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Troop #140164 delivered Cookies4Heroes to several places including the Houston Police. See more Scrapbook photos on page 41.

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Marguerite Woung-Chapman
Chair of the Board and
President of the Council

From the TOP



Who's up for fresh adventures? Who's ready for the return of Girl Scout activities like camping, badge workshops, and more? Are those the sounds of a new membership year I hear? The answers are me, me and yes!! I'm so happy to welcome you back to a new membership year - and I can think of at least two reasons this will be a membership year like no other.

First, after our long pandemic-induced hibernation, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council has fully returned to its traditional way of doing things. We can safely enjoy troop activities, events, the outdoors, and more in person. And most importantly, Girl Scouts can get back to having fun, making friends, and exploring all that is around the corner. We

know that girls continue to need a sense of community, and Girl Scouts can offer that sense of community. We have a plethora of opportunities for you to engage with other girls, learn new skills, and make a difference in the world. I can't wait to see what you discover this membership year.

Second, it's our 100th birthday this year! What an impressive milestone, especially when you think about the hundreds of thousands of girls who have gained courage, confidence, and character as GSSJC Girl Scouts. It takes strong, enthusiastic leadership, both past and present, to sustain an organization for a century. I'm so grateful for our current CEO Mary Vitek and her steady hand over the years and for our amazing board of directors who do all they can to support our mission. I'm so proud to serve this council as president and chair of the GSSJC Board of Directors.

Let us come together to celebrate our council! I want to invite all of you to the Celebration of the Century on Dec. 3. Our anniversary committee has spent the year planning this exciting event, so I know it will be an amazing affair. In addition to the event, all Girl Scouts - girls and adults - can earn our 100th Anniversary patch by watching a video about the council's history. The video is on the council's YouTube page. You will find more details in this issue of *The Golden Link*.

Being able to celebrate 100 years and participate in the entire Girl Scout experience wouldn't be possible without our volunteers and donors who make Girl Scouting a reality for all girls in our community. Your time and talent will change girls' lives and help them succeed at home, at school, and in our communities. Our volunteers are crucial to our programming success. Girls depend on you for support and guidance during their Girl Scout journey to become confident leaders. As we welcome you back for another year, know that we will continue to build and perfect the resources you need. We know these resources are necessary for you to be successful. We appreciate all that our community leaders, troop leaders, and our new and experienced volunteers do. Thank you for coming back.

Enjoy the fall season and our new council membership year!

Shop Hours

- PP for Girls**
3000 Southwest Freeway, Houston
713-292-0247
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Imperial Valley**
15800 Imperial Valley Dr., Houston
281-447-8870
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Lufkin**
1202 College Drive, Lufkin
936-634-4688
Tues. and Thurs. 10 - 5 p.m.
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700 North Street, Suite F,
Beaumont
409-832-0556 Ext. 1500
Tues. to Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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24 hr. notice on orders by email to
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713-292-0247
531 FM 359 South,
Brookshire
- Stafford**
12300 Parc Crest, Ste 170, Stafford
281-670-5982
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Bay Area**
1300 A Bay Area Blvd., Ste. 106,
Houston
281-282-6077
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Cypress/Jersey Village**
19708 Northwest Freeway, Suite
100, Jersey Village
346-818-3227
Tues. - Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

All shops will be closed Dec. 3 to attend the 100th year celebration event at Treelake. Join us there!

New! Please call the shops 24 hours in advance to make a reservation if you want to shop Tuesday-Thursday between 5 - 6 p.m. Westside excluded.

New Leader Must-Knows!

Are you a new Girl Scout leader? Here are some things you need to know for the next few months:

- 1 Complete New Leader Onboarding.** Complete your background check and be on the lookout for emails with next steps!
- 2 Activate your access to your MYGS tab.** Here you can manage your membership, troop information, access gsLearn, and the Volunteer Toolkit and register for upcoming activities.
- 3 Complete required troop leader training.** Volunteer Basics is available online by logging into your MYGS account at gssjc.org, then selecting gsLearn.
- 4 Introduce yourself by email or phone and invite each member to a family meeting.** It's important for families to be involved in supporting the Girl Scout troop. Contact information for each girl registered in the troop is available through the MYGS tab under Troop Member.
- 5 Connect with your Girl Scout Community.** Attend a New Leader Café and get to know other leaders!

