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Betsy KaminPresident of the Council and Chair of the Board



As summer winds down, a new adventurous year of Girl Scouting is about to start, and I am thrilled about what lies ahead in 2024-2025! There are so many possibilities and dreams for girls to fulfill. Each Girl Scout year brings a unique ebb and flow of activities, offering girls special opportunities to learn about themselves and what they can achieve. I eagerly anticipate this time of the year because I love seeing the growth of girls as they develop into young women of courage, confidence, and character.

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council's membership campaign is now underway. If you have renewed your and your daughter's Girl Scout membership, hooray! If you have not renewed yet, I strongly encourage you to do so

during our membership renewal campaign, which ends Sept. 30. Girl Scouts offers a variety of new and intriguing things for girls to explore. Whether it's making s'mores over a campfire, running a cookie business, learning survival skills on a hiking trip, or creating robots on the robotics team, our girls never experience a dull moment. All these activities and programs help girls develop leadership and life skills, enabling them to chart their paths.

Our activities and programs also help our girls learn how to connect with people, have compassion for others, and find solutions to problems. They grasp all these things in an environment where they can have fun, be creative, and make mistakes without judgment. In addition, they have ongoing support from dedicated volunteers who care about them, encourage them, and want to see them succeed.

Speaking of volunteers, I want every volunteer to know how grateful we are for all you do to help our organization carry out its mission. You selflessly give your precious time to ensure our girls have the best possible Girl Scouting experience. As you prepare for the new Girl Scout year, we want you to know how essential you are to our organization and how much we appreciate you.

We understand that volunteering can be challenging, especially when you have other responsibilities, including your job and family. We assure you that we will provide the necessary resources and support to help you succeed. Just as we want our girls to have enjoyable and positive experiences, we also want the same for our volunteers. Your well-being is important to us.

The Fall Product Program kicks off next month. Girls will soon prepare for the annual sale as they settle into their troops. The Fall Product sale is an excellent way for the girls to learn financial literacy and people skills and earn money for their Girl Scout program activities. Please encourage your girl to participate in this fun program. She will have a blast!

I hope everyone will support our girls, whether it's through purchasing nuts, candy, or magazines or simply offering encouragement to do their best. I am confident our girls will successfully reach their goals, setting the tone for another exciting and rewarding Girl Scout year!

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Be sure to renew your membership!

Clip these dates and save!

Important Dates For the Fall

• Aug. 24 Educator Preview Day

Sept. 12 Fall Product Program opens,
 online ordering begins and girls
 may take orders in-person

• Oct. 8 Success To Significance

• Oct. 15 Last day to take orders for Fall
Product Program

Oct. 30 – Nov. 4 Nut and chocolate items
 delivered to Community for pick
 up for Fall Product Program

 Nov. 12 Last day for online orders for magazines and direct-ship nut and chocolate orders

Nov. 28- Dec. 1 GSSJC offices closed

A Year in Girl Scouting! Great Ideas from Troop to Troop.

"What do Girl Scouts do?" It might seem a bit silly, but it's a question that people ask us when we're out at events during the fall. Most people know Girl Scouts go camping, earn badges, and sell cookies once a year, but what do Girl Scouts do the rest of the time?

They do lots of things! And in this issue of The Golden Link, three troops give us a peek inside their Girl Scout year from September 2023-June 2024. Use their ideas as a blueprint for your own year and to get ideas for fun activities your girls can do. Find your level and read to see what a year of Girl Scouting looks like. Then, borrow their ideas and plan the best year ever with your girls.

Troop 107113

Leaders: Jessica Coker and April Paul Program Level: Cadettes and Seniors Community: Lone Star Trails

Meeting frequency: Every other week

Number of members: 10

What the troop did last year

September 2023: The troop had its welcome back meeting at Misty Meadows Ranch. They explored camp and each girl took photos to share their perspective of what makes camp their favorite place to be.

October 2023: The troop participated in International Day of The Girl by collecting books for troops that have made Free Little Libraries and by collecting detergent for the Gold Award project called Loads of Care. They also super cleaned the Misty Meadows Ranch lodge. The troop spent the Halloween weekend at the Galveston Bay House, where they completed their Discover Galveston Island patch.

November 2023: The girls harvested camp-grown loofahs that they cleaned and prepared as a special gift for the camp rangers. The troop made their yearly troop shirts. They chose their favorite style – tie-dye. The troop also had a family feast to share with their families why they were most thankful.

December 2023: The troop decided to do a "haunting at camp." They dressed in their most festive ghost attire and took pictures around camp in the spookiest of manners. The troop also celebrated their friendship with a Christmas party and discussed their plans for 2024.

January 2024: The troop started the new year with a large donation of games they added to the game library at Misty Meadows Ranch. They also attended the local school board meeting to show their appreciation for the board's dedication and support of Girl Scouts. The troop hosted the community's Cookie Rally where they shared their enthusiasm for cookie season with their sister scouts.

February 2024: The troop participated in the community's World Thinking Day. The troop hosted a Ranger Appreciation Celebration and made gifts, prepared food, and invited all the rangers to their meeting. The troop also went camping at Camp



Pryor where they worked on staying warm, team building, and strengthening their friendships. The second half of the month was dedicated to cookie sales!

March 2024: Most of the month was dedicated to cookie sales. The troop visited Camp Wind-a-mere and the Bayou Wildlife Park where they made memories that will last a lifetime.

April 2024: The troop participated in a painting activity that allowed them to display their artistic skills.

May 2024: The troop did its end-of-year summary meeting. It also celebrated the end of the year with a troop movie at the local movie theater where awards, badges, and cookie prizes were passed out.

Questions:

What was your troop's favorite activity and why? The troop loves visiting camp. They love that they get to experience things they would not have the opportunity to experience at home and to build relationships in a unique way.

What activity encouraged the girls to grow and push their comfort zones? The troop hosted an event for the first time, and it taught everyone a lot of things. They are excited to continue to host opportunities and now have a better understanding of what they would like to see done in the future.

What is your troop excited about doing in 2024-2025?

They are looking forward to more camping, of course! But they are also working on the Highest Awards and are excited to make their communities a better place.

Troop 131098

Leaders: January Duck, Sandi Caulkins, Kenny Caulkins,

Penny Jones, Melanie Sutton and Joshua Nix **Program Level:** All

Community: Eastern Thicket

Meeting frequency: Weekly during the school year; once a

month during the summer **Number of members:** 35

What the troop did last year

September 2023: They started off the year with a "Shoot for the Moon" recruitment event. The girls made rockets and launched them at moons across the room. Juniors worked toward the Bronze Award and they participated in GSSJC Take Action Workshop.

October 2023: Participated in a couple of community festivals where they held a photo booth and handed out candy. Cadettes joined other area older girls on the Ivory Bill for a Neches River Tour, where they learned about the ecosystems along the Neches River. They painted troop shirts. Participated in the Kirbyville Homecoming Parade. And hosted a free family movie night for Eastern Thicket Community showing Disney's "The Haunted Mansion."

November 2023: The troop created patriotic suncatchers for veterans and gave them out at the local Veterans Day program. We also placed flags on the graves of veterans at the local cemetery. Later in the month, we participated in Christmas in the Park. They led the community in the Pledge of Allegiance. and held a face-painting and ornament craft booth.

December 2023: Attended the Eastern Thicket Community Christmas party. They had a troop Secret Santa party, families bought items for a potluck dinner, and passed out badges and patches to the girls. At one meeting they made Christmas ornaments and signed Christmas cards, which were delivered to residents at Avalon Place Nursing Home.

January 2024: Our troop hosted a "Teddy Bears and Tutus" recruitment event where the girls learned about the Girl Scout Law and made tutus with corresponding colors for the parts of the law. We had seven new girls sign up and they all had a great time. And our Daisies and Brownies participated in a Think Like a Programmer Journey in a Day.

February 2024: Worked at multiple cookie booths every weekend of cookie season. Several of girls attended the Eastern Thicket Community Me and My Guy Dance. Juniors who are working toward their Bronze Awards visited Mid-County Victory Gardens to learn more about raised garden beds and gardening in general. Then they did a little community service by helping clean and replant several beds. Later in the month, they participated in Eastern Thicket Community's International Fair. Our Daisies and Brownies chose Belize, our Juniors chose India, and our Cadettes chose Japan. They all learned something new and enjoyed experiencing different things from different countries.



March 2024: The troop took the Pringle's Chip Ring Challenge. The girls were excited to figure out and complete the challenge and those that finished early had no problems jumping in to help those that were struggling.

April 2024: Four Cadettes served as Green Angels for the Adult Recognition Event. Several girls participated in the Magnolia Festival Parade and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Cadettes went to Carnival Messtrocity. They camped at Silver Springs and found the right and wrong way to hike to Camp Agnes Arnold. The girls had a great time getting messy and camping.

May 2024: Leaders and their daughters from Eastern Thicket Community did enjoy a weekend at Galveston Bay House. They caught a flamingo parade in downtown, took a harbor tour, toured the Tall Ship Elissa, did the Ship to Shore tour, spent some time in the water at the beach, and enjoyed movies and games at Galveston Bay House. Leaders and their daughters enjoyed visiting and hanging out with each other.

Questions:

What was your troop's favorite activity and why? The troop Christmas party. They loved giving and receiving their Secret Santa gifts. We always play the Saran wrap ball game at the end of the party.

What activity encouraged the girls to grow and push their comfort zones? One activity that did this for all levels was the Pringle's Chip Ring Challenge. It was really hard for some of them to get started or to figure out just what to do. They got really excited when they finally got it going, and if they were still having problems after a while, other girls jumped right in to help out.

What is your troop excited about doing in 2024-2025? Helping out our local animal shelter. We are going to team up with them to host a pet adoption event. All our girls really love animals.

Troop 132372

Leaders: Regina Salinas, Xiomara Guzman, Susana

Hernandez

Program Level: Multi Community: East Enders

Meeting frequency: Bi-weekly, in addition to field trips

and events.

Number of members: 40

September 2023: The troop camped at Camp Agnes Arnold. They attended a Miller Outdoor Theatre featuring Mariachi and other art forms to celebrate Hispanic Heritage. The troop toured a local urgent care that hosted several activities for them to earn First Aid badges for all levels. They also hosted a troop garage sale.

October 2023: The troop helped the Channelview Fire Department wrap donations for the collection boxes and volunteered at their annual Toy Drive. Some of the members attended the Juliette Low Birthday at Program Place. They also did a troop meet-up at Sheldon State Park Boo Fest and again at the Houston Zoo for ZooBoo. The troop participated in Fall Product Sales to earn funds.

November 2023: The troop attended Disney on Ice and Juniors rode horses at Misty Meadows Ranch. They earned badges at the Baytown Nature Center: Daisies – Clover petal, Brownies – Bugs, Juniors – Geocatcher, and Cadettes – Trees.

December 2023: They decorated a float and participated in the Channelview Annual Christmas Parade. They also signed Christmas cards for a local veterans card program.

January 2024: Cadettes led the Daisies through the Five Flowers Journey while Juniors led Brownies through A World of Girls. The troop hosted two tables representing Columbia and Mexico at the Community's International Fair.

February 2024: The troop celebrated Black History Month by meeting a local artist who led an interactive painting experience. They observed a local photographers' photo exhibit, recited

poetry, and learned about foods tied to the African American kitchen. They also kicked off cookie season with our own Cookie College where girls created posters, set goals, practiced sales, made stuffy tutus with cookie colors, and played games to get prepared.

March 2024: They troop took a field trip and toured the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to learn about agriculture and animals. Brownies earned the Snacks badge, Juniors earned Simple Meals, and Cadettes earned New Cuisines at Phoenicia Market downtown. The troop hosted two troop cookie booths.

April 2024: The troop planted milk thistle to begin growing a butterfly garden and had a troop sleepover at Houston Interactive Aquarium and Zoo. They finalized the date for our cookie celebration event – Creatures of the Night sleepover at Moody Gardens Rainforest. Juniors earned their Think Like an Engineer badge at Program Place. The troop also volunteered by serving snow cones at NorthShore Rotary annual event.

May 2024: They attended the Community's Pirates Bay event as a troop. The troop finalized dates for both tours at Houston City Hall and Harris County District Court, as they work toward the Democracy badge for all levels. The troop attended Playing in the Past at the San Jacinto Museum and began a service project to help animals.

Questions:

What was your troop's favorite activity and why?

The girls say camping is their favorite activity because it was their first time sleeping in the forest in a tree house so close to wildlife.

What activity encouraged the girls to grow and push their comfort zones?

When the older girls led the Journeys for our younger levels, it was the first time they were empowered to come up with ideas and teach it to a group. The younger girls sang songs during a meeting which was their first time addressing a group.

What activity would your troop recommend to other girls at the same program level to try? All levels enjoyed the cooking classes and camping.

What is your troop excited about doing in 2024-2025?

Our troop is most excited about our annual Fall Troop Campout and implementing a meeting takeover rotation, where each girl gets to select, research, and plan activities for a fun patch or badge for their level.



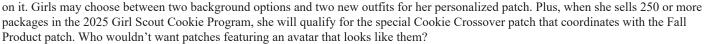
It's Time for the Fall Product Program!

Our Fall Product Program is fast approaching! You do not want to miss this easy, money-earning program! Participating troops can earn 25% of nut/candy items sold and \$2 per magazine, Tervis tumbler, and BarkBox sale to support troop activities like camping, trips, and more. This program starts Sept. 12 and runs through Nov. 10.

Once a troop is signed up to participate, parents/guardians can simply go to www.gsnutsandmags.com/gssjc to get started. They can also click on the link from the council website to get their girls signed up and access the 2024 Fall Product Guide for more details about the program.

Girl Scouts can create their Me2TM avatar (customized to resemble herself) and send emails through the M2 site to friends and family inviting them to shop online. In addition to online sales, girls can collect in-person orders. There are no booths or product reorders. It is a fantastic way to earn funds for troops. Troops typically earn an average of about \$430 toward troop proceeds. These funds are even easier to earn with the addition of BarkBox and Tervis tumblers.

Your Girl Scout's Me2 avatar will be part of her troop's online photo. By sending 18 or more emails and selling 40 or more items during the Fall Program, she will earn a personalized patch with her name and Me2 avatar



If you are a parent/guardian looking for ways to get involved, ask your troop leader about helping with the Fall Product Program. This program is a simple and wonderful way to support your Girl Scouts!



- First contact your troop leadership team to find out how your troop is participating.
- Your Community also has a volunteer Community fall product manager who can help you throughout the program, or you can contact GSSJC at fallproduct@sigs.org.
- For more information on how your Girl Scout can participate, go to the council website at gssjc.org/ fallproduct.



Why participate in the Fall Product Program?

- Girls learn and develop goal setting, decision making, people skills, money management, and business ethics skills.
- It's an easy way to earn funds before the cookie program begins! The average troop proceeds are about \$430!
- It's flexible! If girls can't begin the sale on Sept. 12, they can continue to join the program at any time before Nov. 10.





