badges are not included with the workshop fee. All workshops involve indoor and outdoor activities. Workshops are rain or shine. Girls should not wear sandals or flip-flops.
Houston Arboretum and Nature Center
Badge Workshops
The Houston Arboretum and Nature Center is a 155-acre urban nature sanctuary. Pond, forest and meadow habitats help you learn about nature right in the middle of the city. There is a naturescape play area for non-Girl Scout siblings who are accompanied by parents.

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Where: Houston Arboretum and Nature Center, 4501 Woodway Dr., Houston
Min./Max.: 10/20 Deadline: One week prior to event
Contact: Melissa Hardy, 713-292-0376, mhardy@sjgs.org
Note: Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes. All workshops include indoor and outdoor activities. Badges are not included in the price of the workshop.

Camp Agnes Arnold Nature Center Workshops
Who: Girl Scouts of all ages
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold Nature Center, Conroe
Min./Max.: 15/30
Cost: $7 per girl; includes patch
Contact: Melissa Hardy, 713-292-0376, mhardy@sjgs.org

Nature Rocks!
I think I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree!
- Joyce Kilmer
If you love exploring mushrooms, bugs, edible plants and critters that live in the forest and all things in nature, join us for this nature workshop. Make leaf rubbings and leaf mounts to identify the trees of our environment. Take a tree hike around the camp to learn the many different and interesting things in nature.

When: May 16; 9 a.m., noon or 2:30 p.m.

Wonders of Wetlands
Where do frogs and fish live? In the water, of course! Visit the floating dock on Shadow Lake. Using dip nets and other tools, you will collect water and discover the plants and animals that call the lake their home.

When: April 11; 10 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Tree Treasures
Learn about and explore the fascinating world of trees! Girls will take a tour and go back in time to learn about the importance of trees and the forest industry at the Texas Forestry Museum. Then they’ll participate in several activities to discover the parts of a tree, how to identify six different types of trees and how to determine the age of a tree.

Who: Brownies and Juniors
Where: Texas Forestry Museum, 1905 Atkinson Drive, Lufkin
When: March 28, 10 a.m. – noon
Min./Max.: 8/20 Deadline: One week prior to event
Cost: $18 per girl, no charge for adults
Contact: Melissa Hardy, 713-292-0376, mhardy@sjgs.org
Note: Registration fee includes Tree Treasures patch. Wear weather appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes. The workshop includes indoor and outdoor activities, so bring sunscreen and water. Workshop will be held rain or shine.

Fine Arts
Come clay with us!
Use the medium of clay to explore and experiment with your creativity! These workshops are designed to improve girl’s knowledge and abilities with clay.

Where: Martin Galleries 2731 Whispering Fern, Kingwood
Cost: $21/girl, Girl Scout ratio of adults free
Deadline: Two weeks before workshop date
Min./Max.: 10/15
Contact: Sam Fergeson at 713-292-0309 or sfergeson@sjgs.org
Note: Activities are for girls only. Pieces will be fired after dry time, allow two weeks. Brownies will earn the Brownie Potter badge.
**Shutterbugs**

Learn black and white photography!

Learn composition of photography, creativity and how to develop your own pictures in a dark room. Have you taken Shutterbugs I before? Come back and improve your skills and have even more fun!

What/When: May 8-10; 8 p.m. Friday – 4 p.m. Sunday  
Who: GSSJC girls 7th grade and older  
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold, Conroe  
Bring: 35 mm camera (if available), 1 yard of cotton fabric, Personal gear for a campout, rain poncho, stuffed animal, food for the weekend (mess kit for cooking food, cup, plates, utensils, etc.)  
Cost: $30/girl  
Min./Max.: 4/11  
Deadline: Two week prior to the session  
Contact: Sam Fergeson at 713-292-0309, sfergeson@sjgs.org  
Note: Limited number of loaner 35 mm cameras are available. Make your meals simple- so you don’t spend your time cooking!

**Izzie’s Jewels Jewelry Project**

Join a local custom jewelry designer and entrepreneur to learn all about designing and creating custom-made jewelry! Design your own bracelet, express your creativity and learn all about the mechanics of making jewelry. Choose from various materials to make your custom piece. This bracelet will be one of a kind!

Who: Juniors – Ambassadors, Girl Scout ratio of adults  
Where: Program Place for Girls, Houston  
When: May 30, July 11, July 27 from 10 a.m. – noon  
Cost: $21  
Min./Max.: 15/20  
Deadline: Two weeks before the workshop date  
Contact: Sam Fergeson at 713-292-0309 or sfergeson@sjgs.org (Izzie’s Jewels) Lauren Stewart, 832-605-2770, lauren@izziesjewels.com  
Note: Juniors will earn the Jeweler badge  
Brownies want to join the fun too?  
Jewelry Project for Brownies: April 11; 10 a.m.-noon

**Creative Writing**

Become a Reporter and Nature Story Teller

Extra! Extra! Write all about it! Award-winning children’s author Deborah K. Frontiera will present a two-hour creative writing workshop for Girl Scout Juniors working on their Scribe badge. Frontiera, who is also a writer for Houston’s Writers In The Schools program, will help girls develop writing skills in both fiction and non-fiction. Using photos taken in woodlands, marshes, etc., Frontiera will help girls sleuth out the facts, then write an informational article or essay about the photo. She will introduce a story map to help girls develop a plot line from the viewpoint of a woodland animal or bird to tell “A Day in the Life of a ______” stories from a variety of photos. For information on Frontiera, visit authorsden.com/deborahkfrontiera.

Who: Juniors  
When: April 19  
Where: Girl Scout Center, Houston  
Cost: $5  
Contact: Sam Fergeson, 713-292-0309, sfergeson@sjgs.org

**Theatre Under the Stars**

Imagine yourself dancing on a Broadway stage! Girls will have the opportunity to participate in a theme workshop and complete most or all of the requirements for a performance badge.

Where: Hobby Center, 800 Bagby St. #300, Houston  
Min./Max.: 60/100  
Cost: $18/girl (show tickets are a separate purchase), adult free (Safety-wise adult ratio required)  
Contact: Sam Fergeson, 713-292-0309, sfergeson@sjgs.org  
Note: To order discount tickets to the matinee show the day of the workshop, go to tuts.com and click “Purchase Tickets” next to the show icon. Enter the promo code GSSJC and click “Go”. Discount is valid only for online purchases and only for the specified dates. For questions concerning tickets, contact Evan Camp at 713-558-8888 or evan@tuts.com.