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 they are uncertain about what 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 2021-June 2022. 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 130407

- Troop leader: Kelsey Hurych
- Level: Cadettes
- Community: Golden Coast
- Meeting frequency: Every week
- Number of members: Nine

Year-at-a-glance:

- September: Think Like a Programmer Journey.
- October: Finished Think Like a Programmer and completed Comic Artist workshop.
- November: Silver Award discussions.
- December: Christmas party with Graham cracker house decorating activity.
- January: Cookie sale prep.
- February: World Thinking Day event and cookie sales.
- March: Silver Award submissions.
- April: Planned a field day for younger girl (sister) troop.
- May: Completed the video game design badge.
- June: Some girls helped with planning for twilight camp in July.



What was your troop’s favorite activity?

Planning and hosting the field day event for the little girls.

What activity allowed the girls to grow and get out of their comfort zone?

Silver Award planning.

What one activity would your troop recommend other girls at your program level to complete?

Planning and executing a troop meeting for a younger girl troop.

What is one thing your troop is excited about doing in the 2022-2023 membership year?

Planning a primitive camping trip.



Troop 106234

- Troop leader: Michel Schultz
- Level: Juniors
- Community: Spring Creek Trails CMU 006
- Meeting frequency: Twice a month
- Number of members: Eight

Year-at-a-glance:

- September: Earned new Shapes and Numbers in Nature badges, Fall Product sales.
- October: Fall campout at Misty Meadows Ranch, horseback riding and archery, competed in Spring Creek Trails Juliette Gordon Low Derby, made Breakfast Bags (Meals for Wheels) in honor of Juliette Gordon Low's birthday.
- November: Gem and Mineral Show Badge workshop, Troop Thanksgiving meeting earned Social Butterfly badge.
- December: Troop holiday party: stuffed stockings for nursing home seniors and completed holiday-style Think Like an Engineer activities and completed Cookie Collaborator badge.
- January: Hosted a Daisy troop to earn a Journey, earned their Junior Aide Bar, and attended Junior Gymkhana at Misty Meadows Ranch. The girls got to try out vaulting!
- February: Spring Creek Trails World Thinking Day Event, wrote Valentines for veterans, and worked on GSUSA World Thinking Day Award.
- March: Entertainment Technology badge, celebrated Girl Scout Birthday Week, lots of cookie booths.
- April: Campout at Camp Pryor participating in archery, finished Outdoor Journey, earned the S'more about GSSJC Council patch.
- May: Completed Get Moving Journey and Geocaching badge.
- June: Bench installations and Bridging to Cadettes.



What was your troop's favorite activity and why?

Our camping trips, where the girls got to horseback ride and spend time together.

What activity allowed the girls to grow and get out of their comfort zone?

Their Girl Scout Bronze Award project choice. It took a lot of energy and perseverance. Several girls had to find their voice in speaking on school announcements and asking local businesses to help them collect lids and caps.

What one activity would your troop recommend other girls at your program level to complete?

Horseback riding (and vaulting, if available!).

What is one thing your troop is excited about doing in the 2022-2023 membership year?

More camping. They girls would like to stay at least once at every GSSJC camp property!



Additional Activities completed: Troop chose a Girl Scout Bronze Award project in November 2021, and then from November- April 2022, the girls collected, cleaned, sorted, and weighed more than 300 pounds of lids and caps that were turned into plastic lumber for three sustainable green benches that will be installed at a local park.