What is new this year?

- This year, we're adding the new Vanilla Honey Roasted Pecans! We think this will be a delicious new addition to the program and likely a Texas favorite!
- Recognitions will have a philanthropic option for those wanting to support feeding Asian elephants.
- The girl experience can be earned by selling 200 total items during the program.
- BarkBox and Tervis tumblers will return for the 2024 Fall Product Program!
- Troop fall product managers can earn the Volunteer patch when the troop sells \$1,900 and the TFPM sends the parent email blasts.



Junior Troop Builds Box Nesting Homes for Owls

Barred owls have a place to call home in Houston, thanks to Girl Scout Troop 117256. After learning the owls were displaced from their habitats due to urban development, the girls, who love animals, wanted to find a solution. They built nesting boxes to help protect and grow the owl population and donated them to a local park to earn their Bronze Award.

The troop members include Katelyn K., Charlotte B., Piper S, and Avery T. The Bronze Award is the highest Girl Scout award a Junior can earn. Juniors team up with fellow Girl Scouts to explore their community, discover a need or issue they care about, and work together to address it. It's a chance to create a Take Action plan and make a difference in their community.

Inspiration for the project came from the Houston Audubon Society, which gave a presentation at the girls' school. The girls learned that some owls in our area are in danger because of changes made in their environment. The barred owl population is declining as more land is developed for homes, roads, and businesses, removing parts of its ecosystem.

"Some might feel harmed or get diseases because there is no space for them to live," said troopmate Katelyn. "I feel great about our project. It was a fun process, and we helped the owls."

The girls researched how to make nesting boxes and spent several hours building them. Each girl built a box and decorated it with paint, creating their own unique designs. When they finished, they gave the nesting boxes to the Bear Creek Pioneers Park. The boxes sit in the trees at the park.

Katelyn said the troop learned how to work together during their project. For instance, if a girl finished drilling her box, she would help another troopmate work on her box. The troop also discovered the art of compromise. Every girl had ideas for the project, but they had to find a way to come together and support one idea, she said.

The barred owls are lucky to have nesting boxes. Their new homes will encourage population growth and protect them from predators. Because owls are receptive to man-made shelters, they will continue using the nesting boxes for years.



When Maya V. discovered a community garden filled with fresh fruits, vegetables, and herbs was being underused, she wanted to act. She realized that families in the area, particularly since it's a food desert, would benefit from the garden if they knew about it. Maya earned her Silver Award by working with a group of elementary school students to raise awareness about the garden.

Maya learned about the garden while visiting the You Can Academy, an afterschool program in north Richmond. The YCA program coordinator told her the garden is there to feed the community, but few families use it. Together, they brainstormed ideas to address the root cause – lack of awareness. Maya collaborated with the children in the program to create a cookbook, "From the Garden," to draw attention to the garden.

Maya worked with 10 Pinkman Elementary School students who provided their favorite family recipes for the cookbook. The students had to adhere to the recipe requirements: easy to make, affordable, and containing ingredients from the garden. This way, families would be encouraged to visit the garden and pick ingredients from it. The students then selected the best recipes to include in the cookbook and shared ideas on creating the cookbook.

"They were excited to share their love of food and be a part of the project," Maya said. "They helped raise awareness of the garden by sharing their knowledge and learnings from the book with their families and others in the community."

Although the students were eager to submit their recipes, not all used garden ingredients from the garden. Maya improvised by modifying some of the recipes. For instance, she substituted dry basil and oregano with fresh basil and oregano in a chicken alfredo dish. She also developed several recipes to ensure the cookbook featured as many garden items as possible. For example, she created a recipe for peach cobbler to highlight the garden's peaches.

Maya said the most successful part of her project was seeing how it sparked the interest and creativity of the children. In addition, she got to know each student and the stories behind their family recipes. During one of her visits to the program, she and the children made pepperoni and cheese pizza and added fresh basil and oregano from the garden.

Working toward the Silver Award enabled Maya to step outside her comfort zone. She discovered her ability to address large audiences when she presented her project to parents and YCA staff. Maya also found joy in working with children and connecting with the community. Additionally, she developed valuable skills such as public speaking, time management, organization, and leadership. Furthermore, she used her computer skills to create the cookbook and demonstrated her determination to accomplish tasks.

Copies of the cookbook are available at the academy for visitors to read. They can write or make copies of the recipes, and then share the recipe with others. Maya's solution to increase awareness of the community garden is a sustainable one and can serve as a model for other communities.



Gold Award Girl Scouts

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



Ava Black created a Lego club at the Nehemiah Center for children and collected hundreds of LEGOs, designed lesson plans, and led club meetings. She also recruited 12 volunteers from her high school service organization to work with the club. They will keep the club going. She looks forward to more children from the Nehemiah Center becoming interested in STEM courses and careers by creating a foundation with the club.



Katherine Hendricks taught Westview School students with autism how to relax when the environment around them becomes overwhelming to earn her Gold Award. As part of her Take Action project, she held classes for 40 children during summer camp, teaching meditation, breathing exercises, and conscious discipline. Katherine led three volunteers and 10 teachers.



Hannah Bradford designed and built a 100-square-foot pollinator garden. She collaborated with teachers at a middle school to educate their students about the issue. The teachers use the pollinator garden as part of the curriculum. Hannah also created four videos on pollinator topics for the school and others to use. The grand opening of the garden included a pollinator awareness presentation.



Kashish Lalmohammed enhanced public safety and emergency preparedness in her community by providing a comprehensive training session for CPR and first aid certification. All the participants became certified, ensuring a lasting impact on public safety. She and her team also created an Instagram page to function as a refresher for anyone who is CPR certified.



Mia Brumlow aimed to increase the awareness of soccer clubs for disabled individuals and increase the clubs' volunteer pool. Her passion for soccer led her to visit local physical therapy clinics and special needs schools where she presented information about these clubs to potential players. She also gave a presentation at her youth soccer club, which was successful in recruiting volunteers for the disabled clubs, creating a useful and sustainable connection



Abigail Nguyen worked with 30 volunteers and her local animal shelter to spread awareness about animal cruelty and educate the public about the proper care of animals. Her project included creating educational flyers, a website, and YouTube video, which will continue to be managed by the animal shelter. They also taught younger Girl Scouts how to make dog enrichment toys that were donated to the Beaumont Animal Shelter.



Harmonee Guidry designed a Take Action project inspired by her younger brother who has autism. She earned her Gold Award for leading a team that created an information board that addressed the four main misconceptions about autism and included autism FAQs. She and her 10 volunteers worked with a local elementary school and library to hold presentations and distribute autism awareness pamphlets with links to more information. The pamphlets will always be available at the school.



Sam Ohlenforst decided to create a Take Action project that would give underprivileged students experience with STEM. To earn her Gold Award, she partnered with the SpringSpirit organization, where she volunteered for two years at its afterschool program. They worked together to design and build an eco-friendly raised-bed herb garden for their clients' use and developed units on biology and garden maintenance. SpringSpirit plans to continually use her hands-on learning units and video on making an insect nest/hotel.

Girl Scout Uses Passion for Recycling to Inspire Others

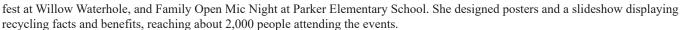
Recycling has become second nature for Emily Vanlandingham. She grew up in a household that recycled and repurposed items that others might throw away. Her love of animals and nature fueled her passion for recycling as she learned how harmful waste can be to both. To earn her Gold Award, Emily educated children and adults about recycling so they can help protect the environment.

Many people do not recycle due to the inconvenience it poses and a lack of knowledge about recycling and its advantages. Emily

collaborated with leaders from the city and community to increase awareness and encourage individuals to change their behavior.

First, she conducted a "dumpster dive" with help from the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department. With her neighbors' approval, she and a team of volunteers combed through their recycling bins and wrote down their findings. They discovered several recycling mistakes, such as jars with food still inside, which are not recyclable. This exercise helped Emily better understand recycling habits and decide what information to share with the community.

Next, she set up an information booth at several events, such as the Blessing of the Animals at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, a music



"Recycling is ingrained into who I am. In Girl Scouts, we learn to use resources wisely." Emily said. "When I can recycle and give new life to an item, that's what I want to teach people. It is like my little contribution to the world."

The Gold Award is the highest Girl Scouting award available to Seniors and Ambassadors. Girls find a community issue they care about and develop a Take Action project to identify and address the root cause through a sustainable solution. They also lead a team of experts and people in the community to help them conduct their action plan.

In addition to the community events, Emily used her natural curiosity and love of learning to design a fun game to educate people about recycling. The game involved sorting trash into three buckets: recycling, compost, and trash. As part of the game, Emily would inspect each bucket and provide feedback on items sorted incorrectly. She strived to give people the right information to encourage them to recycle more. Emily also shared information about recycling benefits and other resources to help people recycle effectively. She reached a wider audience with the help of Steve Stelzer, the program director for the City of Houston's Green Building Resource Center. He enlisted her as a subject matter expert at Earth Day Houston at Discovery Green. Emily helped train recycling ambassadors who worked at the recycling, compost, and trash stations. The volunteers then helped attendees in properly disposing of their trash and putting it in the correct bins.

During the event, a person from another country approached Emily and commented on how terrible Americans are at recycling. Emily respectfully agreed with the visitor. In fact, some attendees were slightly offended when volunteers tried to educate them on how to dispose of their trash, she said. At smaller events, people, particularly the children, were much more curious and willing to learn about recycling. Emily especially enjoyed seeing the children learning how to change their current habits.

Emily, who graduated from Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, authored an article about her project for the



Andrea Ramirez had concerns about the low voter turnout counts during local elections, so she designed a Take Action project that would inform high schoolers through adults about their responsibilities as citizens. She earned her Gold Award by holding seminars at her school and local library that included information about the various levels of government, why it is important to vote, how to register to vote, and how to get involved. A video of her seminar at the library will be housed there for future potential voters.



Aalia Sunesara developed a Take Action project aimed at improving the mental health of senior assisted living residents to earn her Gold Award. With her team, she worked with 28 seniors to create the garden and fill it with plants. They also hosted monthly mental health awareness sessions. Her gardening and mental health video has been shared with other senior living locations.

Adult Recognitions 2024

We want to thank the following volunteers for their service to Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. The adult recognition program at GSSJC offers National and Council award pins, plaques and certificates for outstanding service and accomplishments that go above and beyond the expectations for that role. These include awards to individual volunteers, families and communities.

Lifetime Achievement Award

For continued high level service over an extended period of years by a Thanks Badge II recipient.

B.J. Bonner

B.J. Bonner is described as a passionate Girl Scout with dedication and a problem-solving approach. She has applied her talents to the success of her troops, Service Units, Communities and two Councils. She has served as a troop leader, council trainer, Day and Twilight Camp Director, council-wide coordinator, task force member for Recognitions, Properties, Nominating and By-laws, and has been a part of the GSSJC Board of Directors and has served on Operations, Pluralism and Fund Development Committees. She has served in many roles for Colony Creek Community,



using advancing technology and adapting service to meet the needs of girls and leaders when opportunities rise. B.J. mentors new leaders, creates opportunities for girls to take leadership roles, reaches beyond her own community and encourages "community building" in GSSJC.



Rosemary "Rosie" Haffemann

Energetic, determined and "all about the girls" are good descriptors for Rosemary "Rosie" Haffemann. Rosie loves Girl Scouts and has been a significant part of delivering girl and adult program in our council. She has been in troop leadership roles, been a Mentor, Service Unit Manager and Trainer, but found her passion in adult and girl program and events. The first event on Rosie's volunteer service record is listed as Core Staff for the council's "6 AM Event"

in 1995. It is followed by numerous Cadette Weekend Events, Service Unit Weekends, Religious Weekends, and District Adult Weekends. She has created new groups and recruited leadership to those groups time after time, moving on to grow the organization in new ways to reach more girls and adults. From GEMS (Girls Enjoying Math and Science) to Law Day with girls meeting lawyers and judges and touring courtrooms, to Carousels, Rosie has a wide and deep connection to girl program at GSSJC.

President's Award

Recognizes the community who meets all ten criteria points within a geographic area or program delivery team in moving toward achievement of council goals during a membership year.

Buffalo Trail
Colony Creek
Emerald Oaks
Gulf Meadows
Klein Trails
Lone Star Trails
Lone Star Treasures
Shooting Stars
Stargazers
Woodland Trails
Yellow Rose

Thanks Badge II

For the candidate who has already received the Thanks Badge and has continued to perform at the same high level for an extended period, increased their sphere of influence or used their skills to move into another field of endeavor benefiting the council or entire Girl Scout Movement.

Sandy Judson Gail Rankin





Family Award

For adult family members who have contributed above and beyond the expectations of the positions they hold.

The Drawhorn Family – Derek Drawhorn and Gena Drawhorn

Thanks Badge

For outstanding service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout Movement beyond expectations for the position.

Linda Carrington Michele Herod Megan Hickel Elizabeth Meservey Cheryl O'Brien Rebecca Perry Michelle Raab

Honor Pin

For outstanding service in two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences that furthers the Council's goals beyond expectations for the position.

Erin Abbey
Charlotte Bennett
Jane Gasdaska
Karen Hyde
Susie Hyde
Janet Lovelady
Jennifer Lowry
Angela Martin-Worthington
Melanie Pace
Pam Ugalde
Mel Underhill
Danysha Woods
Regina Woody-Crain

Appreciation Pin

For outstanding service to a geographic area or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the Council's goals beyond expectations for the position.

Barbette Andrus Julie Angilella Heather Arlt Stephanie Bejune Shannon Boyer Stephanie Contreras Debbie Fredrickson Calvin Gorrarian Jennifer Hernandez Mei Po Ho Janet Jaime Amy Jones Monica Marshall Jennifer McCullough Diana Murray Kaitlyn Pace Angela Richard Kathryn "Katie" Spicer Brigitte Summerlin Christy Tahin Elizabeth Turner Karen Whalev Tamra Wilkerson-Politte

Volunteer of Excellence

For outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the GSLE through use of National Program Portfolio or service in support of the Council's mission delivery to girl & adult members beyond the expectations for the position.

David Crain Jessica Heppard Dora Reed

Key Award

For distinguished service to the girls and adults in GSSJC beyond the expectations for the position in one membership year.

Silver Award Committee – Magna Cayll, Janine Shipman, Gail Tompkins, Darlene Wafer

Leadership, Mentoring and Community Service, and Other Awards

Have you heard about all the awards that Girl Scouts are eligible to earn? Leadership, mentoring, community service, and other awards are available. Check the chart below to see which awards you and your girls are eligible for. Learn more about the details and requirements for each of these awards by checking the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting, the GSSJC website, and the GSSJC Online Community.