**“Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat” Workshop**

Who: Daisies - Juniors  
When: March 28 from 9 a.m. – noon  
Deadline: March 13

**“The Music Man” Workshop**

Who: Juniors - Ambassadors  
When: May 9 from 9 a.m. – noon  
Deadline: April 24

**Art workshops**

Do you have a zest for art? Do you enjoy playing with clay, making your own jewelry or creating drawings and paintings? Explore the world of visual arts in these workshops. Create original artwork and also earn badges.

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Contact: (Instructor) Emily Amnuth, www.timeforarthouston.com  
Sam Fergeson, 713-292-0309, sfergeson@sjgs.org
History

Tour the Goodykoontz Museum of Girl Scout History
The museum is fun and educational for girls/troops and adults and features timeline panels and interactive displays from the start of the Council in the 1920s until today.

Where: 3000 Southwest Freeway, Houston
Museum Hours: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday; 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, closed Sundays
Saturday tour times: 9:20 a.m., 10:45 a.m. or noon
Request a tour at least four weeks in advance by emailing girlscoutmuseumtour@sjgs.org with troop number, troop leader’s name, telephone number, tour date and time, girl program and age level, number of girls and number of adults.

The self-guided tour is available anytime. Be sure to return the booklet to the docent desk so others may use it.

Juliette’s Tea Party
Join the Council History Committee and take a step back in time as they host an old fashioned tea party. Learn manners from the Victorian Era, enjoy tea and sweets, make something special to take home and play games that Juliette Gordon Low would have played.

Who: Daisy, Brownie or Junior (no adults)
When: March 19 and April 16, 4:30 – 6 p.m.
Where: Program Place for Girls, Houston
Cost: $15 per girl (includes patch and tea cup)
Wear: Party clothes or Victorian era clothes
Deadline: Two weeks prior to event
Contact: Mary LeMaster, 713-292-0357, mlemaster@sjgs.org

Activities

Horse Program

General information for all horse programs
Deadline: Three weeks prior to the event
Register: Register online; those camping on site will have priority placement
Contact: George Ann Barrett at 713-292-0313 or gbarrett@sjgs.org

Safety first! All equine programs are staffed with volunteer adults and older girls who have had Council training in safe handling of horses and riders. Our program is based on the skills and safety guidelines of ACA (American Camp Association) and CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association.) There is a weight limit of 200 pounds for all participants in troop riding and riding badge workshops. Please be advised, all girls wishing to ride will be weighed prior to riding.

Adults: The appropriate ratio of troop adults as specified in Safety Activity Checkpoints, including the troop’s certified first-aider, must accompany all participants and remain in the area while activities are on going.

What to wear: Long pants and socks, shirt with sleeves covering the shoulders. Helmets and boots are available. Girls bringing their own helmets must show a SEI certification label; boots must be smooth-soled with at least a 1/2” heel. Lug soles are not allowed.

Volunteer! Want to help with the program? Every potential adult who wishes to become involved in the equitation program must have a completed volunteer application, have an approved criminal background check on file and be a registered Girl Scout in good standing prior to attending the equitation training for adults. Call George Ann for more information on how you can help!

Bring Us Your Boots
Do you have boots at your house that no longer fit your feet, your needs or your sense of style? Camp Misty Meadows would love to have them to use for girls who come to camp to ride. The boots need to have at least a 1/2 inch heel and smooth sole and all sizes are welcome. Large sizes are needed as well so if a dad or brother or uncle might want to donate, those boots would be appreciated. There is a boot donation box at Camp Misty Meadows just waiting to be filled. If you have questions, contact George Ann Barrett at gbarrett@sjgs.org.

Love, Hug and Groom
This program is offered to individual girls or troops in GSSJC. All girl program levels may participate. Girls receive a barn tour, introduction to horse care and hands-on grooming opportunity with camp horses during one hour periods at Camp Misty Meadows. Either a Saturday or Sunday (morning) time may be requested. Troops and individuals should arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled time.

Who: Daisies through Ambassadors
Where: McNair Equestrian Center – Camp Misty Meadows
When: Weekends through May
Cost: $5 per girl Min./Max.: 4/25
Saddlehorns (Level I)
This is the beginner program at Camp Myra S. Pryor for girls interested in learning about horseback riding. Girls will learn about grooming, leading, equine nutrition, horse colors, basic horse safety and riding skills at a walk. Girls will have the opportunity to work with horses at four of the six stations. Pool is available for free time if weather allows. Includes Saddlehorn patch, and girls can bring SWAPS.

Who: 5th grade or older
Where: Camp Myra S. Pryor
When: March 6-8, April 10-12, May 1-3
Time: Arrive Friday at 6:30 p.m. and leave Sunday at 12:30 p.m.
Min/Max.: 30/80 girls and adults
Cost: $70 per girl/$20 per adult
Bring: Personal equipment and troop camping list

Rustlers (Level II)
Intermediate program that continues the skills started in Saddlehorns. Girls will learn to saddle a horse, how to clean and maintain tack, and the basics of horse anatomy. Riding skills and horse safety will be reviewed and performed at a walk and a trot. Pool will be available during free time if weather allows. Includes Rustler patch, and girls can bring SWAPS.

Who: 5th grade or older who have attended Saddlehorns
Where: Camp Myra S. Pryor
When: April 17-19
Time: Arrive Fri. at 6:30 p.m. and leave Sunday at noon
Min/Max.: 30/80 girls per session
Cost: $70 per girl/$20 per adult
Bring: Personal equipment and troop camping list

Wranglers (Level III)
This program builds upon the riding skills and knowledge gained in the earlier sessions. Girls will learn to bridle a horse and equine health and conformation. Horse safety will be reviewed and riding skills will be performed at a walk, trot and canter. The Sunday schedule includes a trail ride for all participants. Pool will be available during free time, if weather allows. Girls can bring SWAPS.

Who: 6th grade and up that have attended Saddlehorns and Rustlers
Where: Camp Myra S. Pryor
When: April 24-26
Time: Arrive Fri. at 6:30 p.m. and leave Sunday at noon
Cost: $70 per girl/$20 per adult (includes patch)
Min./Max.: 30/80 girls per session
Bring: Personal equipment and troop camping list

Trail Rides at Camp Pryor
Who: Girls attending Saddlehorns or Rustlers
Where: Camp Myra S. Pryor
When: March 8, April 12, April 19, May 3
Time: 1 p.m. or 2 p.m.
Cost: $15/girl
Max.: 12

STARS Training (Level IV)
Girls who are interested in teaching horse skills to younger girls should attend this course. STARS are asked to work at least one fall and one spring weekend session per year. This training weekend will focus on improving horse handling skills, teaching techniques, professionalism and team work. All food is catered for girls and adults.