Troop 130054

- Troop leader: Melissa Page
- Level: Multi-level
- Community: Golden Coast 30, Region 10
- Meeting frequency: Once or twice a month depending on the girls' extracurricular activities.
- Number of members: Eight

Year-at-a-glance:

The troop held all its meeting in the troop leader's backyard. The troop began meeting like this when they were Juniors and it continued in this manner. We prefer to be outdoors

- October: We started meeting again in October 2021. We had a tea party to celebrate the girls completing their Gold Scout Silver Award and then the girls started planning out the year for what they wanted to do.
- November: In the troop leader's backyard, the girls worked on all camp cooking skills and the proper Girl Scout way of fire building, incorporating badge work with it all. The girls really loved this, and it was a huge confidence builder.
- December: We had a Christmas party with a silly sock exchange.
- February: The troop did badge work involving the Girl Scout Way, patriotism, and anything involving positive body imaging.
- March: The troop watched a video on orientation and expectations for the Gold Award and all eight girls want to complete this highest award. The troop also took a field trip to participate in The Home Depot /GSUSA Build a Better Future program building ADA compliant picnic tables.
- April: The troop presented the Colors at the Annual Meeting, then went and shot archery, canoed, camp cooked, and peacefully slept at Camp Silver Springs.
- June - July: The troop participated in the Golden Coast's Community twilight camp earning service hours by helping the younger Girl Scouts and leaders with this event, completing Journeys, submitting paperwork for Girl Scout Gold Award approval.



What was your troop's favorite activity? There are a lot - whitewater rafting, camping, canoeing, archery, hiking, and horseback riding. The girls liked really anything related to being outdoors.

What activity allowed the girls to grow and get out of their comfort zones:
Completing the Girl Scout Silver Award.

What one activity would your troop recommend other girls at your program level to complete?
The girls completing Journeys needed to begin the Gold Award process.

What is one thing your troop is excited about doing in the 2022 - 2023 membership year?
Gaining approval to begin and complete their Gold Award.



What is your troop excited about doing this year? Be sure to share your photos on our social media!



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Troop Makes Pets a Priority in Animal Adventures Project for Bronze Award

Whenever the Girl Scouts in Troop 114182 plan an activity, they always focus on animals. They recently channeled their passion for animals into collecting hundreds of pounds of pet food and making cat beds. The troop donated all the items to a local animal shelter during the pandemic to earn a Girl Scout Bronze Award. “Our girls are always obsessed with animals,” said troop leader Amanda Shinn, who co-leads with Kristin Ali. “They’re always like, ‘What can we do with animals?’”

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. Girls must spend up to 20 hours working on a community issue that is deeply important to them. After choosing an issue, the girls develop a plan, carry it out, and spread the word about their project. In October 2021, the troop participated in the Trunk or Treating community event at Klein United Methodist Church in Spring and requested pet donations instead of handing out candy. The girls' parents helped them advertise their project flyer on social media, and the church volunteered to add the troop's flyer to its advertisement. The girls also asked family and friends to support their project. Donations poured in, filling the back of Amanda's minivan.

Catherine Doyle, a rescue coordinator for the Montgomery County Animal Shelter, said the pet food and cat beds were a godsend. The shelter donated the items to people who need food for their pets or people who foster animals. “You can rest assured that all the food provided went to animals in need, be it a shelter animal or a pet outside of the shelter,” Catherine said. “Thank you for teaching these young ladies to be compassionate toward unwanted animals in Montgomery County.”

But collecting food wasn't the end of the troop's project. The girls combined their passion for animals with their desire to help people, particularly younger Girl Scouts. They created and taught patch programs for Brownies and Daisies, enabling the younger girls to earn their animal patches. The girls researched the patch requirements, and each chose an animal to research and presented their findings to the younger girls.



Tourists Find Pet-friendly Businesses Thanks to Girl Scout Silver Award Project

Girl Scout Rees Runnels loves her hometown and wants to do whatever she can to make it a better place for residents and tourists. So, when she noticed a lot of tourists traveling with pets in downtown Nacogdoches, Rees got busy on a project that would help them find pet-friendly businesses. She created a brochure, a window decal, and a website map to identify these shops and their location.