		Daisy	Brownie	Junior	Cadette	Senior	Ambassador	Adults
Leadership	Gold Award					~	~	
Awards	Silver Award				~			
	Bronze Award			~				
	Torch Award				~	~	~	
	Journey	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	Summit Award							
Mentoring	Leader in				~			
Awards	Action (LiA)							
	Program Aide				/			
	Counselor in					~	~	
	Training I					$10^{\rm th}$		
						Grade		
	Counselor in						~	
	Training II							
	Volunteer in					~	~	
	Training					10 th		
Community	President's	.,	.,	.,	.,	grade	./	.,
Service	Volunteer	•	•	•	•	•	•	· •
Awards	Service Award							
	Service to Girl				~	~		
	Scouting				•	•	•	
	Community				~	~	~	
	Service Bar							
	Life Saving	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	Awards							
Other Awards	Safety Award	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	My Promise,	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	My Faith							
	Cookie	~	~	~	~	~	~	
	Entrepreneur							
	Family Pin							

President's Volunteer Service Award - New Year!

Girls and adults are eligible to earn this prestigious national community service award for any service hours completed in service of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council between Sept. 1, 2024 and Aug. 31, 2025. Review the following information and FAQ about the President's Volunteer Service Award.

What is the President's Volunteer Service Award?

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a community service award conferred by the U.S. government through granting organizations. As a granting organization, GSSJC can authorize hours completed in service of GSSJC only. Example hours might include:

- For Girls Working with girls at the troop level as a VIT, serving on a Girl Planning board, volunteering at a day/ twilight camp or at overnight camp as a CIT, helping with Special Interest Group events, etc.
- For Adults Troop leadership service, planning events at the Community, Region or council level, serving on a Community, Region or council team or committee, running or volunteering at day/twilight camp, etc.

Many girls and adult volunteers are meeting the requirements for this award without realizing it! *Please note that hours completed in service of another organization, even if those hours were completed with other Girl Scouts or as part of a Girl Scout event, do not qualify for this award.

Can you only earn the President's Volunteer Service Award once? No, you can earn the President's Volunteer Service Award every year! There is even a lifetime achievement award that can be earned over the years.

What are the award levels and how many hours do I need?

Hours by Award	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Kids (5-10 years)	26 - 49	50 - 74	75+
Teens (11-15 years)	50 - 74	75 – 99	100+
Young Adults (16-25 years)	100 - 174	175 - 249	250+
Adults (26 years and older)	100 - 249	250 - 499	500+

How can I apply for the President's Volunteer Service Award?

Apply by submitting your completed F-123B President's Volunteer Service Application with all necessary signatures to the appropriate email address, by Oct. 31, 2025. (Note: 2023-2024 hours must be submitted by Oct. 31, 2024.)

- Girls: gscommserv@sjgs.org
- Adults: adultrecognition@sjgs.org

TIP: Complete your application throughout the year so you do not have to seek out signatures all at once right before the deadline.

Where can I learn more about the President's Volunteer Service Award?

- F-123A President's Volunteer Service Award Guidelines
- F-123B President's Volunteer Service Application

Questions? Contact gscommserv@sigs.org (girls) or adultrecognition@sigs.org (adults).



Girl and Troop Activities

Register for events under the My Events tab in My Account. Go to gssjc.org and select MyGS, log in at the top right corner, next click My Events in the left-hand menu. I you have a question about your activity, contact 713-292-0370 or 1-800-392-4340. If you have a problem with your login, contact Customer Service at 713-292-0300 or registration@sjgs.org. 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.

Look for this symbol to indicate a virtual program offering.



These are some of the events and activities upcoming this summer. You can find more information on the referenced pages.

Dancing with the Starlettes: Brownie Dancer Badge	В	Aug. 17	Page 18
Family Camp- Out of This World	DBJCSA	Aug. 30 - Sept. 1	Page 16
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Brownie First Aid Badge	В	Sept. 21	Page 19
Cybersecurity and Netiquette Badge	С	Sept. 28	Page 21
Cybersecurity and Website Designer Badge	S	Sept. 28	Page 21
Cybersecurity and College Knowledge	A	Sept. 28	Page 21
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Cadette Budgeting Financial Literacy	С	Oct. 19	Page 20
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Real Life Basics 101	С	March 20	Page 21

How Do I Register For An Event?

- 1. Go to www.gssjc.org and click on MyGS. Login with your Girl Scout credentials when prompted.
- 2. Click on My Events and then Register for Another Event.
- 3. To search, put in the ZIP code where the event is taking place. Move the search radius to 90 miles. Put the partial or whole title of the event in Keyword, using quotes. Click Search.
- 4. Click on the event you want. Add the appropriate number of girls and adults. Click Add Events.
- 5. Choose your registrants and check the credit card box. Follow check out instructions.

Tip: If you are a troop leader registering your group, be sure to toggle over to the Troop radio button FIRST when choosing registrants. This will guarantee you continue to see your troop drop-down list when registering a group.

Troops Needed to Host Carousel Weekend!

Calling all Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador troops and groups! Are you interested in earning leadership and service hours while raising funds for your troop by planning an AWESOME event for younger girls? Carousel weekends are introductory camp weekend experiences for many troops. The weekends are held at either Camp Pryor, Camp Robinwood, or Camp Whispering Pines. Each Carousel Weekend has a unique theme planned and executed by the host troop. Past themes have included Career Barbie, Camp Carnival, Holiday Candyland, Princesses Around the World, Wizard of Oz, Willy Wonka, Haunted Forest, Fall Harvest, Scooby Doo Mystery Camp, and more! Please contact Natalie Jares at customerservice@sigs.org with questions.



General Activities

Daisy Day "New Friends, New Adventures"

Calling all Daisies! This event is a terrific opportunity for our registered Daises to make friends, explore a Girl Scout camp, and discover what Girl Scout traditions are all about! This day, hosted by the Council History Committee, will include exciting outdoor activities, crafts, games, a tour of Misty Meadows Ranch, and more! It has even been rumored that Juliette Low herself will join the Daises for the event. A Daisy Day fun patch and gift will be included for all registered girls. Troops must follow the girl/adult ratio. No tagalongs.

Who:

Where: Misty Meadows Ranch

When: Saturday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20/girl, \$10/adult

Bring: Sack lunch/drink for lunch.

Contact: Shannon Crider at 713-292-0370 or

registration@sjgs.org

Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Join GSSJC for a fun-filled celebration of the histories and cultures of all people in the U.S. whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America! At this celebration, explore dance, music, and art activities inspired by the contributions of Hispanic Americans, past and present. Attendees will receive an event fun patch and a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration "¡Yo soy una Girl Scout!" Fun Patch. Older Girls (Cadettes and up) are invited to volunteer and receive council volunteer hours.

Who: (c) Where: Pr

(a) (b) (j)

Program Place for Girls

When: Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m - noon or 1 - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$15/girl, \$10/adult

Contact: Shannon Crider at 713-292-0370 or

registration@sjgs.org

Girl Scout Day at Jurassic World!

Get closer to dinosaurs than ever before at Jurassic World: The Exhibition! The Exhibition immerses audiences of all ages in scenes inspired by the beloved film. Now, the park that was only a promise comes to life... right before your eyes.

Who: All levels, Girl Scout Families When: Sunday, Aug. 25, 2 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$33/ticket; Includes a patch for all Girl Scouts

Where: Katy Mills Mall

Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org

Family Camp - Out of This World

Are you ready for a cosmic camp event? Enjoy a space-themed weekend at beautiful Camp Pryor with fun-filled experiences for stargazers of all ages. During the day, engage in various activities like archery and nature hikes. Learn about constellations and planets through interactive workshops and telescope observations. As night falls, gather around the campfire with your loved ones to roast marshmallows and enjoy delicious s'mores under the starlit sky. You and your family will be guided through stargazing sessions, offering insights into distant planets and stars. Whether you're a seasoned stargazer or a curious beginner, our cosmic camp promises an enjoyable adventure for the whole family. Don't forget to pack your own breakfast and lunch to complete your camping adventure. Join us as we journey through the cosmos together!

Who: All levels and adults

Where: Camp Pryor When: Aug. 30 – Sept. 1

Cost: \$60 per participant for the weekend; \$40 day only Bring: Each family will need to bring all meals except for

dinner on Saturday night.

Contact: Natalie Jares at customerservice@sjgs.org

Blanket Drive

Troops looking for a fun and much appreciated service project can make blankets for Meals on Wheels Seniors. Our Seniors always find comfort in a cozy blanket, no matter the season! (Don't forget to keep track of your service hours!)

Who: All levels, volunteers

When: Blankets may be dropped off year round; please call

or email to schedule a time.

Where: 3202 San Jacinto St., Houston,

Contact: Taylor Plata, 713-533-4944, TPlata@imgh.org

(General) Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org

Juliette Low Tea Party

A touch of history in your teacup. The girls will learn how to brew the perfect cup of tea, table manners, tea sandwich tips and a favorite of Juliette Low's, fan etiquette. You may wear your favorite tea party dress or hat and join this unforgettable afternoon hosted by the Council History Committee Program team in partnership with the Kappa Delta Sorority. A fun patch and special token are included. This is a girl only event.

Where: Program Place for Girls, Houston

Cost: \$20

Contact: Shannon Crider at 713-292-0370 or

registration@sjgs.org

Date	Time	Level
Thurs., Aug. 15	4:30-6 p.m.	a b j
Sat., Sept. 14	1:30-3 p.m.	a b
Thurs., Sept. 19	4:30-6 p.m.	(a) (b) (j)
Sat., Nov. 2	1:30-3 p.m.	a b
Sat., March 22	1:30-3 p.m.	a b
Sat., May 3	1:30-3 p.m.	a b



Girl Scouts Love State Parks!

It's time to lead the way at your favorite state parks and help create a better planet for all! How? By heading out to explore your local state parks during this year's Girls Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! Sept. 14 and 15, you can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, and more, all while fostering a clean environment for everyone to enjoy with Pick Up America.

Whether you're joining in person or virtually, your FREE passport activity sheet will guide you toward adventure! So download our activity sheet, unlock a new patch, and remember you have everything it takes to lead the way! Given the high temperatures, before you head out, remember to be safe by bringing water, sunscreen, and a hat, and using the buddy system during your outdoor activities.

Download the free Girl Scouts Love State Parks Passport, and order your patch soon! Then check out the offerings below from some of our local state parks, or take a virtual visit to different parks across the country! https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/camp-and-outdoors/love-state-parks.html

Brazos Bend State Park

This event does not include camping, but families may reserve campsites on a first-come-first-served basis through Texas State Parks.

Where: 21901 F.M. 762; Needville, Texas 77461
Registration: Not Required; meet at the Nature Center for all activities

Park Cost: 13 and up: \$7/person; under 12: Free

When/Event:

- Sept. 14, 10 a.m. All About Us Hike See and learn about lots of wildlife on a ½ mile hike around Creekfield Lake.
- Sept 14, 11 a.m. Wildcrafts
 Younger Girl Scouts will enjoy a story and craft.
- Sept 14, 1 p.m. Alligators from egg to Apex Alligators are an important addition to the ecosystem; learn why we need them.
- Sept 14, 2:30 p.m. Daylight Stargazing
- What is the largest astrological object in our sky that we can see during the day? The Sun! Look at our important neighbor through a solar filter and learn about how it impacts our planet.
- Sept 14, 3:30 p.m. Phone Photography Learn the ins and outs about how to take amazing nature photos with just a smartphone.



Galveston Island State Park

This event does not include camping, but families may reserve campsites on a first-come-first-served basis through Texas State Parks.

Where: 14901 FM 3005; Galveston, 77554

Registration: Required for all activities;

use QR Code

Park Cost: 13 and up:\$5/person;

under 12: Free

When/Event: Sept. 13, 6:45 p.m. Sunset Watercolors

Sept. 14, 10 a.m. Geocaching Sept. 14, 4 p.m. S'mores and Skills Sept. 15, 9 a.m. Kayaking 101

Huntsville State Park

The Tannybo Community has partnered with Huntsville State Park to plan fun-filled family activities on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This event does not include camping, but families may reserve campsites on a first-come-first-served basis through Texas State Parks.

Where: 565 Park Road 40 West;

Huntsville, 77340

When: Sept 13, 14, and 15

Registration: Required; closes Sept. 1

Use OR Code

Park Cost: 13 and up: \$2/person per day;

under 12: Free

Activity Cost: \$10 per child (includes patch)



Use QR Code to go directly to events page.



GOLD Over America Tour

Join the excitement at the Gold Over America Tour, starring Simone Biles and featuring squad members Shilese Jones, Fred Richard, Melanie Johanna De Jesus Dos Santos, and more. This celebration of world-class gymnastics is designed to inspire the next generation of champions. The only tour of its kind this year, Gold Over America hits 30 arenas nationwide, delivering a high octane, action-packed experience. Prepare for a pop concert-style spectacle showcasing athletic brilliance, championship journeys, and of course, the Gold Squad dancers.

Who: All levels, volunteers, and Girl Scout families

When: Sat., Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$80/ticket, includes patch

Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org; Registration, CustomerService@sjgs.org



Girl Scout Day at the Houston Texans

Join us for Girl Scout Day on Sept. 29 as the Texans play the Jacksonville Jaguars, or come out on Dec. 15 as the Texans play the Miami Dolphins. Or come to both games!

Tickets include sections reserved for Girl Scouts and their families. Plus, show your ticket to the team at the Girl Scout Shop at the Program Place, and get a free spirit towel to wave at the game! After the game, stick around for a photo opportunity on the field.

Who: All levels, Girl Scout Families When: Sept. 29 and/or Dec. 15 at noon

NRG Stadium Where: Cost and registration:

Buy tickets: https://fevo-enterprise.com/group/SJGS

When prompted to enter a promo code on the Jaguars link, everyone can enter SJGS. This will show both offers and allow the buyer to select

their game. \$45 for Sept. 29 \$53 for Dec. 15

Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org

Girl Scouts Discover Aviation Patch Workshops

Soar to new heights with the Discover Aviation Patch program! Girl Scouts will learn, experience, and be inspired by the science and art of aviation through innovative and hands-on STEM activities. Girl Scouts will perform a pre-flight inspection on a real aircraft, pilot flight simulators, and conduct experiments based on the fundamentals of flight. After the aviation basics, scouts will explore aviation heritage through museum tours and demonstrate flight dynamics by building a flight model.

(j) (c) (s) (a) Who:

When: Sunday, Aug. 25, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m

> Sunday, Oct. 13, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 10:30 a.m. − 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Where: Lone Star Flight Museum

Cost: \$65/girl (\$15 discount with a Lone Star Flight

Museum membership)

Contact: scouts@lonestarflight.org or (346) 352-7688

Register: https://bit.ly/GS-Aviation24

Girl Scout Day at the Houston Astros

Join us as the Astros play the Los Angeles Angels. Tickets include sections reserved for Girl Scouts and their families! Plus, show your ticket to the team at the Girl Scout Shop at the Program Place, and get a free spirit towel to wave at the game! Since this is a Sunday afternoon game, Girl Scouts ages 5-12 may also participate in the "Kids Run the Bases" program after the game! Tickets available Aug. 23.