Who: 13 years old and up
Date: March 27-29
Time: Arrive Fri. at 6:30 p.m. and leave Sunday at noon
Where: Camp Myra S. Pryor
Cost: $55/girl and $15/adult (includes Program Aide patch)
Min./Max.: 20/60 girls and adults
Prerequisite: Completed Saddlehorns, Rustlers and Wranglers

Weekend Riding
Troops/groups (Juniors and older) camping at Camps Misty Meadows, Agnes Arnold, Silver Springs or Robinwood who wish to ride during their camping weekend should send in the Request for Riding Form included with their camp date confirmation immediately on receipt. Please note: this is a request for riding and does not guarantee that your troop/group will participate. These are one hour ride periods, either in an arena or on a trail, depending on the skill level of the riders (determined by the volunteer head instructor in charge during the ride). Either a Saturday or Sunday (morning) ride time may be requested. Even though you may not be camping at one of the camps nearby Camp Misty Meadows, Girl Scouts can still go horseback riding. Troops and individuals should arrive at the barn 30 minutes before their scheduled ride time.

Who: Juniors through Ambassadors
Where: McNair Equestrian Center – Camp Misty Meadows
When: Weekends September-May
Min./Max.: 2/12 riders per one hour session
Cost: $15/participant

Riding/Dorm Staff
If you want to work with horses, GSSJC needs riding staff at the McNair Equestrian Center in Camp Misty Meadows. SPURS Training for Adults is offered over a weekend and is a hands-on training. All trainees should bring food for the weekend, personal camping gear including bedding. Every adult who wishes to become involved in the equitation program as a volunteer must have a completed volunteer application and an approved criminal background check on file and be a registered Girl Scout in good standing prior to attending the equitation training for adults.

The equitation program also welcomes all registered adults who may enjoy a weekend at camp with Girl Scouts ages 12 and older but prefer not to work with horses. Every troop camping weekend during the year, the SPURS girls need two adults as dorm staff, one of whom must be a currently certified first aider.

Who: Adult Girl Scouts, men or women
Where: McNair Equestrian Center – Camp Misty Meadows
When: March 20-22, April 24-26
Time: 8 p.m. Friday – 1 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $20 (includes scarf) Min./Max.: 2/6
Sailing

To get sailing information
Volunteer sailing program coordinator:
sailing.coordinator@gmail.com
Volunteer instructor coordinator:
instructor.coordinator@gmail.com
GSSJC Council Office:
Jamie Williams – jewilliams@sjgs.org or 713-292-0224
Registration contact – 713-292-0370

Note: All sailing is weather permitting – refunds are not issued for weekends when we cannot sail due to weather.

Mariners, get service hours at sailing weekends

Mariners, did you know you can get service hours by attending Introduction to Sailing weekends? Did you know that these service hours can be used in increasing your ratings and counted as tiller time for your mate rating? Did you know that you can use these service hours in school and in your troop? On these weekends, you will work with girls that are trying out sailing. Tell them about the program and what you love about it, show off our Sailing Center and make new friends. When registering online, be sure to register as a Mariner.

Cost for Mariner: $27 (all meals are included)

Mariner Weekends

Mariners can participate in Mariner-only weekends. They have the opportunity to practice their sailing skills in a relaxed setting while having fun. These weekends are typically themed. A Mariner is a girl who has completed Basic Sailing (Red Cross Basic Sailing or Small Craft Safety Sailing.) Mariners spend the weekend at Casa Mare and eat, sleep and sail! Four to eight dorm chaperones are also required for these weekends.

When: Mariner 1 – April 17-19
         Mariner 2 – May 15-17
     Friday check in is 7 p.m. and Sunday checkout is 2 p.m.
Cost: $27 per girl (all meals are included)

Introduction to Sailing

Do you want to know what it’s like to sail but don’t know if you will like it? Do you want to feel the wind on your face and hear the water splashing around you? Attend Introduction to Sailing where you will work alongside Mariners (girls that have successfully completed Basic Sailing) as they ready the boats, sail (weather permitting) and put away the equipment. You must attend the entire weekend. Girls must have a Red Cross Level IV Swim Card or equivalent and a GSSJC Safe Boating Test Card. Copies of cards should be turned in at check in. Girls without cards will not be allowed to remain in camp.

Who: Girls 11 and older
When: May 1-3
     Friday check in is 7 p.m. and Sunday checkout is 2 p.m.
Cost: $45 per girl (all meals are included)
Note: Attention parents! Four to eight dorm chaperones are needed to hold the event. Email sailing.coordinator@gmail.com to volunteer.

Instruction Weekends

Some courses are over two weekends, and you must attend both. Four to eight volunteers are needed to hold the events. Basic Sailing is a two-weekend class. Attendance at both weekends is mandatory. This is a mentally and physically demanding course. Girls are encouraged, but not required, to attend an Introduction to Sailing weekend before taking Basic Sailing.

Sunfish Mate is a two-weekend course for girls who have completed Basic Sailing and followed through with additional practice to solidify their skills. It is required that girls have a minimum of six sailing sessions, equivalent to 20 hours of tiller time, between Basic Sailing and Sunfish Mate. Hours will be verified. GSSJC also offers classes for Mariners who wish to take advanced ratings courses.

Sloop Skipper, Sloop Captain and Big Boat classes: email instructor.coordinator@gmail.com to see if you qualify to attend. Girls must have a Red Cross Level IV Swim Card or equivalent and a GSSJC Safe Boating Test Card. Copies of cards should be turned in at check in. Girls without cards will not be allowed to remain in camp.

Who: Girls 11 and older, and adults
Bring: You will receive an email with a packing list.
When: All girls must attend the entire weekend. Check-in is Friday at 6:45 p.m., and check-out is Sunday at 5 p.m.
Cost: $85 for Basic Sailing and Sunfish Mate (two-weekend courses); $45 for all other courses

Instruction Weekend A April 24-26
Basic Sailing A, Sunfish Mate A, Sloop Skipper, Sloop Captain, Big Boat Crew, Sunfish Skipper

Instruction Weekend B May 8-10
Basic Sailing B, Sunfish Mate B, Sloop Crew, Big Boat First Mate
Sailing Volunteer Opportunities for Adults
GSSJC has opportunities that require little or no training for both males and females. Adults must have a completed volunteer application and approved criminal background check on file with the Council before attending a sailing weekend. For information, contact sailing.coordinator@gmail.com.

Female only
Dorm Chaperone – Supervise kapers (chores) during the weekend. Four to eight needed for each weekend. No experience required.