She teamed up with the local Convention and Visitors Bureau, to help bring her vision to fruition. The CVB placed the Google Map Rees created on its website and rolled out her Pet-Friendly Guide to Downtown Nacogdoches this summer. Rees also collaborated with officials to design a pet-friendly decal that businesses began placing in their windows in July. The window decals include a picture of Charlie Doches, the city's pet ambassador.

Rees earned a Girl Scout Silver Award for her community project. It's the highest award that Cadettes can earn. Girls must spend up to 50 hours on their projects. Girls identify an issue in their community that's important to them, plan and implement the project, and then report the results.

Rees met with the CVB board to present her ideas, citing tourism statistics and information she collected from her online survey of business. She also distributed printouts of the survey to businesses. Next, she created Google Map of pet-friendly businesses. She had used the technology before to create a map of the homes that participated in her family's Christmas lighting contest. The map made it easier to track contestants for judging, so she thought it would also work for her project.

Sherry Morgan is the executive director of Visit Nacogdoches, which is responsible for promoting tourism in the East Texas city. She says Rees' Silver Award project aligned perfectly with the CVB's marketing plan. With the pandemic over, more people are traveling with their pets. Rees' ideas have made touring and shopping downtown easier for visiting pet owners. Business owners are also appreciative because her ideas will draw more customers to their businesses, Sherry said.

Sherry describes Rees as a unique kid. “She is so respectful and a great communicator. She was able to personalize data, and it showed tremendous love for her community. She has a high-level understanding of tourism as an economic driver. The entire board commented on that,” Sherry said.

Nacogdoches is the oldest town in Texas, and tourism is one of its major industries. The city has about 30 businesses in its historic downtown area.



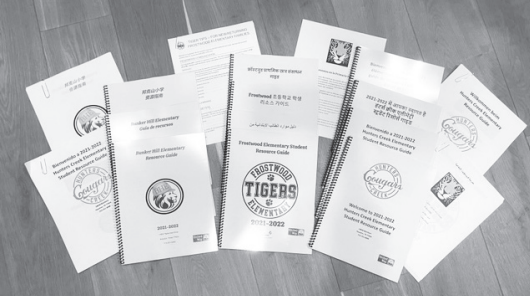
Gold Award Project Helps Non-English Parents Access School Information



Girl Scout Isabella Mendoza has many friends whose parents are from diverse cultures and speak different languages. She has seen firsthand how her friends missed school activities or programs because the school did not provide information in their parents' native languages. To break down these language barriers, Isabella created a parent handbook translated into six languages for Bunker Hill, Frostwood, and Hunters Creek Elementary Schools in the Spring Branch Independent School District.

Isabella earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by helping immigrant parents and their children obtain crucial school information that helps them transition smoothly into a new school or feel more connected at their existing school. The handbook is translated into Spanish, Farsi (Persian), French, Korean, Arabic, and Chinese and includes information about school traditions, policies, events, and activities.

Isabella estimates the project has helped more than 2,000 people because she also created an English handbook. Parents can find the handbook on school websites. School officials also can send it digitally to families or print it for distribution. The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Only Ambassadors and Seniors can earn the award. Girls choose a community issue that is dear to them, and then they must spend at least 80 hours planning, implementing, and sharing their project.



"I've always felt very passionate about inclusivity because my closest friends have told me of their parent's struggle to fit into American traditions as immigrants who cannot speak English that well," Isabella said. "My goal was to make new families and students feel included in all campus activities. I also wanted to create a resource that was easy to use and access."

Before writing the handbook, Isabella spent hours studying information on the school district websites and speaking with school administrators, PTA members, and families in the Spring Branch Independent School District to discuss information they would like to see in the handbook. She also researched the school's website to see what information was available on the site.

Isabella then created a volunteer team of six friends to help her collect and review all the newcomer information materials produced by the school. Next, they checked to make sure all the information was still pertinent before including it in the handbook. Her team members, fluent in different languages, then helped write the handbooks.