Who: All levels and Girl Scout families When: Sunday, Sept. 22, 1:10 – 4 p.m.

\$31 - \$62 per ticket Purchase: https://fevo-enterprise.com/Girlscouts337

Where: Minute Maid Park, Houston **Contact:** Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org

Dancing With the Starlettes: Brownie Dancer Badge Workshop

Earn your Brownie Dancer badge in this workshop led by members of the Green Starlettes Dance Team. In this workshop you'll learn fun warm-ups, perform steps from new dances, show off your moves, and make a dance of your very own. Explore the world of dancing and find the dancer inside of you.

Who:

Aug. 17; 9 – 11 a.m. When: Where: Program Place for Girls

Cost:

Contact: Julia Noble, jnoble@sjgs.org

Holiday Ornaments Decoration

Troops and girls can create an ornament that will hang on the GSSJC Christmas tree at the Houston Museum of Natural Science! How creative can you be? All ornaments should have an attached hanger, be no larger than 8 inches, and not contain food products. Ornaments are not returned. If creating as a troop, make sure each girl can make their own! It is free to view the trees, so girls can visit the tree in December and try to spot their ornament. The earlier the better!

Who: All levels

Cost:

When: Start creating now! Drop off ornaments between

Oct. 1 and Nov. 28

Where: Drop off Ornaments at the Girl Scout Center,

Central Houston

Contact: Anne Grzanka, anne.grzanka67@gmail.com,

832-524-4644

Brownie Budding Entrepreneur Workshop

Become an entrepreneur by making something, assessing it out, and improving your idea to make it the best it can be! Girls will have to come up with an idea for something that solves a problem, receive feedback on it, and pitch it to others - all the things that entrepreneurs do!

Who:

Where: Program Place, Houston When: Oct. 19, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cost:

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Brownie First Aid Badge

Join Rice EMS and earn your first aid badge.

Who:

Where: Rice University
When: Sept. 21, 10 –11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$22

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Girl Scout Museum Magic

Be among the first to see the newly updated exhibits at the Girl Scout Museum and purchase the new museum patch. The displays have been enhanced with QR codes so you can use your cell phone to hear the audio description. After exploring the new displays, learn some new songs and games - including some passed down from Juliette Low's time. This event includes a patch for girls. (Extra patches are available for purchase in the shop.)

Who: (b) (j) Adult Volunteers

When: Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Program Place for Girls Cost: \$5/girl; Free for adults

Contact: Kathy Elliott, customerservice@sjgs.org

Animeals on Wheels

Are you looking for a fun service project? Every third Saturday of the month is Super Saturday at Animeals! Help bag kibble and prepare pet food for the delivery teams to take to seniors with pets! (Don't forget to keep track of your service hours!)

Cost: Free

Where: 3202 San Jacinto St., Houston, 77004

Contact: Taylor Plata, 713-533-4944, TPlata@imgh.org

(General) Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org

Girl Scout Day at the Texas Renaissance Festival

Join us for Girl Scout Day at the Texas Renaissance Festival. The theme this weekend is "1001 Dreams," so look for Fairies, elves and other fanciful creatures! Come in costume for some extra fun, and show off your magical finery in the fantasy costume contest!

Who: Girl Scouts of all levels, Girl Scout Families

When: Sunday, October 20, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Cost: Children ages 12 and under – Free

A limited number of discounted tickets are available for Girl Scouts ages 13+ and adult volunteers through the MyGS portal.

Additional tickets are available at www.texrenfest.com

Contact: (General) Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sigs.org

Green Starlettes Registration

If you love to dance, then the Green Starlettes is for you! Registration is now open for the Green Starlettes Dance Team for the 2024-2025 membership year. No previous dance experience is required and there are no try-outs to join the team. Any girl in grades 4-12 can register now. The purpose of the Green Starlettes is for girls to build confidence through a fun and exciting dance experience. We have multiple divisions to choose from, so find one near you!

Who: (j) (S) (a)

When: Registration is open now through Sept. 1

Cost: \$40

Contact: GreenStarlettes@sigs.org

Save the Date for OGRE 2025!

Older Girls R ... Electric – Extraordinary – Ecstatic – Exhilarating – Exuberant – Etcetera!

What will our "E" be this year? Join our Girl Planning Board and help us decide! Join us for a fun day of hands-on opportunities to learn about all the amazing opportunities available for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors in our council!

Who: © S and volunteers, also available for Juniors that will be bridging spring/summer

When: May 17, 2025

Where: Casa Mare

Contact: Kathy Elliott (kelliott@sigs.org)

Look for registration information and more details in January!

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Health and Safety Training Weekend

Get trained in popular certification courses. Meals and accommodation will be included in the cost.

Who: Adults
When: Sept. 13 – 15
Certifications and cost:

Lifeguard: \$200: Arrive: 6 – 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 (Swim test will be Friday), leave 3 p.m. Sept. 15 Canoe: \$90: Arrive: 6 – 7 p.m. on Sept. 13 (Swim test will be Friday), leave 3 p.m. Sept. 15

Riflery Safety Officer: \$90: TBD

Volunteer Day camp Director: \$10; 9 a.m. − 2 p.m.

on Sept. 14

Older Girl Kick Off!

Learn all the extraordinary things offered beyond the troop for older Girl Scouts! This annual event will be virtual so we can reach girls from across our 26 counties! Sign up and log on to learn about unique older-girl programming and more. Hear about our Special Interest Groups (astronomy, robotics competitions, horseback riding, sailing, archery, dance, riflery, backpacking and more!). Later, enter breakout rooms and be led in activities or see awesome demos for specific topics, like an interest group, how to take leadership of your Girl Scout experience, Highest Awards, or other engaging topics and activities. Free patch, Girl Scout stickers and a chance to win awesome door prizes included!

Who: © S @

When: Sept 28, 9:30 a.m. – noon

Where: Virtual Cost: Free

Contact: Rachel Archer, customerservice@sjgs.org

A Very Harry Halloween: Year 6

Hogwarts is back for another magical year! Join Region 1 at Camp Whispering Pines to hone your magical skills, compete in the Quidditch Cup, and solve the mystery of the Half-Blood Prince! Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will earn components of the Book Artist,



Paddler, and Dinner Party badges respectively. Please sign up for either the Halloween OR Holiday event.

Who: © S a Adults
Where: Camp Whispering Pines
When: Nov. 1, 7 p.m. – Nov. 3, 10 a.m.

Cost: \$55/girl, \$35/adult

Contact: Dawn Francis, customerservice@sjgs.org

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Who: © S a Adults
Where: Camp Whispering Pines
When: Dec. 6, 7 p.m. – Dec. 8, 10 a.m.

Cost: \$55/girl, \$35/adult

Contact: Dawn Francis,, customerservice@sigs.org

Cadette Budgeting Financial Literacy Event with Capital One Bank

Girls will team up with financial experts to learn how to identify the difference between wants and needs. We will explore how money is necessary to fulfill some basic needs and how a small amount can increase exponentially.

Who:

Where: Program Place

When: Oct. 19, 10 a.m. – noon

Cost: \$10

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Senior and Ambassador Financial Literacy Event with Capital One Bank

With graduation and college around the corner, girls will team up with financial experts to learn how to create budgets and finance their future!

Who: (S) (a)
Where: Program Place

When: Sept. 21, 10 a.m. – noon

Cost: \$10

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Cadette Business Creator Workshop

Become a business creator and learn the skills you need for success in life, no matter what future path you choose! At this workshop, you will learn to think like an entrepreneur when you come up with a business idea that solves a problem. You will also design a prototype, solicit feedback, improve your idea, and then create a business plan and pitch it.

Who:

Where: Program Place, Houston When: Sept. 12, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Houston Dynamo Girl Scout Night

Watch the Dynamo play the last home game of the regular season against LA Galaxy! Girls will receive a Dynamo patch and the first 100 tickets purchased for this event will have a spot to be a part of one of our pre-game experiences (like being at the players tunnel or holding one of the giant banners)!!!

Who: Girl Scouts of all levels. Girl Scout Families

When: Saturday, October 19 Cost: \$28 – \$71 per ticket

Purchase tickets: https://houstondynamo.group/

Scoutnight2024; (Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased over the phone to save on convenience fees)

Contact: Sergio Rosenhek, Houston Dynamo Group

Events, 713-276 7545, SRosenhek@houstondynamo.com

Cybersecurity Workshops

Where: Lone Star College Westway Park Technology

Center; hosted by Region 4

When: Sept. 28, 9 a.m. -4:15 p.m.

Cost: \$30

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Cadette Cybersecurity and Netiquette Badge Workshop

Complete your Cybersecurity 1-3 badges and the Nettiquette badge. Experience "college for a day" while exploring the Lone Star College Westway Park Technology Center campus.

Who:

Senior Cybersecurity and Website Designer Badge Workshops

Complete your Cybersecurity 1-3 badges and the Website Designer badge. Experience "college for a day" while exploring the Lone Star College Westway Park Technology Center campus.

Who: S

Ambassador Cybersecurity and College

Knowledge Badge Workshops

Complete your Cybersecurity 1-3 badges and the College Knowledge badge. Experience "college for a day" while exploring the Lone Star College Westway Park Technology Center campus.

Who:

A Holiday Party

Girls will engage in activities to celebrate the holiday season. Activities include holiday bingo, crafts, and an ugly sweater contest with awards going to first, second and third place winners. Participants will also receive a fun patch, yummy snacks, and drinks will be provided. Hosted by Region 3.

Who:

Where: Cornerstone United Methodist Church

When: Dec. 6, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Babysitting Badge

Girls will engage in activities associated with the Babysitting badge requirements for Cadettes. Each participant will receive their badge upon completion and or leaving the event. Hosted by Region 3.

Who:

Where: From the Vine Ministries Facility

When: Feb. 22, 10 a.m. – noon

Cost: \$10

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Real Life Basics 101

Girls will engage in activities and become knowledgeable about real-life basic things such as job skills, car care, and money management. During this event, girls will earn a fun patch. Hosted by Region 3.

Who:

Where: From the Vine Ministries Facility

When: March 20, 1 - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Bowling Event

Spend a fun-filled afternoon bowling and learn about some of the special interest groups offered through GSSJC. Hosted by Region 4.

Who: © S a
Where: Copperfield Bowl
When: Sept. 8, 2 – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$15

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sjgs.org

Marathon Refining STEM Day

Opportunity for Girl Scouts to explore different energy subjects and to possibly become interested in a STEM path that may develop into a career. Each girl will participate in a full day of hands-on activities led by women in the oil and gas industry at the Marathon Training Center location. Hosted by Region 12.

Who: © S

Where: Marathon Petroleum Training Center

When: Nov. 9, 9 a.m. -4 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Contact: Jasmine Green, customerservice@sigs.org

Try A New Olympic Sport -Track Cycling

Come have a taster session of Track Cycling hosted by the Greater Houston Cycling foundation at Alkek Velodrome. Learn how to ride a fixed gear bike and do a lap of the velodrome as you learn some track cycling skills. This session is for kids who are confident on the bike. If you enjoy the class you are welcome to join their free training sessions! Prerequisites: Must be able to confidently ride a bicycle without assistance

Who: © S @ Volunteers

When: Sunday, Oct. 13, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5/participant; no charge for chaperones who

are not riding. Includes bike rental.

Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org

College 101: Lamar University

Seniors and Ambassadors – join us for a fun and informative day at Lamar University! We'll start off with a private tour of the campus and dorm rooms, enjoy lunch on campus in the Brooks-Shivers Dining Hall, then meet with members of student organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers, the Greek Council, and more! We'll also learn about how to apply for college, options for scholarships and financial assistance, academic programs, student life, the library, the health center, recreation and wellness, the bookstore, and much more!

Parents – join us for the tour and lunch, then join a special session to learn about how to help your student transition to college life, and answer any questions you may have about the university.

Home to more than 17,000 students, Lamar University is among the fastest growing Texas colleges and universities. LU is a member of The Texas State University System, which is the first higher education system of Texas and maintains the lowest average tuition and fees of any university system in Texas. With more than 120 degree options and a community that cares, Lamar students are always proud to be Cardinals.

Who: S a Parents

When: Friday, Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m. -3 p.m.

Cost: \$10/person (includes lunch & a patch for girls)
Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sigs.org; Registration,

CustomerService@sjgs.org

Girl Scout Model UN

World Thinking Day 2025 will embrace the theme of Our World, Our Thriving Future. What better way to explore this topic than by learning about one of our WAGGGS sister countries by representing them at a Model UN conference. Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts – including at the UN itself – participated in Model UN as students. Join us for the first GSSJC Model UN Conference, enhance skills like leadership and communication that colleges are looking for, and help create solutions for the world's problems!

Girl Scouts will participate as delegates; adult volunteers will be assigned a role in the conference. Adults – if you are interested in volunteering, please let us know!

Who: © S a volunteers

When: Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$20/girl; \$10/adult; includes lunch

Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org; Registration,

CustomerService@sigs.org

Use QR Code to go directly to events page.



Adventure Park Updates

Fun new events to register for, like our Night Climbs! Girls will have the opportunity to deck out in glow in the dark supplies and climb through the trees and experience the park in a whole new way! They



will end by taking our zipline through the dark. All girls that participate will receive a special Night Climb patch.

Dates for this are: September 28 and February 8

The cost will be: \$35

Note: for the upcoming year, all sessions have been extended to two hours to allow more time for girls to experience the park!

Upcoming Adventure Park activity sessions are:

Times: 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.

Dates: Sept. 7, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 2, Nov. 23, Dec. 7, Dec. 21, Jan. 4, Jan. 18, Feb. 8, Feb. 22,



The Adventure Park is rocking a new patch! This patch is not for purchase and will only be available to future girls who do future climb sessions.

Cadette Connections

Join Cadette Girl Scouts from across the council for a fun and relaxed weekend. Connect with new people, try out some fun girl-planned activities, or just take some time to chill and hang out with friends. Please note that this is a day-only event, and does not include camping. Troops that wish to camp should make a camping reservation in a unit at Camp Pryor.

This event includes Saturday activities, a patch, and a catered dinner. Participants should bring all other meals or snacks.

 Who:
 © and volunteers

 When:
 April 26, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

 Cost:
 \$35/girl; \$20/adult

Contact: Kathy Elliott, kelliott@sjgs.org; Registration,

CustomerService@sigs.org

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Volunteer-in-Training

10th grade Seniors and Ambassadors are invited to earn the Volunteer-in-Training leadership award by mentoring a Daisy, Brownie, Junior, or Cadette troop/group outside of the camp experience. This in-person leadership course completes one of three requirements to earn this award (1. Find an adult Mentor, 2. Take VIT Training, 3. Create and implement a Journey project). Please see the Senior or Ambassador Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting for more information on this Teen Mentoring Award.