Male or Female
Cook Helpers – Assist our certified cooks to prepare and serve the food. No experience required.
Motorboat Operators – Safety boats are always on the water when girls are sailing. Certified adults operate these boats.
Sailing Instructors – Certified adults teach both basic sailing and advanced ratings courses.
Big Boat Captains – Certified adults take troops out on day sails, and instruct girls on being crew members.
Area Coordinators – Coordinate programs, promotions of the Mariner program, recognitions and work on special projects.
Event Leaders – Handle check in and checkout of girls at camp. Also, monitor the base radio while the girls are on the water. No experience required.
Council Cooks – Contact sailingcoordinator@gmail.com for more information.

Big Boat Troop Sailing
Sail the day away on Galveston Bay on GSSJC’s Big Boat. The Snow White is captained by trained, experienced and certified volunteers. Girls with Red Cross Level IV Swim Cards and a GSSJC Safe Boating Test Card are eligible to sail. All cards and paperwork will be checked before boarding the boat. PFDs are supplied on the boats, and the girls are required to wear them. Our boat is docked at Watergate Yacht Club in Kemah.

Who: Girls with a Red Cross Level IV Swim Card and the GSSJC Safe Boating Test Card are eligible to sail
Where: Watergate Yacht Club, 1500 Marina Bay Dr., Kemah
When: April 18, 19; May 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31; 8:30 a.m. – noon or 12:30 – 4 p.m.
Cost: $10/girl
Bring: Sunscreen, hat/cap, bottled water, snacks and trash bag (you take your trash with you). Bring copies of your swim cards and Safe Boating Test cards with you on the day of your sail.
Min./Max.: 4/8
Deadline: Two weeks before sail, but they fill up fast. Refunds or alternate dates may be arranged due to inclement weather.
Contact: Jamie Williams, 713-292-0224, jewilliams@sjgs.org
Note: PFDs supplied and girls are required to wear them.

Soccer clinic with the Houston Aces
Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors join the Houston Aces, a women’s minor league soccer team, as they work towards the Athletic Legacy badge. Learn about cross training, coaching, sportsmanship and meet with the women on the team. Stay after the clinic for a Houston Aces game!

Who: Cadettes-Ambassadors
When: March 28, 2:30 – 5 p.m.
Where: Houston Baptist University, Husky Stadium
Bring: Water bottle, comfortable clothes and shoes to run in
Min./Max: 50/100
Cost: $25, fee includes ticket to the game
Deadline: March 1
Contact: Linda Pau, 713-292-0212, lpau@sjgs.org
Note: Eat dinner before arrival. Breakfast will be served aboard Elissa, and snacks will be provided.

Overnight on the Tall Ship Elissa
Girl Scouts can experience a sailor’s life from the days of old in a special overnight adventure aboard the Tall Ship Elissa. After a tour of the Elissa and a video presentation, the overnight Girl Scout crew learns some hands-on sailing skills. Girls will help set one of Elissa’s huge staysails, and they work with the ship’s volunteer crew to master rope craft and seagoing knots. During the night, girls will follow one of the oldest traditions of the sea - keeping watch over the Elissa and Galveston Harbor.

Who: Brownies-Amabssadors
When: May 23, June 13, June 20
Check in: 6:30 p.m. Check out: 9 a.m. next day
Bring: Sleeping bag (air mattresses, if desired), pillow, change of clothes
Cost: $40/person
Min./Max.: 30/40; 1 adult/5 girls
Deadline: Register and submit payment at least five weeks prior to event date. (Event fills fast!) You must cancel at least 30 days before planned date.
Contact: Melissa Hardy at 713-292-0376 or mhardy@sjgs.org

Note: Eat dinner before arrival. Breakfast will be served aboard Elissa, and snacks will be provided.
**Activities**

**Riflery**
Would you like to become a part of the growing sport of riflery? Start with learning the sport in Basics, then move on to Marksmanship.

- **Who:** Girls 12 years and older
- **Where:** Camp Robinwood
- **Cost:** $7/girl  **Min./Max.:** 6/12
- **Contact:** Linda Pau, 713-292-0218, lpau@sjgs.org
- **Deadline:** Two weeks before each program

**Basics:** Have you ever wanted to learn how to safely handle a rifle? Here is your chance to learn the basics of shooting, the proper way to handle a rifle and develop your marksmanship skills.
- **When:** 10-11 a.m.; March 14, April 11

**Marksmanship:** If you have already taken the Introduction to Riflery, you can sign up for a marksmanship class. Join us to practice your marksmanship and learn other shooting positions.
- **When:** 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; March 14, April 11

**STEM**

**Robotics Special Interest Group for Juniors and Cadettes**
Do you have an interest in robotics and engineering but have no idea how to start? Start with a beginner session. Ready for the more practice and learn more about the FIRST Lego League Championship? Sign up for an intermediate session. Keep an eye out for the advanced sessions in June and July!

**Information for all sessions**
- **Where:** Program Place for Girls, Houston
- **Min./Max.:** 10/20
- **Cost:** $10 per girl
- **Deadline:** Two weeks before each program
- **Contact:** Mary LeMaster, 713-292-0357, mlemaster@sjgs.org

**Beginner Session:** Would you like to compete in the 2015 FIRST Lego League (FLL) Championship? If so, this beginner session is for you! Girls will gain hands-on experience with building and programming Lego robots. While these sessions are a good starting point for the 2015 FLL season, girls are not obligated to compete. The only obligation is to have fun!
- **When:** April 4 or 25, 9 a.m. – noon; check in at 8:30 a.m.

**Intermediate Session:** Are you ready to take on a challenge? Come join the GSSJC Robotics Special Interest Group and prepare to invent some fun. These intermediate sessions are great practice for the upcoming 2015 First Lego League Championship. Girls will gain hands on experience with building and programming Lego bots. While these sessions are a good starting point for the 2015 FLL season, girls are not obligated to compete. Their only obligation is to have fun!
- **When:** May 16 and May 30, 9 a.m. – noon.; check in at 8:30 a.m.

**George Observatory Spring Programs**

**For All Overnight events:**
- **Where:** Brazos Bend State Park, George Observatory
- **Bring:** Closed toe shoes, bug spray, troop first aid kit. For overnights, simple no-cook snacks and breakfast, flashlights, sleeping bag/pillow/etc.
- **Deadline:** Pre-payment due three weeks prior to event
- **Register:** Peggy Halford or Tracy Knauss, HMNS Expedition Center at the George Observatory, 281-242-3055 or phalford@hmns.org
- **Note:** Girl Scout awards are not included in the fee for any of these workshops. These items may be purchased at any Girl Scout Shop. An optional $4 patch is available from the Expedition Center for sale at event.

**Brownie Passport to the Universe:**
Take a simulated space flight in the Expedition Center. Girls become astronauts and return to the moon. The program includes tie-ins to all three Brownie Journeys.