Isabella's Gold Award mentor, Bonnie Homier, describes Isabella as a focused, determined young woman. "As she started her project, she experienced roadblocks such as the pandemic and changes in personnel. But being resolute and creative, Isabella learned to keep searching for the right adult in each school and found the understanding and support she needed," Homier said.

After graduating from Memorial High School in 2022, Isabella will attend Rice University to major in Psychology and minor in the study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality.

Service Project Challenge for Our 100th Birthday

Our 100th girl planning board has been busy developing the guidelines for the celebration's service project challenge. We encourage the girls to keep their service project simple.

Guidelines:

1. The girls in the troop should use creativity and leadership to determine what service project to implement to honor GSSJC's 100th Birthday.
2. Projects must benefit someone or something (group, organization, school, etc.) without reward.
3. Troops should incorporate "100" or "birthday" or "anniversary" in their service.
4. Examples of projects using the theme:
 - Celebrate five years as a troop by creating and donating five blankets to The Linus Project.
 - Donate 100 hours of service to an organization (participants X hours = 100), or collect and donate 100 towels to an animal shelter.
 - Recreate a past GSSJC project to celebrate our anniversary such as making breast cancer pillows.
5. Share your project with us in the following way:
On half poster board (cut to 22 X 14) bring to the Celebration of the Century on Dec. 3, 2022. Include troop #, organization served, pictures, an explanation of what you did and how you met the criteria.

And

Send in a report to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ttt6dMcg7eqvYTaAs63AuYYcuVNCEogsFanpUszxmaE/edit>



Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

Celebration of the Century

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DEC. 3

**ALL
DAY
Event**

Camp Arnold
Misty
Meadows
Ranch

ADMIT ONE

You're Invited to Our Birthday Celebration!

Get in the carnival spirit by enjoying a petting zoo, balloon animals, face painting, jugglers, music, cupcakes, and more!



Get your artistic skills in action with many craft stations around camp.

Plus, bring SWAPS to trade!



Scavenger Hunt

Fireworks!



GAMES



Magician and performers
Tons of Inflatables
Rock Wall

Fun Outdoor Activities
Campivities



**Registration is open
Sept. 6-Oct. 31.**

Use QR Code.

Camp reservations open Oct. 7 for those registered for event.



GSSJC 100th









Anniversary Patch Program



In 2022, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto is celebrating 100 years of fabulous experiences for the girls of Southeast Texas. We have created a special patch for girls and adults, which can be earned by watching a video about the council's history on our YouTube channel or scan the QR Code. And then, throughout the year, you can earn charms to attach to your patch. Some charms can be earned by attending an event, but many can be earned on your own and purchased in our shop.



CHARMS

Girls	Adults
Make new friends- invite a girl to join *(+1 charm)	Make new friends- recruit a volunteer/ invite a friend *(+1 charm)
Find something 100 years old in your community 100 charm	Find something 100 years old in your community 100 charm
Attend a council or region event *(silver star charm) 	Volunteer at a council or region event or with a SIG *(silver star charm)
Attend the annual meeting/ ARE *(key charm)	Attend the annual meeting/ ARE *(key charm) 
We want to hear from you! Send a short video about your favorite Girl Scout memory to communications@sjgs.org and you might be featured on our GSSJC social media channels! *(camera charm) 	We want to hear from you! Send a short video about your favorite Girl Scout memory to communications@sjgs.org and you might be featured on our GSSJC social media channels! *(camera charm)
Design a pretend Girl Scout badge for the future *(globe charm) 	Attend an alumni networking event or an adult training *(globe charm)
Go Troop Camping *(tent charm)	Go Troop Camping *(tent charm)
Learn at least 5 things about our council's history either by visiting the museum, speaking with an adult in your community who was a Girl Scout in the 20th Century, or visiting our website. *(teapot charm)	Learn at least 5 things about our council's history either by visiting the museum, speaking with an adult in your community who was a Girl Scout in the 20th Century, or visiting our website. *(teapot charm) 
Participate in the 2022 cookie sale (cookies) * Koala with birthday hat 	Volunteer at a cookie booth or cookie delivery (cookies) * Koala with birthday hat
Service project- collect or donate 100 items if with a troop; 10 if individual girl *(heart charm)	Volunteer at a recruitment event *(heart charm)
To embrace the spirit of giving, make a meaningful donation on behalf of your family to the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Any amount helps support the Girl Scouts mission but consider \$100 for our 100 Year Anniversary! *(\$ sign charm)	To embrace the spirit of giving, make a meaningful donation on behalf of your family to the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council. Any amount helps support the Girl Scouts mission but consider \$100 for our 100 Year Anniversary! *(\$ sign charm)
Learn three Girl Scout songs (music charm)* 	Attend Fall Volunteer Conference
Attend 100th Anniversary event at camp	Attend 100th Anniversary event at camp 
Renew membership or buy new membership *(cupcake charm)	Renew membership or buy new membership *(cupcake charm)