Who: S @

Where: Girl Scout Center, Houston When: Aug. 24, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Contact: Alix Reilman; CustomerService@sigs.org

Girl Scout ComicCon

Enjoy a colorful, comical, creative, confident clash of pop culture fun at Girl Scout ComicCon! Attend Superhero Training Academy, learn bo staff choreography, create your own manga, compete in the cosplay and art competitions, and more! Run from booth to booth making paracord keychains and comics; learning to sew, doing needlepoint and decoupage; letterboxing, and more! Cadettes will have the opportunity to complete the Comic Artist badge and Seniors the Collage Artist badge.

Who: © S a Adults
Where: Camp Whispering Pines

When: Sept. 20, 7 p.m. – Sept. 22, 10 a.m. Cost: \$65/girl, \$45/adult (weekend)

\$45/girl, \$25/adult (day only)

Contact: Dawn Francis, customerservice@sjgs.org

Archery and Rifle

What's New in Shooting Sports?!

Are you looking for a fun way to fill your summer free time? We have a great addition to your calendar! This summer, for the first time ever, we will offer Summer Shooting Sports Workshops where girls can come out to camp and try their hand at target sports. Whether you've never stood in front of a target or have hit more bullseyes than you can count, these sessions will be the perfect way to add some excitement to a few of your long summer days.

Note: In order to participate in archery, girls must be in second grade or higher (based on the 24-25 school year).

Riflery Trainings

Where: Camp Misty Meadows

When: Aug. 24-25, Sept. 21-22, Oct. 26-27, Nov. 16-17 Participants will obtain the NRA RSO certification as well as a site-specific training that will allow the booking of private riflery sessions. Overnight onsite accommodations are available.

Archery Trainings

Fall archery training dates will be taking place at Casa Mare, Camp Agnes Arnold, and Camp Pryor.

Environmental

Houston Arboretum Badge Workshops

Girl Scouts can work towards a variety of badges or journeys while they investigate the fascinating ecosystems at the Houston Arboretum. Badge workshops are conducted by staff naturalists and use their nature sanctuary as a field laboratory for hands-on experience.

Who: b j c

Contact:

Where: Houston Arboretum, Central Houston

Cost: (2 hour workshops) \$23

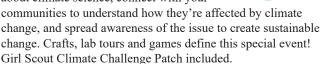
(2+ hour workshops) \$28 Rachel Archer, 713-292-0300,

customerservice@sjgs.org

Level	Date	<u>Time</u>
Brownie Bugs	Sept 14	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Junior Flowers	Sept. 14	1 - 4 p.m.
Brownie WOW: Love Water Award	Sept. 21	1 - 3.30 p.m.
Cadette Night Owl	Sept. 21	5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Brownie Bugs	Oct. 12	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Junior Outdoor Art Explorer	Oct. 12	1 - 4 p.m.
Brownie Outdoor Adventurer	Oct. 26	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Cadette Trees	Oct 26	1 - 4 p.m.
Junior Geocacher	Nov. 9	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Brownie Hiker	Nov. 9	2 - 4 p.m.
Cadette Trees	Nov. 23	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Brownie Outdoor Adventurer	Nov. 23	2 - 4 p.m.
Brownie Hiker	Dec. 7	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Junior Geocacher	Dec. 7	1 - 4 p.m.
Cadette Night Owl	Dec. 21	4 - 7 p.m.

Girl Scout Climate Challenge at Rice

Did you know that you can save polar bears, protect trees, and help your neighborhood fight climate change?
Join the Rice University Earth,
Environmental, and Planetary Sciences department to get outdoors to learn about climate science, connect with your



Who: All levels

When: Check online for final event date, noon - 5 p.m.

Where: Rice University

Cost: \$8

Contact: Rachel Archer, 713-292-0300,

customerservice@sjgs.org



Tree Planting at Camp Robinwood with Texas A&M Forestry

Earn your Girl Scout Tree Promise Patch at Camp Robinwood! Girl Scouts will get to plant trees, participate in activities from the Texas A&M Forestry Project Learning Tree and Texas Parks and Wildlife Angler Education Program, and maybe even fish in the lake! Includes Girl Scout Tree Promise Patch and iNaturalist at Girl Scout Camp Patch!





Who: All levels

Where: Camp Robinwood, Willis When: Oct. 12, 9 a.m - 2 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Contact: Rachel Archer, 713-292-0300, customerservice@sigs.org

Grants Available for Environmental Projects

GSSJC offers troops and individuals a chance to apply for a mini-grant to complete an environmental project. This could be a service project, Take Action project associated with a Journey, or even a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award project. The amounts awarded depend on the number of girls involved and the nature of the project. If interested, contact Rachel Archer (rarcher@sjgs.org) for more information or to receive an application form.

We're growing the garden!

We would love to invite troops to schedule a time to enjoy the garden at Misty Meadows Ranch and help us plant new vegetables or help weed/prep the garden! We have all the supplies needed and can help coordinate projects. Please contact aswatson@sjgs.org for more information!

Fine Arts

Sand Art Brownies

In need of holiday gifts? All levels welcome in this handson workshop where baking meets artistry! In this workshop, you'll create a beautiful mason jar gift of layered brownie mix! Personalize your gift with a decorated jar and hand-written instructions for baking!

Who: All levels

When: Dec. 14; 10 a.m. – noon Where: Program Place for Girls

Cost: \$27



GSSJC Camps Photography Contest

GSSJC is home to some of the most excellent camps in the country each having their own unique landscape and offerings. The opportunities to capture the beauty of nature and the magic of camp are endless! Now, we want to see our camps through your lens! Whether you've only ever snapped selfies on your phone or whether you know your way around a darkroom, every girl has an inner artist and a perspective worth sharing!

Photo Requirements

- We challenge you to keep photography subjects limited to landscapes, buildings/structures, objects, and wildlife. A person, or persons, can be included in the photograph, but should not be the main subject of the image.
- All photos must be taken by a girl member at a GSSJC camp.

Entry Information

- The contest is open to Daisies through Ambassadors.
- Submissions are open now through December 1, 2024.

Contest has been extended! To participate in the contest, you must

- To participate in the contest, you must first register at GSEvents. A jotform link for submission will then be sent out. To enter, you will use the link to submit.
- Submit your most captivating camp photo, and in the description box, let us know what struck you most about the image you captured.
- Only one entry per girl!
- Must agree to the terms and submit a GSSJC Media Release form along with your photo entry.

Contest Results

- The contest consists of two rounds: One winning photograph per Girl Scout level (6 total) will be chosen by a team of judges. These photos will then be eligible for public online voting for the final round, where one Overall Winner will be chosen!
- All contestants will receive: a Camp Obscura fun patch and included in digital showing of photos at Exhibition Event

Level Winners will receive:

- An award ribbon
- Winning photos shared on social media, and featured in the Golden Link
- Winning photos will be on view at Exhibition Event
- Winning photos will be framed and installed at a GSSJC camp
- Level prize: (eg.) Magazine subscription, photography journal, pair of museum tickets, or class voucher (\$50+ Value!)

Overall Winner:

- An award medal
- Winning photo shared on social media, and featured in The Golden Link
- Winning photo will be on view at Exhibition Event at PPFG
- Winning photo will be framed and installed at a GSSJC camp
- Grand Prize: Instant camera bundle with customizable accessories (\$200+ Value)

Exhibition Event: The contest will conclude with an event in January where the winning photos will be on view at Program Place during a small ceremony where everyone will receive their prizes and the Overall Winner will be announced!



Contact: Julia Noble, jnoble@sjgs.org

Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Missing Maestro

As the concert begins, the orchestra will discover that their Maestro is suddenly missing. Luckily, famous detective Sherlock Holmes is available—but to crack the case, he'll need help from the audience! All the musicians are suspects, and no one is to be trusted. While the orchestra performs, you'll help Sherlock investigate each of the instrument families for clues to the mystery. The game's afoot in this fun-filled musical whodunit!

Who: All levels, Adults When: March 1; 11:30 a.m.

Where: Jones Hall Cost: \$33/girl; \$37/adult

Gratitude Art Journaling

The Art of Gratitude is a hands-on workshop that will teach you how to combine art journaling with gratitude journaling. You will learn a variety of art techniques to use with art journaling prompts that will allow you to channel stress and anxiety into a creative flow, while learning ways to incorporate mindfulness and gratitude into an art journaling practice. Sessions available for both younger and older Girls!

Who: All levels

When: Oct. 19, (DBJ) 10 - 11:30 a.m.;

(CSA) 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Program Place for Girls

Cost: \$27

Nature Journaling

Join us for art in the garden! The Houston Botanic Garden is a plant paradise and a haven for wildlife. In this workshop we will explore the garden, playing close attention to the smaller things we encounter, and then find a spot to stop, sit, and observe. Girls will receive a journal to customize and draw their observations.

Who: j © S a

When: Sept. 14; 10 a.m. – noon Where: Houston Botanic Garden

Cost: \$23

Flower Imprints

Join us for art in the garden! Use nature to create unique pieces! In this workshop girls will extract the pigments from real flowers to make beautiful art. We will talk about the pigments in plants and how they are made, as well as some of the benefits those pigments have for us. We will then use flowers to create cards and even decorate a tote bag.

Who: b j c s a
When: Nov. 9; 10 a.m. – noon
Where: Houston Botanic Garden

Cost: \$33



Back to Troop Girl Scout Fun Day!

Today is the day you become a Girl Scout! Join for the first time or renew your membership. Visit your local Girl Scout Service Center and enjoy learning about Girl Scouts, do a craft activity, and play games. Come to a party near you!

Saturday, August 17: 10 a.m. - noon

Lufkin Resource Center 1202 A College Dr., Lufkin
Lake Jackson Resource Center 231 W. Highway 232, Lake Jackson

Saturday, August 17: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Beaumont Girl Scout Service Center 700 North Street, Ste 1, Beaumont

Saturday, September 7: 10 a.m. - noon

Girl Scout Program Place 3000 Southwest Freeway, Houston
Bay Area Resource Center 1300 A Bay Area Blvd. #106, Houston
Stafford Resource Center 12300 Parc Crest Dr., Ste 167, Stafford

Cypress/Jersey Village Resource Center 19708 Northwest Freeway, Ste.100, Jersey Village

Katy Resource Center Katy Mills Mall

Imperial Valley Resource Center 15800 Imperial Valley Dr., Houston



Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban™ in Concert!

Relive the magic of your favorite wizard in Harry Potter and the Prisoner of AzkabanTM in Concert. Based on the third installment of the classic saga, the thrilling tale is accompanied by the music of a live symphony orchestra as Harry soars across the big screen. From the moment Harry uses the Marauder's Map to when the Patronus Charm bursts from his wand, you'll be transported back into the world you love.

Who: All levels, adults
When: Jan. 19; 2 p.m.
Where: Jones Hall
Cost: \$47/person



No tricks, all treats in this fun and yummy workshop with Izzie's Jewels! Learn how to make festive snacks for yourself, your family, or friends! Brownies will earn their Brownie Snacks badge.

Who: All levels

When: Oct. 19; 10 a.m. – noon Where: Program Place for Girls

Cost: \$27

Cake Decorating

Have your cake and eat it too! Come brush up on your pastry art skills in this sweet, fun, and creative workshop! Girls will learn how to design and decorate beautiful works of delicious art in this fun, hands-on workshop taught by Izzie's Jewels! Sessions available for both younger and older girls!

Who: All levels

When: Nov. 16; (DBJ) 10 a.m. – noon;

(CSA) 1 - 3 p.m.

Where: Katy Mills Cost: \$27

Daisy Art and Design Badge

Use art and design to create new things and solve problems. You'll get a chance to discover art and design, experiment with your medium, and be inspired by a subject. Daisy Art and Design badge will be completed and presented at the end of the workshop.

Who:

When: Oct. 26; 9 a.m. – noon
Where: Program Place for Girls

Cost: \$25

Brownie Snacks Badge Workshop

Calling all Brownie chefs! Earn your badges in this fun, handson workshop. Girls will learn how to make yummy snacks for themselves, their family, and friends! Badge is included!

Who:

When: Aug. 31; 10 a.m. – noon

Where: Katy Mills

Cost: \$27

Junior Simple Meals

Calling all Junior chefs! Earn your badges in this fun, handson workshop. Girls will learn how to create delicious, healthy meals for themselves, their family, and friends! Badge is included!

Who:

When: Aug. 31; 1 - 3 p.m.

Where: Katy Mills

Cost: \$27

Jewelry Making: Junior Craft and Tinker Badge

When you craft, you make something with care, skill, and imagination. You can craft with anything from clay or fabric to a computer or 3-D printer. You can craft with recycled materials to help the planet. Tinkering helps you fix problems and make your creations even better. In this workshop you'll explore crafting and tinkering through the art of jewelry making! Badge will be completed and presented at the end of the workshop.

Who:

When: Sept. 21; 10 a.m. – noon Where: Program Place for Girls

Cost: \$27/girl

Cadette Woodworker

Have fun making stylish, useful things for yourself or friends! In this workshop, you'll add to your talents with a skill Girl Scouts have been refining for 100 years - the ability to do it yourself! You'll develop or refine your skills by creating a fantastic and unique wooden piece of your own design. Cadette Woodworker badge will be completed and presented at the end of the workshop.

Who:

When: Oct. 5; 10 a.m. – noon

Where: Katy Mills

Cost: \$27

The Nutcracker Workshop & Show

The Houston Ballet invites you to witness the magic of the Nutcracker, an enchanting holiday tradition. Girls will participate in a workshop, learn about the story, its history, the creators, the performing art of ballet, and earn their Nutcracker Program Patch. After the workshop they'll attend a matinee performance.

Who: (a) (b) (b) (Workshop) All levels and Adults (Show) Where: Houston Ballet

When: Dec. 1; 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Registration opens Nov. 1 at 9 a.m.) Cost: \$33



Photography in the Park

In this workshop, photography principles are used to assist girls in capturing their vision of the world in photographs! Learn the basics of outdoor photography through focusing on composition, light, motion, and telling a story. Bring whichever camera you are most comfortable with (smartphones are okay). The group will meet at Program Place to get started, take a stroll to Levy Park to practice their skills, and return to Program Place to review and discuss. Sessions available for both Younger and Older Girls! Juniors and Ambassadors will earn their Photographer badges.

Who: All levels

When: Sept. 21 (DBJ), Nov. 9 (CSA); 9 a.m. – noon

Where: Program Place for Girls / Levy Park

Cost: \$35

Self-Paced Photography

Learn how to capture your vision of the world in photographs. This course is designed to be hands-on while including video instruction that is fun and engaging. Students will watch a short video introducing a new photography technique or skill, watch a demonstration, and then complete a photo challenge using the new skill learned. Be prepared to learn a lifelong skill you will cherish forever! You never know where this one click will take you. Once the course starts, you will be given access to learning modules and challenges designed by real photographers! You will have 30 days to complete the modules at your own pace. Juniors and Ambassadors will earn their Photographer badges.