- **Who:** Brownies, Girl Scout ratio of adults
- **When:** April 11, 1 – 2:30 p.m.  **Max.:** 20 girls
- **Cost:** $15 per girl; State Park Entrance Fees: $7 for everyone over 12 years old

**Journey to the Stars—Junior Overnight Experience:**
Girls enjoy the stars (weather permitting), take a night hike and an exciting simulated space flight to the moon and Mars at the George Observatory Expedition Center in Brazos Bend State Park! Girls/troops bring simple no-cook snacks and breakfast. What a cool adventure - it’s out of this world! The program includes tie-ins to all three Junior Journeys.

- **Who:** Juniors (ages 8-11), Girl Scout ratio of adults
- **When:** March 20-21, April 10-11, April 24-25, May 15-16; 7:30 p.m. Friday through 11:30 a.m. Saturday
- **Max.:** 40 girls
- **Cost:** $50 per girl and $25 per leader. Pre-payment due three weeks prior to event

**Girls Who Code Party**
Juniors and Cadettes are invited to our brand new Girls Who Code party! Code touches every part of our world, and no matter what you want to be when you grow up, code and computer science skills can help you get there. Join us for a fun intro on how to get started using code to build the world you want to live in. Hear how women coders around the world are creating a better future, discover how code and computer science skills can help you pursue your interests and write your first few lines of code!

- **Who:** Juniors and Cadettes
- **Where:** Program Place for Girls, Houston
- **When:** April 11 or May 23; 9 a.m. – noon.; check in at 8:30 a.m.
- **Cost:** $10 per girl  **Min./Max.:** 10/20
- **Deadline:** Two weeks before each program
- **Contact:** Mary LeMaster, 713-292-0357, mlemaster@sjgs.org
**Swimming**

**Swim Level and Safe Boating Card testing sessions**

These sessions test swim level skills in order for girls to go canoeing (Red Cross Level 3), sailing (Red Cross Level 4) or participate in other aquatic activities that may require certification. Girls will also be tested to receive their Safe Boating Cards. This card combined with a swim level card is required for canoeing and sailing. For this test, girls will be required to be in the water, wearing pants, T-shirt and shoes. Each session is two hours. Note: Girls must be able to swim the length of the pool. For swim level and safeboating requirement, visit gssjc.org, click on forms and then search swim level.

**Bring:** Swim suit, towel, T-shirt, long pants, shirt, shoes  
**Cost:** $20  
**Min./Max.:** 5/20  
**Contact:** Linda Pau, 713-292-0218, lpau@sjgs.org  
**Dates:**  
- Summer’s Swim Academy (2112 Carolina, League City) March 28, 10 a.m.  
- Pearland Rec. Center and Natatorium (4141 Bailey Road) May 23; 9 a.m.  
- Kingwood YMCA (2420 W. Lake Houston Pkwy) March 21, April 25; 1 p.m.

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**Travel**

**Trip Planning 101**

Learn the right way to plan for your next travel adventure and tour Hostelling International’s (HI) Morty Rich Hostel in Houston. It’s an exciting place to discover and you may meet people from all over the world that are traveling through Houston.

Girls will:
- Perform steps involved in trip planning
- Understand hostelling
- Use travel guidebooks and create a travel budget
- Access transportation and lodging options
- Develop awareness of travel safety
- Learn to pack efficiently and effectively

Program presented by Hostelling International

**Who:** Girl Scouts aged 11-18 plus Girl Scout ratio of adults  
**When:** March 28 and April 18; 1 – 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Hostelling International - Houston, Morty Rich Hostel  
**Min./Max.:** 10/27  
**Cost:** $8/girl participants; Girl Scout ratio of adults free  
**Deadline:** One week before workshop  
**Contact:** Sam Ferguson, 713-292-0309, sfergeson@sjgs.org  
**Note:** Program content is for girls.

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**Program Aide Training**

Program Aide is a teen mentoring award for Girl Scout Cadettes. Program Aides working with younger girls in a variety of settings from day or twilight camps to one-time events. If you are interested in a leadership experience specifically designed for working with younger Girl Scouts, this is for you! All Cadettes who have finished one Leader-in-Action (LiA) award are eligible to register for this training.

**Who:** Cadettes who have complete one LiA  
**When:**  
- March 14 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
- April 26 from 1 – 5 p.m., Program Place for Girls, Houston  
- May 23 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Camp Wind-A-Mere, Alvin  
**Cost:** $10  
**Bring:** Lunch  
**Contact:** Jennifer Claxton, 713-292-0209, jclaxton@sjgs.org  
**Note:** Troops will need to provide their own meals and camping supplies. Each troop will also need a first aider and at least one adult who has been camp trained.

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**Save the Date**

**Brownie Quest Journey Event**  
**May 23**  
**Camp Whispering Pines**
Register for most trainings online at https://gssjc.ebiz.uapps.net/vp/ then click on “activities.”
For training registration questions, contact Betty Morgan at 713-292-0238.

This day-long event is not about quilting! This event is a patchwork of enrichment courses that can be used with girls of all ages. Come and join us for a crazy schedule of games, songs, crafts and other fun courses that can be used indoors or outdoors. Need ideas for day camp or twilight camp? This is the event for you!

When: Saturday, March 28
Where: Camp Misty Meadows
Check In: Saturday, 8 a.m.
Event Code: 10-12-05-6240
Event Fee: $22 includes lunch, workshops and event patch

Register:
Register online at www.gssjc.org under Helpful Links, registration site, activities; or complete the registration form and mail or fax to us at 713-292-0340.
Senior or Ambassador girls registered for the event must bring a Girl Permission Slip (GSSJC F-204) and Girl Medical Form (GSSJC F-185) to the event.
Adults need to bring the adult emergency form.

Deadline: Sunday, March 15
Questions: Call Betty Morgan at 713-292-0238 or Robin Brown at 713-292-0229

SESSION ONE (9–10:30 a.m.)
1A Thank You Crafts
How do you say “thank you?” This workshop will give you inexpensive ideas on ways to say “thanks!”

1B Mind Mapping for Older Girls
Do your brainstorming sessions with girls lack imagination? Mind mapping is a new way to unleash creativity for brainstorming and planning. Plus - it’s really fun. You will learn how to lead girls through this great technique. Girls will love this tool and find it useful for mapping everything from a camping trip to higher awards.

1C Troop T-Shirts, ID’s and More
Girls love wearing troop T-shirts while at camp, selling cookies and on field trips. Discover some easy techniques to have your troop looking fabulous and unified. Learn what a troop ID is and see some great samples of troop banners. Create a T-shirt of your very own. You receive a confirmation indicating what color shirt to bring.

