

**girl scouts**   
of san jacinto

# 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

April 18, 2026



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# Call to Order

## Callie Day

# Flag Ceremony





**Rowan Franks**  
**Troop 113004**

## Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.



## Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

**Emmie Uhlig**  
**Troop 113004**

## Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be:  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong,  
and responsible for what I say and do,  
And to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place,  
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.



# Invocation

Beverly Sparks



# Welcome & Opening Remarks

Betsy Kam in

# Agenda



- Mission Moment #1 – Kathy Elliott
- Community Recognitions
- Registrar Report
- Standing Rules and Consent Agenda
- Board Slate and Election
- Mission Moment #2 – Valentina Urteaga
- State of the Council
- National Council Session Proposals
- Election Results, Installation, Changing of the Guard
- Mission Moment #3 – Video



**Have a question?**

Feel free to ask at any  
time during today's  
meeting.

**Text 832-308-8344**



# Memorial Moment of Song

Kathy Elliott

Make new friends, but keep the old;  
One is silver and the other gold.  
A circle is round, it has no end.  
That's how long I want to be your friend.





# Community Recognitions

Mandelé Davis and Sheri  
Arceneaux



# Overall Goal

The following communities have surpassed their overall goal:

- Bending Bayou
- Emerald Oaks
- Gulf Meadows
- Harmony Creek
- Pine Village
- Rose Petals





# Retained Girl Goal

The following communities have surpassed their retained girl goal:

Bay Pals  
Bending Bayou  
Braes Oaks  
Brazos Valley  
Buffalo Trail  
Colony Creek  
Crystal Cove  
Dogwood Wonders  
Emerald Oaks

Gulf Meadows  
Harmony Creek  
Rose Petals  
Skyline Junction  
Tall Pines Hill  
Top Flowing Trails  
Trinity Treasures  
Western Horizon  
Wharton County





# New Girl Goal

The following communities  
have reached 80% of their  
new girl goal:

Bending Bayou

Gulf Meadows

Harmony Creek

Rose Petals

Tonkawa Trailblazers





# New Girl Goal



The following community has reached 99% of its new girl goal:

**Emerald Oaks**

# New Girl Goal



The following community has surpassed 100% of its  
new girl goal:  
Pine Village



# Registrar Report

Michel Shulz



# Adoption of Standing Rules and Consent Agenda

Betsy Kamin



# Presentation of Slate

Samina Farid



# **Candidates for Officers of the Board of Directors**

# JANE GASDASKA

Vice Chair (two-year term)



# KATHY SANDERS

Treasurer (two-year term)





# **Candidates for Board Members at Large**

(Two-Year Terms)

# ERIN ABBEY



# JIGNA BHAKTA



# MEIPO HO



# AUDREY OGAWA JOHNSON



# CANDICE KOEDERITZ



# MARTY LUNDSTROM



# JUDY MOSES



# CASSANDRA MOTT



# KATIE MCCONNELL



# ANNE E. NEESON



# KATIE PRYOR



# ADRIANA SOLEMSAAS



# CAROL WARLEY



# SARA DEJAY WILLIS





**Candidates for  
Board Development  
Committee  
(Three -Year Terms)**

# ELIZABETH SCHULER



# KRISTA TAYLOR



# DEMETRA LIGGINS





**Election**

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# Valentina Urteaga

Girl Scout  
Ambassador



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# State of the Council



**Mary Vitek**  
Chief Executive Officer,  
GSSJC




**Betsy Kamin**  
President of the Council, Chair of  
the Board of Directors

# Why Girl Scouts Matters Right Now


- 41<sup>st</sup> in the U.S. for girls' overall well-being
- 51<sup>st</sup> in the U.S. for girls' physical well-being
- Average or just-below average in academics
- 24% report emotional/behavioral issues

## Girl Scout Leadership Experience

- Leadership & Life Skills
- Entrepreneurship
- STEM
- Outdoors



Approximately  
**50% of GSSJC members**  
are able to participate in  
Girl Scouting thanks to financial aid.



# Membership Year 2025

- 39,275 girls
- 18,791 adults
- Reduced waitlists for troop placement

## First-Year Troop Experience

- Streamlined onboarding process
- Revamped New Leader Guide
- Resource webpage
- New troop leader swag bags
- Weekly Zoom office hours



Time to  
renew!