Who: j © S a

When: Every month, available on your own time.

Where: Virtual Cost: \$18

Highest Awards

Highest Awards Online Community

Are you looking for more information on the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award? Check out the Highest Awards Online Community, where you will find forms, guides, FAQs, tips and tricks, and more!



Older Girl Take-Action Workshop

Curious about how to start a Silver or Gold Award project or complete a Girl Scout Journey? Join us for a take-action workshop where we'll cover the differences between community service and take-action and how to best plan a take-action project. We'll also learn from each other by sharing examples and ideas! Come ready to brainstorm!

Who: © S @ Adults

Where: Virtual

When: Sept. 29, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$5/person

Contact: Alix Reilman at customerservice@sigs.org

Silver Award Training for Cadettes

Silver Award training is now available on gsLearn! Girls and adults are invited to take GSUSA's new, self-directed Silver Award training for the Silver Award Suite (approximately two hours). This training offers girls and adults a comprehensive overview of the Silver Award steps. Forms, and tools for identifying and developing Silver Award projects that fall within the national guidelines, and more. Keep Silver Award Suite materials, including the guides, forms, and Volunteer Toolkit meeting plans at hand as you go through the training. Taking Silver Award training prior to starting the Silver Award process is strongly recommended.

Note: Girls must access this training through a registered Girl Scout adult's MYGS account. Girls should watch this training along with their Silver Award adult volunteer.

Silver Award Training for Adults

This virtual webinar training is designed for troop leaders, advisors, and parents who are looking to support Cadettes through the Silver Award process. Topics to be covered include project guidelines, submission deadlines, coaching tips, and how to navigate pursuing the Silver Award. The webinar will include a presentation, service vs. take action activity and Q&A.

Who: Adults Where: Virtual

When: Aug. 24, Oct. 19, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5/person

Contact: silveraward@sigs.org

Highest Awards: Ask Me Anything

Girls and adults ~ you curious about the Highest Awards, just starting a Highest Awards adventure, or feel stuck along the way? All girls working on the Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award, and supporting volunteers, are welcome to attend this monthly session to ask any questions they might have.

Who: (i) (c) (S) (a) Adults

Where: Virtual Cost: Free

When: Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21; 7 – 8 p.m. Contact: Alix Reilman at customerservice@sjgs.org

Junior Take-Action Workshop

Curious about how to start a Bronze Award project or complete a Girl Scout Journey? Join us for a take-action workshop where we'll cover the differences between community service and take-action and how to best plan a take-action project. We'll also learn from each other by sharing examples and ideas! Come ready to brainstorm!

Who: adults Where: Virtual

When: Oct. 13, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Cost: \$5/person

Contact: Alix Reilman at customerservice@sigs.org





History

Happy Birthday Juliette Low

Join the Council History Committee-Program and celebrate Juliette Low's Birthday. Girls will learn Girl Scout songs which have been sung through the years, make some crafts, play games and more! We may even have a special visit from the birthday girl herself. A fun patch will be included. This is a girl only celebration.

Who: d b j

Where: Program Place for Girls, Houston

When: Oct. 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Cost: \$20

Contact: Shannon Crider for general information; for

registration, contact our Registrars at 713-292-0370

or registration@sjgs.org



Join GSSJC in a fun-filled celebration of the vibrant history of Camp Robinwood, now in its 75th year! At this celebration, Girl Scouts will explore the history of Camp Robinwood and its trailblazing donors J.H. Jemison, Carter Wesley, C.A. Dupree, and Hobart Taylor, Sr. Additionally, Girl Scouts will celebrate through exciting games, stories, music, and art activities inspired by Camp Robinwood, past and present. Attendees will receive lunch, an event fun patch, and a commemorative gift. Older Girls (Cadettes and up) and adults are invited to volunteer and receive council volunteer hours. Interested volunteers should email Shannon Crider at scrider@sjgs.org to volunteer.

Who: All levels

Where: Camp Robinwood

When: Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$29/person

Contact: Shannon Crider for general information; for

registration, contact our Registrars at 713-292-0370

or registration@sjgs.org

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STEM

For all STEM events, contact Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, or registars at customerservice@sjgs.org for more information.

Think Like an Engineer for Juniors Camp Weekend

Learn to think like an engineer during this weekend at camp! Join other Juniors and learn how to utilize your construction skills as you work as a team to solve engineering challenges like building shelters and structures are to withstand the elements.

Who:

Where: Camp Agnes Arnold, Conroe

When: Registration opens Sept. 1; Event Dec. 13 - 15

Cost: \$65/girl

Think Like an Engineer Camp Weekend Team Captains

Would you like to help plan GSSJC's annual Think Like an Engineer Camp Weekend event? Girls can plan this weekend that explores engineering principles through a theme of their choosing! Girls will need to attend planning/work meetings as well as be present the for the event.

Who: © S a

Where: Meetings at Girl Scout Center or virtual; Event at

Camp Agnes Arnold, Conroe

When: Meeting(s) in fall; Event Dec. 13 - 15Cost: \$35 (covers food and lodging for event)

Boom! Use Your Crane-ium!

Earn the Crane Design Challenge Badge (+ step 3 of your Think Like an Engineer Journey) at this one time only, limited space workshop! Lunch, your badge and a hard hat will be provided by Schlumberger.

Who:

When: Oct. 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: Schlumberger Research Facility

Cost: \$10

Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233

Astronomy Special Interest Group

This group is for girls who want to have fun, learn, and teach! Girls plan their activities for the year and organize events that other Girl Scouts attend. The group also takes trips to discover the world around them – and beyond! This great group helps girls develop leadership skills and learn about themselves while becoming more acquainted with science and the field of astronomy.

Who: © S @

Where: Program Place for Girls, Houston
When: One Sunday afternoon each month

Cost: \$20

Travel

Contact: Kathy Elliott, customerservice@sjgs.org

Adults: If you are interested in being a chaperone for any

trip, please email travel@sjgs.org for details.

2025 Council Trip to New Orleans

Delve into Creole and Cajun culture in the diverse and vibrant New Orleans. Stroll through the famous French Quarter, try your hand at Creole cooking, see how the floats are made for the world-famous Mardi Gras festival, visit the Whitney Plantation, and cruise down the Mississippi River with a live jazz band. This trip is open to individual girls as well as groups.

This trip will depart from the Program Place for Girls and includes ground transportation, accommodations, meals, and admission to all activities. Registration is open to girls who will be entering the fourth grade and up in 2025. Participants on this trip will have monthly Zoom meetings starting in the fall and have the opportunity to help choose some of the final activities. Girl Scouts on this trip may also participate in the fall product sale, cookie sale, and other money earning activities to help fund the trip.

Who: (i) (c) (s) (a) volunteers

When: June 12 - 16, 2025

Cost: \$1,350 per person (payment plan available)

2025 Trip to Nuestra Cabaña, Mexico

Visit one of the WAGGGS World Centre! Embark on an extraordinary journey to Las Estacas, a breathtaking natural park. Prepare to be mesmerized by the crystal-clear turquoise waters of the river, engage in thrilling adventures like snorkeling and river rafting, or simply find tranquility on the picturesque bank. You'll discover the power of nature in fostering personal reflection and growth.

This event embraces the spirit of camaraderie as you engage in cultural exchanges and sharing traditions and stories with fellow adventurers from around the globe. Get ready to unveil the beauty of nature, forge unforgettable friendships, connect with the locals in a community action activity and create lasting memories in this remarkable journey of adventure and connection.

This trip will depart from Houston Intercontinental Airport and includes airfare, ground transportation in Mexico, and accommodations and meals at Nuestra Cabaña. Registration is open to girls aged 13-18 at the time of the trip. Participants on this trip will have monthly Zoom meetings starting in the fall. Girl Scouts on this trip may also participate in the fall product sale, cookie sale, and other money earning activities to help fund the trip. Depending on the airline schedule, this trip may depart one day earlier and/or return one day later and spend an extra night at Nuestra Cabaña.

Who: © S a volunteers

(girls 13 and up at time of trip)

When: Aug. 3 - 10, 2025

Cost: \$2,300 per person (payment plan available)

2026 Culinary Tour through France

This tour will expand your mind and entice your tastebuds, unveiling the secrets of the highly regaled French cuisine to every cook and foodie on your tour. Once you've had your fill of crepes and escargot, take a break from gastronomical research to explore the number of historical and artistic pit stops throughout Paris and the countryside. Come prepared with your best French and chef hat – and of course, come with an appetite.

This trip will depart from Houston Intercontinental Airport and includes airfare, transportation in France, meals and accommodations in France, admission to all activities, and a dedicated tour guide for our group. Registration is open to girls who will be entering the seventh grade and up in 2026, Participants on this trip will have monthly Zoom meetings starting in the fall. Girl Scouts on this trip may also participate in the fall product sale, cookie sale, and other money-earning activities to help fund the trip. Hosted by: GSSJC, through Explorica Tours

Who: (c) (s) (a) volunteers **When:** June 12 – 21, 2026

Cost: \$5,500 – \$6,000 per person (payment plans available)

2025 Council Trip to Savannah, Georgia

Join us for a special trip to Savannah, Georgia to learn about Juliette Gordon Low. Visit the Girl Scout first headquarters and Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace, enjoy strolling through beautiful historic Savannah, and have fun with a special Fourth of July celebration by the river! This trip is open to individual girls as well as groups.

This trip includes airfare from Houston, transportation in Savannah, accommodation, meals, and admission to all activities. Registration is open to girls who will be entering the sixth grade and up in 2025. Participants on this trip will have monthly Zoom meetings starting in the fall and have the opportunity to help choose some of the final activities. Girl Scouts on this trip may also participate in the fall product sale, cookie sale, and other money earning activities to help fund the trip.

Who: © (\$) (a) volunteers **When:** June 30 – July 5, 2025

Cost: \$1,600 per person (payment plan available)



Training



Fall Volunteer Conference 2024

Join us November 8-10 for the Fall Volunteer Conference at Camp Agnes Arnold! Journey with us to this all-in-one weekend WITH enrichments you can take back to your troop as well as certifications over the weekend. Early Bird Pricing will be offered and is expected to fill up so register ASAP. Registration opens August 1! We can't wait to take this adventure with you this Fall.

Session 1 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Birding 101	STEAM	Guided Forest Therapy Walk	Lake Ecology	Bike Barn Basics	History & Legends of Agnes Arnold	Hands On Outdoor Progression	Knives 101	Orienteering 101	Nature Journaling	A Taste of Archery	A Taste of Adventure Park	History & Legends of Misty Meadows Ranch
Session 2 10:45 a.m 12:15 p.m.	Birding 102	Fairy Garden 2.0	Nature Walk Plant & Tree ID		Neurodiverg ent	Fishing 102	Highest Awards	Knots 101	Knives 102	A Taste of Canoeing	A Taste of Archery	A Taste of Adventure Park	History & Legends of Misty Meadows Ranch
12:30 - 2:30													
Session 3 2:45 - 4:15 p.m.	150		Partnering with Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors (starts at 2:15)		Games & Skits	Fishing 101	Keys to Leadership	Orienteering 102	Knots 102	Canoeing	Troop Budgeting & Money Managemen	A Taste of Adventure Park	
Session 4 4:30 - 6 p.m.	Look Wider Still: Troop Travel, Destinations,	Beginner Crochet	Resume Tips for Volunteers	Conflict Resolution	Mental Health Matters	Finding Our Founder	One Pot Meals	Setting Up a Rustic Campsite	Box Oven	Dutch Oven	Rhythm Sticks	Making Multi Level Troops Work	Engaging Teen Girl Scouts - This is When the Magic Happens

A Taste of Adventure Park

Adventure Course Facilitators from GSSJC will guide you through elements that are now available for our Junior and older girl. \$10

A Taste of Archery

Ever wonder why your girls cannot hit the bullseye? It's a lot harder than you think! Come and take part in the same learning opportunity your troop has. Learn what archery opportunities are available to your troop. Participants will learn how to: • Hold a bow • Nock an arrow Properly •Use safety equipment properly • Fire an arrow • Learn more about the GSSJC Archery Program.

A Taste of Canoeing

Get a taste of what it is like to take your troop canoeing and explore other available water activities, such as kayaks and coracles. These activities are great for team building and an enjoyable and relaxing way to experience the outdoors. Before you let your imagination go wild as you canoe around Snake Island and Shadow Lake, learn about prerequisites, waterfront safety, basic canoe strokes, gear, and canoeing jargon. In addition, how a girl may become a Canoe Aide or you a Canoe Instructor (Types of shoes to bring: boat shoes, closed-toe, and non-slip hiking/sport sandals with heel strap, or water socks or shoe. No flip-flops or plastic shoes.)

Beginner Crochet

Crochet is trending and you can join the fun! Whether you used to crochet years ago and need a refresher, or are just learning, this is the class for you. You will learn how to read a pattern, hold a hook, and some basic crochet stitches. You will also be able to participate in a service project as we all work together to crochet squares for a blanket we will donate from our council.

Bike Barn Basics

Has your troop every been camping at Camp Agnes Arnold and wanted to utilize the bike barn only to find a mess of bikes with flat tires and missing chains? In this class you will not only be helping to clean up our bike barn but you will learn about the different types of bikes we have and how to fix them. You will learn how to pick out the right bike for your girls and what trails to ride on.

Birding 101

This is for beginning bird watchers. We will go over how to use binoculars and tips for identifying the most common backyard birds. We will spend time at the nature center watching birds that come to the feeders and watching birds from the bird blind. We will talk about ideas for getting younger Girl Scouts involved in birding. Bring your own binoculars if you have them but we will have some to share. Limited to 10 people.

Birding 102

For more experienced bird watchers. We will walk the nature trail looking for the harder to find species. We will talk about using eBird to document birds seen at camp, bird-related service projects at camp and how to get older Girl Scouts involved in birding. We will talk about the ecology of birds we see during the hike. Dress for weather. Bring your own binoculars if you have them. Limited to 8 people.

Conflict Resolution

Bickering between parents in your troop? Just can't get along with yours-leader. Walk through GSSJC Volunteer Relations Conflict Management Roadmap and learn techniques to kick your drama to the curb in this session. You will leave with information about resources to deal with conflict between adults and the confidence to handle any situation thrown your way with grace!

Daisy Brownie Program Leadership

This course is for leaders who are new to the troop leadership role working or new to working with girls in grades K-3 (in the Daisy or Brownie program levels). Participants can see the progression in the characteristics of each age group and learn about earned awards, troop governance, field trips, service project readiness, ceremonies, the girl/adult partnership, tips on girl planning, and more with the use of available badge and journey resources. Registration available in gsEvents.