1D All Star Cast
Have fun learning skits that will entertain your troop. Learn how to get your girls interacting with each other in a meaningful way while they discover more about themselves through acting. Acting can help girls build confidence, clarify their values (how about a skit about welcoming a new girl into the troop?) and learn history (try acting out a skit about Juliette Gordon Low). Need an activity to keep the girls engaged? Try acting!

1E Traditions in Day Camp
This fun workshop covers knife safety, cadence calls, food, lashing, crafts and lots more that have become “traditions” at day and twilight camps.

SESSION TWO (10:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m.)
2A Making Journeys FUN for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors
“In this Girl Scouting game of ours, it’s the FUN along the way that counts, not the result.” With endless possibilities for field trips, badges and other stops along the way, each Journey should not only develop girl leadership but also be enjoyable. Have your girls missed the FUN? Perhaps you need a new approach. This workshop focuses on how to get the girls involved in planning their Journey and putting in the FUN.

2B I Can’t Wait to…for Older Girls
The focus of this session is on the GREAT opportunities that are available just for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. Learn about Destinations, Program Aide opportunities and other older girl-only events. Learn more about your role in supporting older girls as they earn higher awards.

2C Silly Songs
Does your troop like to laugh and have a lot of fun? Does your troop like to sing? Why not combine the two, fun and singing, and come to the workshop that can do just that? Learn silly songs to take back to your troop. Even if your troop doesn’t like to sing, these songs are so much fun that they will be singing all the time.

2D All Stitched Up
Make an easy sewing project using cloth, an iron, thread, coloring books and crayons. “Sew” easy, even beginner seamstresses can do it!

2E Look Out, Meet Out
The key to a successful camping experience is progression and it starts right outside of your meeting place windows. Learn fun ways to get your girls excited about venturing outside. This class will also give you helpful tips on activities to do with your girls when you take the next progression step of meeting out.
SESSION THREE (1:15 – 2:45 p.m.)

3A  S.W.A.P.S.
Special Whatcamacalilts Affectionately Pinned Somewhere or Shared With A Pal, SWAPs are fun handmade items that girls and adults can share as a sign of friendship. Come and create and learn about some great SWAP ideas to share with your girls.

3B  Making Journeys FUN – Focusing on Teen Interests
So you have older girls (Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors), and you need some ideas on how to get or keep them engaged in the Journey resources? Try mixing and matching Journey sample sessions to create a weekend retreat; try experiencing the Journey activities in the outdoors through camping or hiking; or maybe you want to look at Journeys with science, technology and math in mind. Come and explore the customizing opportunities!

3C  There is no “I” in Team
What activities will help manage differences in personality styles and allow the troop to grow and learn together? That’s right: team building games! Join us in this fun participatory workshop filled with games and activities aimed at team building and communication skills. You will leave with activities your girls will love that will bring the troop closer together.

3D  Younger Girl Crafts
Crafts for the craft-challenged. Learn to make simple crafts that your Daisies and Brownies will adore.

SESSION FOUR (3–4:30 p.m.)

4A  Cool Crafts for Teens and Tweens
Discover crafts that teens and tweens will treasure and not end up in the trash. Teens and tweens love duct tape stuff, jewelry, journals and pens, room décor, purses and totes. You will be able to see many examples and make a few too.

4B  Mean Chicks, Clique and Dirty Tricks
Girls do all sorts of random acts of unkindness to each other every day with one goal: to make someone else feel small and unwanted. Learn real world tips and strategies to deal with these mean girls and bullies. This course is designed for you as the adult to take strategies back to train your girls to take action!

4C/4D  Iron Chef – Snacks Edition
You’ve seen it on TV; now be a part of the action. In this friendly competition, you will reap the benefits of your creativity and hard work and enjoy the snacks you invented. Compare your creations with other teams.

4E  Garden Art
Bring some fun into the backyard. Wind chimes, bird feeders and other works of whimsical art for your gardens.

Crazy Quilt Registration Form
Or register online at www.gssjc.org. Event Code: 10-12-05-6240

Name: ____________________________________________
Community: ___________________ Program Level ______________
Address: __________________________________________
Email: ___________________ Home Phone ___________________
Cell Phone: ___________________________________________
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**Radio & TV Station Tour**

Girls ages 7 and older (with Safety-Wise ratio of adults) are invited to a free 2-3 hour tour of Houston Public Media to learn about the wonders of technology & careers in radio and television! Min./Max.: 1/8

For more information about scheduling a tour:
Eric Ladau, Producer & Station Tour Coordinator
713-743-0861 or eladau@houstonpublicmedia.org

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**April 15-20**

**Girl Scout Night**

Friday, April 17 at 7:30pm

Tickets $32 & $22

Special Patch Included!

For more information or to order groups of ten or more, call 281.367.9117 or email christina@texasgrouptickets.com.

For orders less than ten, visit Ticketmaster.com and use the code GSCT.

Fees may apply to online orders. Contact Christina for patches.

Order soon – limited availability. Deadline to order is April 10.
Girl Scouts practice good forest stewardship

As a camper, you have probably slept in a cabin or walked over one of our bridges at Camp Agnes Arnold. You may have even stood on our pier at Lake Ann at Camp Robinwood or seen our new windmill at Camp Myra S. Pryor. Did you know that these buildings and structures were made of lumber from trees that were harvested from our forests? Taking care of the trees in our Girl Scout camps is very important to our Council. Current and future generations of Girl Scouts and volunteers can enjoy and help us care for our forests.

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We recently harvested 27.5 acres of slash pine trees at Camp Silver Springs in Conroe, Texas. These planted, unthinned slash pines were over-mature, more than 65 years old and developed old-age problems due to root rot, red heart hollows, drought weather and Ips beetles. These problems caused our pines to become stressed and begin dying. Many trees were lost and have already fallen. Dying trees can become a huge safety issue at camp. Girl Scout rangers cut these trees before they fall on tents, cabins, buildings, roads and trails. Cutting trees in these slash pine stands has been an on-going job. Harvesting a stand of mature trees in an area affected by these conditions is the best course of action for safety and minimizing affects to nearby tree stands.


Heavy equipment is used to group and load logs onto trucks for transport to a local mill.

Planting new trees is called reforestation, and our plan includes the planting of different size trees ranging from seedlings in one-gallon nursery pots to larger saplings in five-gallon buckets. We estimate planting approximately 450 pines and 50 hardwoods per acre that are native to the area.

You can see these seedling and sampling trees if you visit Camp Silver Springs and are near the Pine Shadows unit. You and your troop can also help us by filling buckets with water and hand watering these new trees. Our Council supports good forestry management practices that promotes a healthy forest. Once a tree reaches the end of its life cycle due to age, drought conditions or illness, we choose to harvest the tree instead of letting it fall to the ground. The trees in our camps are valuable resources. Harvesting these mature trees and milling these logs into lumber allows us to continue to appreciate this natural resource. We build cabins, decks, bridges, windmills and other structures to be used and enjoyed by thousands of Girl Scouts and adult volunteers for years to come.