Renew by 4/20 for the best perks:  
**\$15 off girl memberships**  
**\$10 off adult memberships**



**Join the Poll:**

**Text GSSJC**

**to 22333**

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**ADD RECRUITMENT EVENT POLL HERE**

**ADD RECRUITMENT IDEA POLL HERE**

**ADD OPEN -ENDED RECRUITMENT IDEAS  
POLL HERE**

# Outcomes over Activities

- Voice of the Customer Survey (1,500 respondents)
- 86.8% “intend to stay in Girl Scouts”
- 41.7 Net Promoter Score
- “Sense of Self” + “Positive Values” = highest outcomes

## Reminder:

- Please complete this year’s survey





# 2026 Cookie Program

- 14,236 girls sold cookies; 241 packages per girl
- 1,402 troops participated
- 3,448,482 packages sold across GSSJC
- 13,000 cookie booths

## Cookies4Heroes

- 307 troops delivered 55,004 packages

**THANK YOU!**

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# 2025 Highest Awards

- 1,108 awards presented (up 9%)

# Upcoming Enhancements

- Girl Scout Journeys retire October 1
- New Leadership Awards will launch
- Highest Award Advocates
- Highest Award Experience Boxes
- Simplifying materials





# Older Girl Programming

- Task Force on older girl engagement



# Outdoor Adventures





# CampHER: Empowering Girls in Nature

- \$14.3 million capital campaign to enhance outdoor spaces
- 128 donors
- \$500,000 matching gift
- \$1.44 million challenge grant





# Casa Mare



Completed last July:  
Demolition of the original  
Port and Starboard dorms

Coming in October:  
New dorms!



# Agnes + Misty



Complete:  
Renovations to Craft House +  
New Silver Springs restrooms

This Fall:  
Sports complex, climate-controlled cabins,  
platform tent units, and front lawn  
gathering space.