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Emotional Intelligence Training

Conscious conversations are the important conversations that can truly make a difference. These are the intentional conversations that help you communicate what's truly important to you and getting to the heart of the matter so there is understanding and honest expression from all involved, without being resistant or argumentative.

Engaging Teen Girl Scout - This is When the Magic Happens

You will learn how to pivot from "leader" to "advisor" as your troop grows to take on more responsibilities. Learn how to present opportunities to bridging 5th graders as a means to retention, but also as a means of fully leveraging girl scout resources to enable them to reach their personal potential, journey beyond their comfort zone, serve and lead their communities, and position themselves for adulthood.

Fairy Gardens 2.0

Fairy houses make such a cute decoration for your garden. Learn how to use natural and recycled materials to make a fairy house that you can share with your girls.

Finding Our Founder

Did you ever want to know more about the founder of Girl Scouts? Come experience and learn more about Juliette Low and how Girl Scouts began. You'll learn different activities about Juliette Low that you can share with your troop on Juliette's birthday or any other time.

Fishing 101

Have our girls ever wanted to go fishing but you don't know where to start? Join Texas Parks and Wildlife Angler Instructor for fishing 101. This class will cover the basics; spincast rod and a baitcasting rod, how to cast; new improved clinch knot & palomar knot, what type of bait you should use; and how to properly catch and release. The last 20 minutes of the class you will have the chance to fishing in Shadow Lake.

Fishing 102

Fishing 102 will teach you how the parts of a spincast rod, how to tear it down and put it back together, how to resting your line, what rig you should use for fishing at our different camps, and teach you the basics of Fly Fishing. This class will be taught by Texas Parks and Wildlife Angler Education Instructor.

Games & Skits

Are your girls struggling with too much downtime? Take this class to get many easy to implement ideas for helping your girls entertain themselves including skit ideas, silly songs and games, and other fun activities that would be great for any age girl.

Guided Forest Therapy Walk

Learn more about guided forest therapy walks, also known as forest bathing, and how Forest Awakenings can support your mental and physical health.

Hands on Outdoor Progression

Ever looked at the outdoor progression guide and still wonder how do I do this? In this class we will make the outdoor progression guide come to life. We will walk you through each level of the progression and learn what activities to do with your girls.

Highest Awards

Learn all about highest awards available for your girls on their Girl Scout journey! Led by Higher awards advisors and staff, this is a great class for troop leaders about to embark on higher award projects for the first time. There will also be a brief question and answer period for leaders to ask questions.

History and Legends of Agnes Arnold

Experience a guided tour of Camp Agnes Arnold. This tour will introduce participants to the history and legends of Agnes Arnold.

History and Legends of Misty Meadows Ranch

Experience a guided tour of Misty Meadows Ranch. This tour will introduce participants to the history and legends of Misty Meadows Ranch.

Junk Journaling

A junk journal in its simplest form is a handmade journal created using an eclectic mixture of various papers and ephemera. There are usually pockets, tuck spots and scraps of this-and-that clipped to the pages. It is the perfect place to write your thoughts, tuck your photos or fill with whatever makes you smile!

Kevs to Leadership

This class is a foundational exploration of leadership for every adult volunteer who works with girls of all ages. Recognizing leadership in yourself and others can be a challenge, so we are here to help you unlock the mystery. Discover three common types of leadership styles and use them to unlock girl potential. Connect to leadership as it applies to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Take action by participating in activities that will help you recognize the inner leader of every girl you know. Start your leadership journey today!

Kitchen Cosmetology

What do honey, oatmeal, and herbs have in common? They are all inexpensive ingredients used to make great facial cleansers, masks, etc. Find out what other common ingredients from your kitchen have similar purposes and make some neat things for your home spa.

Knives 101

Knowing how to handle and use knives is an important skill to learn. It allows us independence and ownership in tasks that require the use of knives. Learn how to be comfortable and safe using a knife. In this class we will take you from beginner to Junior level.

Knives 102

Knives are an important and versatile tool for camping, cooking, and even crafting. In this class we will teach leaders how to teach older girls how to carve. You will learn simple crafts that will take your girls beyond Junior knives skills.

Knots 101

Learn how to tie different types of knots that can help you in both everyday life and when you're camping (or any other activity where you might be tying some knots). We will go over some basic knots, some adjustable knots, and some downright crazy knots that will help you in any situation, specifically camping. Bring your fingers and determination, no previous experience required. Don't be thrown for a loop – they're knot that hard.

Knots 102

Want to teach the troop some useful camp skills they will think are cool? A few knots, twigs, and twine, then you and the girls are on your way to having fun making tables and some gadgets from camping.

Lake Ecology

Every wonder what lives in Shadow Lake? Learn how to do "Bug Picking" and how to identify the bugs you find. You will also log what you find in iNaturalist to help us keep track of our lake Ecology.

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Look Wider Still: Troop Travel, Destinations, & Global Action

Learn about the amazing experiences and resources available to all Girl Scouts who have a hankering for adventure and an interest in learning about others. The Global Action Team will share all the latest information about the patch program, Global Girl Scout, which was designed to help prepare your girls to live successfully within our global society. The team will talk about troop travel, The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), getaways and destinations, Global Action Days, and more.

Making Multi Level Troops Work

Volunteers become engaged with multi-level troops for many reasons. Perhaps a troop leader or family has daughters in different grade levels. Or perhaps the Community or school just isn't large enough to support multiple troops. Many times older girls (Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors) choose to participate in one combined troop because their individual troops would be very small. Whatever the reason, multilevel troops may serve a purpose that meets the needs of the volunteers and girls in some communities. Multi-level troops can be a great experience for both the girls and the adults involved and also come with their own unique challenges

Mental Health Matters

Mental Wellness fun patches remind us we are not alone when it comes to facing our emotions and teach you self-care practices, such as exploring feelings and active listening. Want to learn more about girls' mental wellbeing but not sure where to start? This training and resources from our mental health partners will give you the tools you need to begin your journey.

Nature Journaling

When we go out into the world to experience nature, a field journal can be a handy tool to bring along. In this workshop we will guide participants through several approaches to keeping a nature journal, with writing, sketching, phenology calendars, and more. If you're looking to stretch your creativity and deepen your connection to nature, this class is for you!

Nature Walk Plant & Tree ID

Have you ever been on a nature hike and wanted to be able to identify trees and plants for your troop? If your answer is yes then this is the class for you!

Neurodivergent

Inclusion is, and always has been, a cornerstone of Girl Scouting. Inclusion honors each girl's uniqueness and benefits everyone. But, sometimes it can be tricky for leaders to know how to accommodate troop activities for girls with differences. Whether you have girls in your troop who are differently abled, have learning differences, autism, or other special needs, this class will provide you with information on how to meet their needs, celebrate diversity, and keep girls involved in Girl Scouts.

Orienteering 101

Orienteering is the sport of navigation, using a highly detailed map. Whether you're an experienced hiker, competitive runner, or just a family or group out for an activity in a park, this sport helps you improve your navigation each time. In this introductory class, we will cover the basics of using a navigation compass to accurately navigate. Plus learn a few games to teach your girls how to use a compass

Orienteering 102

Orienteering can gradually build your map-reading skills from exploring a local city park full of obvious structures to navigating remote terrain with few, if any, man-made features. In this hands-on training, you will learn the basics of reading a topographical map, learn and practice how to use a base plate compass, how to take a bearing and measure a bearing on a map, be introduced to a sighting compass, and learn how to plot a simple course for girls to follow.

Outdoor Cooking (Box Oven)

Ready to push your outdoor cooking skills to the next level? In this session, you will make a box oven, and then make some yummy dishes in it! You'll leave with lots of tasty new ideas for you and your girls.

Outdoor Cooking (Dutch Oven)

Dutch ovens are the camp cooks best friend! You can cook, sauté and bake in your dutch oven. A dutch oven is standard equipment in most GSSJC kitchen units and they are large enough to feed everyone at the same time! Learn the ins and outs of how to use & care for dutch ovens. So, bring your mess kit, a drink, and healthy appetite, and let's cook the dutch oven way!

Outdoor Cooking (One Pot Meal)

This class is geared toward troops who want to provide hot, nutritious, tasty, and quick meals for their busy troops. The meals from this class allow for girl participation and will get the leader out of the kitchen and into the fun.

Partnering with Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

This training is highly recommended for NEW leaders working with Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador program levels or leaders moving to Cadette leadership. Gain insight on how girls this age think, guide them in girl planning, and when to step back so girls can develop leadership skills. Discover ways to become teen savvy, how to talk to girls about the 3T's (Touchy Teen Topics), and the importance of maintaining confidentiality with troop members. Registration available in gsEvents

Partnering with Girl Scout Juniors

Adults new to the Junior leadership role are encouraged to attend this course. This course is designated to provide specifies on working with girls in in the fourth and fifth grades. It includes various forms of troop government, characteristics of the girls, the girl/adult partnership, tips on girl planning, and more. Registration available in gsEvents.

Resume Tips for Volunteers

Did you realize your Girl Scouts volunteerism can be a valuable addition to your resume? Learn how to best reflect your skills and experience in this informational workshop. Bring a copy of your resume for personal review session with GSSJC's Human Resources team.

Rhythm Sticks

You and your troop can have fun using broom sticks and poles to create rhythmic sounds and movements.

Setting Up a Rustic Campsite

Are your girls ready to camp of council property? First, we'll discuss site selection, essential gear, and preparation, then we'll dig into hands-on practice with shelters, sleeping systems, critter-proof kitchen setup, storage, bathroom facilities, and Leave No Trace principles. You'll leave eager to put your new skills to use and excited to plan more adventures!

STEAM

Girls push boundaries, test limits and look at the world around them with inquisitive eyes. They're natural scientists! Girl Scouts introduces girls of every age to science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) experiences relevant to everyday life. Whether they're discovering how a car's engine runs, learning to manage finances, or exploring careers in STEAM fields, girls are fast-forwarding into the future

Troop Budgeting & Money Management

Are troop finances and budgeting a mystery to you? This course will provide basic information to help you and the girls manage the troop account and budget for planned activities. You will also get information on when and how you can apply for money-earning activities, solicit troop donations, or supply documentation related to a volunteer grant from an employer, and how to stay in good standing with the Council as a leader/advisor.

First-Aid Tips for Troops

It's time to start planning all the wonderful activities your troop will do this year! Remember, at least one volunteer must serve as the troop first aider for all activities away from your regular meeting. Not all first-aid training is the same, so we've provided some tips on selecting a training that works for the



volunteer(s) in your troop and fulfills GSSJC requirements.

- GSSJC routinely offers first-aid training provided by our Red Cross certified instructors. The majority of these trainings are 'blended' meaning that a portion of the training is completed online ahead of the in-person training portion. GSSJC offers these courses at an affordable and competitive rate, and classes can fill up quickly.
- GSSJC has a vetted list of courses listed by certifying organization to help you choose a class that works for your schedule. Search first-aid courses accepted by GSSJC" on the GSSJC website.
- Volunteers may also find free or discounted first-aid certification offered by local hospitals or fire stations. It never hurts to call and ask if any classes are scheduled and if they meet the GSSJC requirements.
- Some communities offer training to their members. Check with other troop leaders, a Community Service Team or a volunteer experience manager to see if any trainings are coming up.
- Some medical licenses (in combination with current CPR/ AED certification) can serve as a first aider for your troop.
 See Safety Activity Checkpoints for a full list of equivalent licenses.

Please note two important distinctions for required first-aid training:

- The training must include a demonstration of skills. A training that is completely online will not suffice for GSSJC first-aid requirements.
- Training must include adult and pediatric CPR, first aid, and AED. It is wise to confirm with the instructor that these elements will all be covered when registering for training.

Remember to include the troop first-aid volunteer when planning activities and creating Emergency Action Plans. Review Safety Activity Checkpoints to ensure girls' safety for each planned activity.

First-Aid Instructor Training

GSSJC is seeking instructors for first aid/CPR/AED. This course will train instructor candidates to teach basic-level American Red Cross first-aid, CPR, and AED courses. To participate in this course, you must possess a current basic-level American Red Cross first-aid/CPR/AED (or higher level) certification or equivalent. This is a blended learning course consisting of online content, a skills session, and classroom segments. Online material must be completed prior to attending the classroom activities.

This course is offered at a significantly reduced rate with the expectation that instructors will serve twice per year at GSSJC council-offered training courses. A schedule of upcoming offerings will be provided at training to sign up for dates to instruct.

Who: Adults

When: Sept. 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Where: Girl Scout Center, Houston

Cost: \$125 per adult

Contact: Dejah Covick, 713-292-0300,

customerservice@sjgs.org

Wilderness and Remote First-Aid Training

Designed for leaders, outdoor enthusiasts, and anyone who works or spends time in remote environments, this course teaches advanced skills to be used in emergencies when help from professional first responders may be far away. All meals on Saturday; breakfast and lunch on Sunday are included. Must hold a current first-Aid/CPR/AED certification.

Who: Adults

When: Oct. 25, 6 p.m. to Oct. 27 at 2 p.m.

Where: Adult Training Center, Camp Agnes Arnold

Cost: \$150 per adult

Contact: Dejah Covick, 713-292-0300,

customerservice@sjgs.org

Troop "To Dos"

Check out this handy list of "to-dos" for the fall. **To DO:**

- ☐ Check in with troop member girls and adults and confirm membership renewal by Sept. 30.
- For GIRLS: obtain updated F-185 Girl Medical Form, F-1157 Assumption of Risk, and F-204 Permission slips for your new meeting year.
- ☐ For Adults: obtain F-22 Adult Emergency slips, F-1157 Assumption of Risk, and updated copies of certifications from volunteers, as needed.
- ☐ Engage girls in planning their Girl Scout year! Leave some room in the calendar for new interests and activities.
- ☐ Check your myGS roster for any expiring volunteer background checks and send reminders to volunteers who need to renew their background checks.
- ☐ Start a new F-31A Troop Finance Report tracking sheet for income and expenses.
- ☐ Recruit a Troop Fall Product manager

Troop Volunteer Trainings

We value our volunteers and know that providing great learning opportunities is key to your success in Girl Scouts. Here you will find a schedule of upcoming training opportunities, both in-person and virtual, as well as descriptions of self-paced training available to volunteers in gsLearn. For in-person and virtual training, registration end dates are final. For questions about troop volunteer training, please contact Dejah Covick, dcovick@sjgs.org or 713-292-0254.