What kinds of aquatic life can be found in Shadow Lake at Camp Agnes Arnold? The lake encompasses 35 acres at Camp Agnes Arnold in Conroe. That’s pretty big! The dam was built in 1921 and was redone in 1982. The depth of the lake averages four feet but some parts are as deep as 12 feet. Surprisingly, there are only a few bullfrogs that live there, so it’s pretty quiet around the lake at night. Turtles include box and snapping turtles. We have a wide variety of fish: brim, sunfish, minnows, crappie, catfish, carp, gar and bass. Contrary to popular belief, there are no alligators! Cattails, elephant ear and foxtail are a few of the aquatic plants that can be found at Shadow Lake. Next time you visit Camp Agnes Arnold check it out and be safe around and in the water! Here’s a question for next time: Why do mosquito bites itch?
People to remember—Part I

by Council History Committee volunteer Marlene Edwards

Visionary and dedicated women, both volunteer and professional, have always played an important role in Girl Scouting. As with any movement, the individuals involved in the early years seem to stand out, as did our Council’s leaders in the past. Beginning with this issue, we will focus on several important women in Girl Scout history who impacted the lives of thousands of girls.

In early 1919, just three years before Houston Girl Scouts became a council, there were 31,000 Girl Scouts and a total membership of 34,081 in the United States. At this time, Jane Deeter Rippin became GSUSA’s national executive director. She served in this role until 1930. Jane was born in 1882 into a large, close-knit family. When she finished college she began work as a teacher, but in 1908 she changed to a career in social work and became assistant director of an orphanage. By 1910, she became a caseworker for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. She made many friends in the social work community and in 1911 organized a cooperative boarding house, called the Coop. Though membership changed over the years, the house served as a model of cooperative living, and Jane was able to cut costs by half.

A year after her marriage to James Yardley Pippin, Jane received her master’s and was appointed chief probation officer of Philadelphia. She was an innovative manager, able politician and administrated the probation work of five courts. All courts were related to domestic relations. Later on she opened the first multipurpose Municipal Detention Home for Women Offenders and drew praise from Theodore Roosevelt for her vision.

Jane was soon asked to supervise work with women and girls around military camps in the southwest for the War and Navy departments’ commission on training camp activities. About this time, Jane organized communities to fund sponsor centers and programs for girls and women which would provide alternatives to delinquency and ways to combat it. Her suggestions were part of the rationale for the development of the United Service Organization (USO) in 1941.

Jane soon examined girls’ organizations in the United States and became interested in Girl Scouts’ potential to keep adolescent girls occupied in wholesome pursuits. Jane was appointed to the position of national executive director of GSUSA in 1919 and became the primary figure in guiding the transformation of Girl Scouts from the information organization Juliette Low and her friends founded to one of the largest organizations working with girls in the United States. Under her direction, membership grew from 50,000 to 250,000 girls. Regions and regional councils were formed, and permanent camps and training schools were established. Jane was also active in promoting the growth of international Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding.

Important to the ultimate success of the organization was Jane’s contribution to the crucial interface between professional staff and volunteers which has made Girl Scouting so effective over the years. She herself led Troop #17 in Manhattan. A volunteer during her entire tenure as national executive director like Juliette Low, Jane’s focus of activity was always on the girls.

Jane was often asked what she especially enjoyed to break the routine of life, and she said, “About the finest thing in the world is to take a group of girls from camp at 2 a.m. on a full moon night, walk with them to the top of a neighboring hill and sit there and talk until the sun rises.” She believed her walks and talks, as she called them, enabled their girls to confide in her. She wanted girls to know they had the right to affection, to joyousness and to adventure.

Jane suffered her first serious stroke in 1936 and was left partially paralyzed and aphasic. She spent months learning to recognize, pronounce and write single words and sentences. Over several years, she regained ability to write and speak and overcame her paralysis. This remarkable woman died in 1953, and she left a legacy of love and activism for the Girl Scout movement in America.

Did you know?
The Edith Macy Conference Center in New York was designed and developed by architect James Yardley Rippen, Jane’s husband. The Great Hall was in the style of a Connecticut barn, a favorite design of the time. Many Girl Scouts from across the nation have traveled to New York for a Macy advanced training course in their areas of expertise. Wouldn’t Jane and James be thrilled!
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If you have friends, colleagues or professional relationships who share in the mission of Girl Scouting, we welcome those referrals to have the opportunity to share the Girl Scout story with them. For questions, contact Beth Shea at bshea@sjgs.org or 713-292-0321.

Why I Give...Thea Fabio
As a troop leader, Gold Award advisor and donor, Thea Fabio understands the importance of giving back to girls. As a troop leader for two of her daughters, Thea was able to give back directly to girls as she saw them through their Girl Scout journey. Through that process, she discovered her passion for helping girls realize their dreams of earning the Gold Award, Girl Scouting’s highest honor, and became a Gold Award advisor.

“She is a strong proponent of opportunities for girls to enjoy being with other girls, for them to gain confidence in their own abilities and for them to demonstrate their leadership skills,” said Thea. “I support girls’ schools and women’s colleges and organizations that promote women’s issues.”

Her support of organizations for girls and women led Thea to the decision to earmark GSSJC as a nonprofit to donate to in her will.

“Girl Scouts give girls the opportunity to be with other girls, to excel outside the co-ed stereotypical school peer pressures, and to lead,” said Thea. “Girl Scouting has offered so much to my own daughters over the years and has provided me a means to give back to girls and young women in a way that promotes their maturation and self-confidence.”

Make a gift to GSSJC in your will
One of the simplest ways for you to make a future contribution is to include Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council in your will. If you have already made GSSJC one of your nonprofit beneficiaries, please share this with us. For more information, contact Diane Pavey at dpavey@sjgs.org or 713-292-0277.
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Service projects around the Council

Troop #13495 collected paper goods for birthday parties and donated it to Ronald McDonald House so children staying at the facility could celebrate birthdays throughout the year.

Troop #129052 planted a garden as part of the Keep Fulshear Beautiful movement and had the chance to visit with Fulshear Mayor Tommy Kuykendall after completing the service project.

Lone Star Trails Community assembled and donated buckets of games and treats to Shriners Hospital in Galveston.

Troop #116012 compiled and delivered Halloween goodie bags to children in the pediatric ward at Kingwood Medical Center.

Troop #21422 collected and donated food and cards to West Houston Assistance Ministries for Thanksgiving.

Troop #147022 collected undergarments to donate to a local nonprofit as part of their celebration of Juliette Gordon Low’s birthday.