Front lawn improvements at Misty  
Meadows Ranch





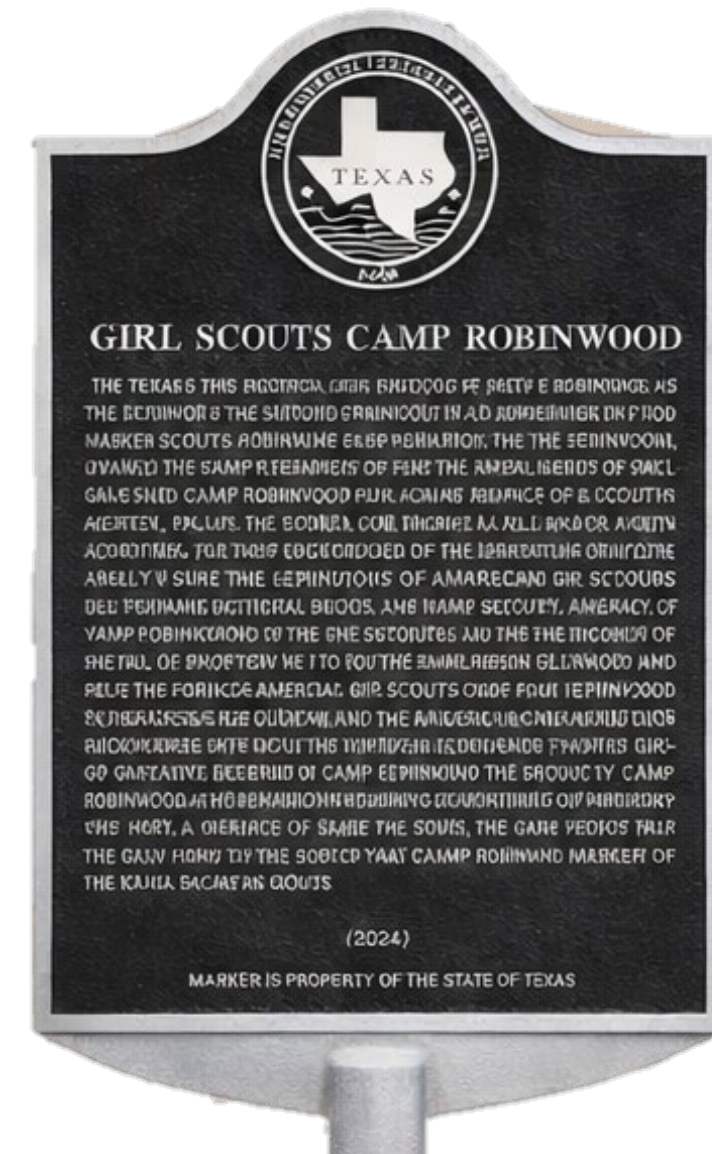
# Camp Robinwood



Completed renovations:  
three of the four major  
structures, including  
upgrades to the Lakeview  
dorm, troop cabin, and  
staff house.



Historical marker  
dedication in May!



# Summer Overnight and Day Camp

- Day camp at Misty Meadows + Agnes Arnold
- Half and Mini-Week Sessions
- New counselor-in-training opportunities
- ACA + DSHS + CHA accreditations

## Accreditations

- American Camp Association (ACA)
- Dept. of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Certified Horsemanship Assoc. (CHA)



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# Strategy & Stability

- Generous donor support
  - CampHER Capital Campaign
  - Annual Gifts
  - Recurring Gifts
  - Corporate & Foundation Gifts/Grants
  - Planned Gifts
  - Employer Matching Programs
  - Success to Significance
- Girl Scout Cookie Program







# National Council Session Proposals



# Thank you, delegates!

Erin Abbey  
Isla Abbey  
Advika Asthana  
Ellen Chin  
Rolanda Cooper  
Kirsten Davenport  
Sarah Fornea  
Giselle Garcia  
Jane Gasdaska  
Audrey Girocco  
Jessica Heppard  
MeiPo Ho  
Betsy Kamin  
Ana Kopf  
Maya Manukonda

Angela Martin-Worthington  
Judy Moses  
Kaitlin Nelson  
Nancy Lee Peterson  
Kathy Sanders  
Jill Shaffer  
Sarah Skinner  
Mel Underhill  
Simran Verma  
Mary Vitek  
Lauren Walls  
Noreen Wassermann  
Alicia Webster



**Proposal 1**  
**Simran Verma**  
**Maya Manukonda**



# Proposal 1

Amend the first paragraph of the Solicitation of Contributions part of the Policies Section of the Blue Book of Basic Documents:

“Adult members in their Girl Scout capacities may not solicit financial contributions for purposes other than Girl Scouting. Adults may engage in combined fundraising efforts authorized by the Girl Scout council and in which the local council is a beneficiary. Girl members may not engage in any direct solicitation for money except **girl members** ~~for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors~~, who may solicit philanthropic donations to their councils of cash or in-kind goods for Girl Scouts **Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award** projects, provided they have secured prior written permission from their council’s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Development Officer, or their designee.

In addition, girls must abide by their own council’s policies and procedures with regard to this matter.”



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# **Proposal 2**

**Advika Asthana**  
**Sarah Skinner**



## Proposal 2

*Move that the Credentials Section of the Blue Book of Basic Documents, Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration be revised as follows:*

*“The National Board of Directors must obtain approval from the National Council whenever a planned dues increase will result in dues increasing more than a total of ~~25%~~ 15% in any one triennium.”*



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**Proposal 3**  
**Giselle Garcia**  
**Kaitlin Nelson**



## Proposal 3

*Amend the GIRL SCOUT TRADEMARK section of the Blue Book of Basic Documents by adding the following:*

*“GSUSA, along with its alliances and relationships with corporations and businesses, shall not sell, license, or otherwise provide for sale any food product bearing the Girl Scout name or service mark when related to the flavors, branding or likeness of Girl Scout Cookies during the designated entrepreneurship program sales period of any Girl Scout council.”*



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# Election Results

## Michel Shulz



# Installation

Betsy Kamin

I solemnly promise that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully perform all the duties belonging to the office for which I have been elected.

I promise to uphold the standards of the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to always be mindful of what is in the best interest of the girls in this Council.

I pledge to support the mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place and also to support the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.



# Changing of the Guard

Betsy Kamin



# Changing of the Guard

Mel Underhill

Welcome  
to the  
family!



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**THANK YOU!**





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