Schedule at a Glance:

Date	Course	Registration Ends	Prerequisite	Location
Self-paced	Volunteer Basics	-	*	gsLearn
Self-paced	GSUSA's New Leader Onboarding Series			gsLearn
Self-paced	Youth Protection Training Level 1			gsLearn
Self-paced	Youth Protection Training Level 2		Youth Protection 1	gsLearn
Self-paced	Camping and Overnight Basics (COB)		Volunteer Basics	gsLearn
Sept. 7	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Aug. 25	Online Coursework	GSC
Sept. 14	Volunteer Camper Certification	Sept. 2	COB	ATC
Sept. 15	New Leader Sundae	Sept. 8		Virtual
Oct. 5	Daisy Brownie Program Leadership	Sept. 29		Virtual
Oct. 6	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Sept. 22	Online Coursework	Casa Mare
Oct. 15	Partnering with Girl Scout Juniors	Oct. 8		Virtual
Oct. 19	Volunteer Camper Certification	Oct. 6	COB	ATC
Oct. 20	New Leader Sundae	Oct. 21		Virtual
Oct. 25	Wilderness and Remote First Aid	Oct. 13	First Aid	ATC
Oct. 29	Partnering with Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassador	s Oct. 22		Virtual
Nov. 8-Nov.	10 Fall Volunteer Conference (FVC)	Oct. 18		Agnes Arnold
Nov. 8	Volunteer Camper Certification (at FVC)	Oct. 27	COB	ATC
Nov. 8	First Aid CPR/AED Blended (at FVC)	Oct. 27	Online Coursework	Agnes Arnold
Nov. 10	First Aid CPR/AED Blended (at FVC)	Oct. 27	Online Coursework	Agnes Arnold
Nov. 17	New Leader Sundae	Nov. 11		Virtual
Nov. 23	Volunteer Camper Certification	Nov. 10	COB	Lake Jackson
Dec. 7	Youth Mental Health First Aid	Nov. 22	Online Coursework	Virtual
Dec. 7	Volunteer Camper Certification	Nov. 24	COB	ATC
Dec. 8	Daisy Brownie Program Leadership VIRTUAL	Dec. 1		Virtual
Dec. 12	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Dec. 1	Online Coursework	GSC
Dec. 14	Partnering with Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassador	s Dec. 9		Virtual
Dec. 14	Partnering with Juniors VIRTUAL	Dec. 9		Virtual
Dec. 15	New Leader Sundae	Dec. 9		Virtual
Jan. 11	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Dec. 30	Online Coursework	GSC
Jan. 12	New Leader Sundae	Jan. 5		Virtual
Jan. 18	Winter Train-In (NEW!)	Jan. 5		Casa Mare
Jan. 25	Volunteer Camper Certification	Jan. 12	COB	ATC
Feb. 8	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Jan. 26	Online Coursework	GSC
Feb. 15	Volunteer Camper Certification	Feb. 2	COB	ATC
March 8	Volunteer Camper Certification	Feb. 23	COB	WPines
March 9	New Leader Sundae	March 2		Virtual
March 22	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	March 9	Online Coursework	GSC
April 22	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	April 8	Online Coursework	GSC
April 26	Daisy Brownie Program Leadership VIRTUAL	April 20		Virtual
May 3	First Aid CPR/AED Blended	April 20	Online Coursework	GSC
May 17	Volunteer Camper Certification	May 5	COB	ATC



Camping and Overnight Basics (COB)

Camping and Overnight Basics is an online course that certifies, registered background checked adults to lead camping and overnight trips for their troop. After taking this course you'll be qualified to rent units at camp, lead overnight trips with the troop, and help your girls make the most out of their camp experience. Available online in gsLearn

Daisy Brownie Program Leadership

This course is designed for leaders who are new to the troop leadership role working or new to working with girls grades K-3 (in the Daisy or Brownie program levels). Participants can see the progression in characteristics of each age group and learn about earned awards, troop governance, field trips & service project readiness, ceremonies, the girl/adult partnership, tips on girl planning, and more with the use of available badge and journey resources. Registration available in gsEvents

First Aid CPR/AED Blended

Blended Learning First Aid/AED/CPR training comprises both online study and in-person skills demonstration. This Red Cross training certifies for infant through adult. Participants must complete both parts to receive their certification. You must complete the online portion, approximately 2-4 hours of training prior to attending the in-person skills demonstration. There are videos to complete and an online manual. Registration available in gsEvents

GSUSA's New Leader Onboarding Series

In this series of self-paced trainings, learn what Girl Scouts do, how to engage families in troop activities and walks through your first troop meeting. Available online in gsLearn

New Leader Sundaes: Café's 1-3

Get a jump start on your next learning level as a new leader with these three trainings, all in one afternoon: Welcome to Our Community, Troop Finances 101 and Recruiting a Troop Committee. You'll be ready for your first meeting with Girl Scout families after this virtual meeting with other leaders who are just getting started, and our experienced facilitators, there to answer your questions. Registration available in gsEvents

Partnering with Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

This training is highly recommended for NEW leaders working with Cadette, Senior and Ambassador program levels or leaders moving to Cadette leadership. Gain insight on how girls this age think, guide them in girl planning and when to step back so girls can develop leadership skills. Discover ways to become teen savvy, how to talk to girls about the 3T's (Touchy Teen Topics) and the importance of maintaining confidentiality with troop members. Registration available in gsEvents

Partnering with Girl Scout Juniors

Adults new to the Junior leadership role are encouraged to attend this course. This course is designated to provide specifics on working with girls in grades 4-5. It includes various forms of troop government, characteristics of the girls, the girl/adult partnership, tips on girl planning and more. Registration available in gsEvents

Volunteer Basics

The "basics" of being a volunteer in Girl Scouts of San Jacinto. The four modules of this training cover Safety Basics, Troop/Group Basics, Financial Basics and DEIB. This training is required for all new leaders, and recommended for any volunteer. Available online in gsLearn

Volunteer Camper Certification (VCC)

After this hands-on learning experience you'll be ready to get your girls outdoors and be able to support their camp planning activities safely and confidently. Participate in four different outdoor cooking methods, outdoor ceremonies, campfire basics and more. It also prepares you for cooking in a safe, efficient way and develop other basic outdoor skills. Most importantly, you will leave ready to apply what you have learned in both courses (this and the prerequisite) to help the girls plan camping activities. Prerequisite: Camping and Overnight Basics

(COB). Registration available in gsEvents.

Wilderness and Remote First Aid (WaRFA)

Designed for leaders, outdoor enthusiasts and anyone who works or spends time in remote environments, this course teaches advanced skills to be used in emergencies when help from professional first responders may be far away. Must hold a current First Aid CPR/AED certification. Registration available in gsEvents.

Youth Mental Health First Aid VIRTUAL

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. Youth Mental Health First Aid is primarily designed for adults who regularly interact with young people. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations. Topics covered include anxiety, depression, substance use, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders (including AD/HD), and eating disorders. Registration available in gsEvents.

Youth Protection Level 1

Learn how to recognize the different signs of abuse and neglect, and how to be proactive to prevent child abuse. This course is required for ALL volunteers working with girls. Available online in gsLearn

Youth Protection Level 2

Overnight activities bring a new set of circumstances for youth protection. This course is a deeper dive into the definitions, signs and symptoms of abuse as well as reporting and protecting yourself while volunteering with youth. This course is required for all volunteers attending overnights and/or camping with girls. Available online in gsLearn

Philanthropy

GSSJC provides opportunities to empower ALL girls!

This year, 168 girls in our Girl Scout Outreach program attended a SPARK weekend event. The girls had a barrel of fun doing camp activities like archery, team-building, and making everyone's favorite camp snack – smores! In two days, they made memories that will last a lifetime.

Our council created the outreach program to serve girls who live in underserved communities, where it can be challenging to form traditional Girl Scout troops due to the lack of volunteer support, transportation, and limited financial resources. This program, led by staff members, offers girls a chance to become stronger and more confident in a secure environment.

SPARK weekends are one of many Girl Scouting events girls in the outreach program look forward to participating in each year. SPARK weekend events take place at one of our eight camp properties. They introduce girls to the outdoors through our camp programs. Our camp programs increase girls' confidence, nurture their interest in the natural world, and provide them with exciting adventures in an environment that promotes belonging and sisterhood.

With your generous support, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council can ensure every girl in our region has access to Girl Scout programming and outdoor experiences that help them build confidence, courage, and character.

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Scrapbook

Send your photos to communications@sjgs.org. Put your troop number in the subject line.



Girls from Troop 136001 and Juliette Sofie volunteered for a GSSJC recruitment event at Ingrando Park.



Ambassador Rebecca D. represented GSSJC at the HISD Board community engagement and shared her Girl Scout journey along with donating cookies to the HISD board members.



Troop 586 decorated hundreds of bags and 108 emergency meals for Kids Meals Houston.



Troop 151127 had an overnight experience at The Houston Interactive Aquarium and Animal Reserve. They had one-on-one interactions with a giraffe, lemurs, an ant eater, porcupine, a sloth, an armadillo, a snake, an ostrich, tons of birds, a mini pony, alpaca and even a cockatoo that danced with them! This was an AMAZING experience for the troop, it was definitely a core memory that the girls will never forget!









Troop 1060207 Daisies did a great job representing Girl Scouts of San Jacinto for their very first Walkabout Weekend! Pictured: Kennedy B., Juliana T., Ada D., Justine G.



Troop 127018 has been busy! Their Black History Month celebration included the girls from our multi-level troop each dressing up as a Black Historical figure and then presenting to the troop who they chose and why they chose them. Then, the Juniors led presentations on the National Pan Hellenic Council and the history of Soul Food. The soul food history included not only a background on menu items of cultural significance but also an in-person taste testing. The girls enjoyed a delicious soul food spread prepared by the volunteer parents to get a taste of culture.



Troop 127018 participated in the MLK Parade on Feb. 17 and were real 'troopers' in the weather. They enjoyed marching in the parade, listening to the bands, and waving to the fans that day in honor of Martin Luther King. They also got a chance to meet a lot of other participating organizations and gain exposure in the local community.



South Bridge Community hosted a Silver Tea for all Silver Award recipients. There were girls from Troop 145001, Troop 4020 and Troop 21220. Along with the Silver Award Pin, the girls received a pearl bracelet with a special daisy charm in recognition of our founder Juliette Low. They wore fascinators and enjoyed the meal and the different types of teas.



Troop 114155 had a neat experience at Kroger selling cookies today! A customer with a parrot was a first for their troop!



South Bridge Community had a Black History Month program.



Girls from homeschool Troop 111105 celebrated the first day of spring by volunteering at the Coastal Prairie Conservancy out in Waller.



As a thank you to the homeowners association for allowing the troop to use the clubhouse for meetings and supporting by purchasing cookies, Troop 149093 built a free library.



Troop 4343 had a great cookie season.



Annabelle from Troop
132312 met her amazing goal of 2,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies! Eight cases of these she collected to donated to Texas Children's Hospital.





Troop 136001 participated in the Mardi Gras Galveston Uptown Funky Umbrella Brigade Parade. They also made 200 Valentine's cards for residents at a senior apartments. Above, they enjoyed the Galveston Bay House and made bird feeders for their senior friends.





Lauren A., Kymmi D., and Addison S. of Troop 114182 with the mural piece of their Silver Award Project. The Crabdettes created an ocean mosaic from recycled plastic bottle caps collected from Girl Scout campers at Northampton Day Camp and members of Klein United Methodist Church. The mural is hanging in the lodge of Casa Mare with educational information about their project.



Brownies and Juniors from homeschooler Troop 111105 worked together to complete the Outdoor Art badges at a recent meeting



Troop 147094 along with Junior Aides from Troop 146145 went to the Houston Humane Society to visit with the animals and make a charitable donation with troop funds earned through cookie sales.



Trailblazers of the Dickinson/
League City area, prepared and
hosted a community Easter Egg
Hunt for the Space City Cruisers
Car Show Easter Weekend. The
show had 277 cars entered and
countless spectators. The girls
stuffed a total 1200 eggs along with
4 golden eggs and 3 levels of prizes
for each age group. The girls were
also responsible for roping off the
designated space, placing signs



around the event for advertisement and directions, loading the field for each age group, presenting prizes and then ensuring the field was trash free and returned to its original state.



Annabelle of Troop 132312 was a cookie boss and made her goal of 2,000 boxes. Eight cases of those were packages she collected to donated to Texas Children's Hospital.



Some of the girls from homeschool Troop 111105 earned the First Aid badge while visiting the Cypress Fire Station.



Girls from Troops 143016, 143017, 143018, 143127, 143163, 143061, 143027, 143091, and 143114 worked on this rainbow mural made of recycled bottle caps and lids at World Thinking Day this year. It was displayed at the Friendswood Public Library for Earth Day.



Isabella M. had the help of the Buffalo Trail Community in creating a "Sensory Garden" within the Molly Pryor Orchard as part of her Gold Award Project. More than 100 new trees and plants were planted. As part of the project, the girls and adults celebrated the life of eternal Buffalo Trail Girl Scout Sister Madison Joiner (2001-2023), who now has a beautiful Thundercloud Plum growing in her name.

Be a National Delegate

The 2026 Girl Scout Convention will take place in Washington, DC, from July 20 – July 25, 2026. This marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America and it is an incredible moment in Girl Scout history.

The 2026 Girl Scout Convention will consist of two events, starting with our 57th National Council Session (NCS), where delegates will meet to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement. NCS will be followed by a multi-day experience with action-packed programming where girls can connect, discover, and embrace the true spirit of Girl Scouting.

Our Council seeks applicants for the role of National Delegate. National Delegates will influence important decisions that will guide Girl Scouting for years to come. If you think you meet the following criteria, we would love to review your application:

- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Experience and/or interest in policy-influencing and policy-making positions.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the workings of Girl Scout councils and the Movement.
- Ability to analyze issues from a national as well as a council perspective. National Council actions and decisions have Movement-wide implications.
- Commitment to attending council and GSUSA training sessions to be as informed as possible about the issues and democratic
 process utilized at the National Council Session.
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council and to educate council members about the decisions made. Former delegates shared their excitement to serve. Adult delegate Janet Jaime shared "As an adult delegate I was excited to connect with fellow Girl Scouts and gain new insights and have some fun. I knew this was an opportunity I did not want to miss. I was so impressed with how well the Girl delegates presented themselves and carried out the business of the meetings. As a delegate, I enjoyed receiving valuable information, networking, and engaging in a renewed sense of purpose for what Girl Scouts is all about."

Girl Delegate, Lily Raab states, "I had the opportunity to travel to Orlando, Florida along with seven other girl delegates for the National Council Session. I got to meet delegates from around the US and US territories during our stay at Walt Disney World. My personal highlights were meeting all of our GSSJC Council delegates, learning about Girl Scout governance, and buying my own Mickey Mouse ears. This experience taught me about the importance of listening to different viewpoints and voting for the motions that I thought would benefit the future of Girl Scouting. I got to meet many people from diverse backgrounds and hear their Girl Scout story. It was a fantastic experience and I would highly encourage both girls and adults to apply to be delegates for the next Council session in 2026."

We hope you will consider the opportunity to serve as a National Delegate for the 2026 Girl Scout Convention. You will find the application in the forms section of the GSSJC Website. Completed applications are due no later than September 30, 2024 via email to mhardy@sjgs.org or postal submission to Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098.













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