Troop #16435 volunteered at the Houston Food Bank.

Troop #28083 made holiday cards for veterans.

Troop #19068 collected donations for Lunches of Love.
Troop #7640 assembled more than 20 plastic Halloween pumpkins to donate to local military at Ellington Field. The pumpkins included hygiene items and snacks.

Troop #18914 made and donated 24 “Inspiration Boxes” for children and more than 50 candy crackers for adults at the Mission of Yahweh during the holiday season.

East Ender Community collected hats, scarves and puzzle books for Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital.

Troop #9262 helped pack holiday meals for those in need at Target Hunger.

Girl Scouts Viqui K. and Taylor B. deliver stockings their troop put together for Deveroux’s, a local foster care program.

Troop #28239 made and donated fleece tie blankets to the Star of Hope.

Troop #9262 made and donated fleece tie blankets to the Star of Hope.

Troop #11794 collected blankets to donate to the homeless.

Troop #25001 passed out cookies and milk to employees at a Hess Corporation holiday event.
Troop #13009 visited with residents at The Village at Gleannloch Farms and sang Christmas carols during the holidays.

Troop #13009

Troop #17495 collected and donated towels and bedding to the Williamsburg Animal Clinic.

Troop #17495

Troop #24330 held a toy drive and donated items to DePelchin Children’s Center.

Troop #24330

Troop #21160 made 50 bags of food for Bellaire United Methodist Church to give out to the homeless.

Troop #21160

Troop #25340 packed 2,000 lunches for Kids Meals, a meals on wheels program for children.

Troop #25340

Troop #27242 collected holiday presents for the Blue Santa program.

Troop #27242

Troop #16007 purchased and donated a trash can to their elementary school to keep trash out of the local water system.

Troop #16007
Troop #107015 participated in a local holiday parade.

Troop #25357 earned the Philanthropy badge by cleaning out their closets and donating items to Braes Interfaith Ministries.

Troop #9642 participated in America Recycles Day.

Troop #12052 celebrated Juliette Gordon Low’s birthday with a tea party.

Troops #26053 and #138001 enjoyed a bug hike during a bug-themed weekend at Camp Casa Mare.

Troops #25357 and #146011 celebrated Juliette Gordon Low’s birthday with a costume party where the Brownies earned their Making Friends and Girl Scout Way badges.

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Troop #142034 attended a Christmas pajama party hosted by Troop #27124.

Girl Scout troops from Colony Creek Community participated in the Missouri City Snowfest Parade.

Troop #109011 held a sleepover and used their resources wisely to make gingerbread houses with only found items.

Troop #28304 held a Halloween party.

Emerald Pines Community held a pajama party cookie pep rally.

Troop #111036 held their first meeting and learned about the Daisy petals.

Troop #10879 participated in the Magnolia Hometown Christmas Parade.

Troop #23248 hosted a booth at the Jacinto City Fall Festival.
Troop #28029 learned about fitness and yoga by taking a class at Oakbend Medical Center.

Troop #28157 celebrated reaching their Fall Product Program goals with a party.

Troop #29062 held a Christmas celebration at the Serenitea Room.

Troop #151012 spent the night at the Houston Zoo for the Wild Winks.

Troop #111005 earned the Nutcracker Patch at Houston Dance Theatre.

Troop #13455 visited the Houston Museum of Natural Science and completed the Breathe Journey.

Members of Mariners recently visited Dauntless, a Coast Guard cutter for a tour and to talk with Coast Guard crew.
Troop #139006 went to Camp Casa Mare on their first camping trip.

Troop #16911 enjoyed Brownie Magic at Camp Casa Mare.

Troop #27292 received the Mayor’s Choice award for their float in Lake Jackson’s Festival of Lights Parade, and the award was presented to them by Mayor Joe Rinehart at a city council meeting.

Troop #27310 attended the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

Troop #107024 visited with Willis Police Officer Tiffany Neal to learn about her career and how to be aware of stranger danger on social media.

Troop #11074 earned their Computer Expert badge by visiting the Microsoft Store.

Troop #10830 enjoyed attending the Intro to Riflery and Marksmanship event at camp.

Troop #12272 visited their local fire station.
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The original Girl Scout Cookie Recipe
There’s just a few weeks left in the 2015 Girl Scout Cookie Program! Once all the Thin Mints are sold and all the cookie booths are held, have your troop try their hand at making the original Girl Scout Cookie recipe!

Ingredients:
- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 Tbsp. milk
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. lemon extract

Blend butter, shortening and sugar until creamy. Add eggs, milk, vanilla and lemon extract and blend. Sift in flour, baking powder and salt. Chill dough overnight. Roll and cut cookies. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes.

I’m a Daisy Girl Scout
(To the tune of I’m a Little Teapot)
I’m a little Daisy (hands together, at side of face, head tilted) dressed in blue (hands pick up hem of uniform smock)
I am a Girl Scout (make three fingered sign) you are too (point to neighbor)
When I go to meetings (hands out, palms up) I sing and shout (hands cup around mouth)
I love being a Daisy Girl Scout (point to heart)

No Supplies Needed Game:
Mouse Trap
Entertain your girls as they arrive or leave your meeting with this no supplies needed game!

Four girls become the mouse trap. They stand in a circle, facing in, holding hands with their arms extended and up high. The other girls are mice, and they run in and out of the trap. One person facing away calls “spring the trap”, and the girls of the trap bring down their arms, catching (hopefully) some of the mice inside. The caught mice become part of the trap.

The game continues until only a few “mice” haven’t been caught. Then they become the trap, and the game begins again.

New Leader Must-Knows!
Are you a new Girl Scout leader? Here are four things you need to know for March and April:

1. March 12 is the Girl Scout Birthday, and Girl Scout Week is celebrated March 8-14. You are encouraged to celebrate being a Girl Scout! Have a birthday party at your troop meeting. Pick one school day where everyone wears their troop T-shirt, or simply share with each other why you love being a Girl Scout. There’s no wrong way to celebrate.

2. The Girl Scout Cookie Program wraps up March 29. Help your Troop Cookie Manager make the end of your sale as successful as the beginning! Turn in money and paperwork on time.

3. April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and April 22 is Leader’s Day. Celebrate your fellow volunteers and leader’s hard work and accomplishments!

4. Day and twilight camps are just around the corner and registration begins soon. If you’re looking to continue the Girl Scout fun through the summer, flip to the day and twilight camp section in this issue to get all the details you need to have the best summer ever!
It’s fun deciding with my troop how we’ll use our cookie money each season. But earning the money is my favorite part. We love counting the boxes, giving people their change, and seeing their excitement when they get their cookies. And every box sold gets us closer to our cookie season goal.

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