*Notes charms available for purchase in the shop.

Welcome 2022-2023 Community Leadership Team Members!

The following volunteers have been appointed to one of the most respected volunteer positions in the Council – Community Leadership Team member (CLT). A CLT is a coach, team leader, cheerleader, and supervisor. They’re also a sounding board, mediator, planner, and motivator. CLTs direct and coordinate the work of the service team to develop and maintain Girl Scouting in each local community. Each Community can have up to three CLT members who serve a two-year term with a two-term limit.

All CLTs must go through a specific referral, vetting, and training process before being appointed to the role. Volunteers for the position must be recommended by a Community Referral Committee before they can be appointed. The committee consists of local Community volunteers and their staff partner. This committee determines which nominees submitted by troop leaders and other Community volunteers have the best potential. Those prospective CLTs are then vetted to make sure they are members in good standing. After clearing the vetting requirements, CLTs are appointed by their council-wide Community Coordinator. This appointment is contingent upon completing eight hours of specialized CLT training offered over the summer. CLTs who do not attend training cannot hold the role.

The volunteers below deserve a special THANK YOU for agreeing to serve in the Community Leadership role. They are the volunteers who make it possible for other volunteers to contribute effectively. Plus, they are one of our Community’s most valuable resources.

<u>Community</u>	<u>CLT</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>CLT</u>
CMU001 Dogwood Wonders	Wuisayo Kuciemba	CMU029 Way Out West	Karissa “Kit” Kravetz
CMU001 Dogwood Wonders	Jennifer Sample	CMU029 Way Out West	Maura Denman
CMU004 Pine Forest	Farah Couch	CMU030 Golden Coast	Dora Reed
CMU006 Spring Creek Trails	Stella Aselin	CMU030 Golden Coast	Deborah Moore
CMU006 Spring Creek Trails	Michel Schulz	CMU030 Golden Coast	Kelsey Hurych
CMU007 Lone Star Trails	Angela Brown	CMU031 Eastern Thicket	Sandi Caulkins
CMU007 Lone Star Trails	Heather Cataldo	CMU031 Eastern Thicket	Amanda Moreno
CMU008 Woodland Trails	Danysha Woods	CMU031 Eastern Thicket	Melanie Sutton
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CMU009 Heart of Texas	Rachel Brown	CMU032 East Enders	Julie Phillips
CMU009 Heart of Texas	Yvette Freeland	CMU032 East Enders	Melissa McBride
CMU010 Firefly Trails	Patricia Alexander	CMU033 Crystal Cove	Marceline Lamb
CMU011 Wildflowers	Lani Simonton	CMU033 Crystal Cove	Sheri Mitchell
CMU011 Wildflowers	Jill Hornback	CMU033 Crystal Cove	Jennifer Hernandez
CMU011 Wildflowers	Erin Jones	CMU034 Monument	Dessa Parker
CMU012 Cypress Bend	Danyell Schulze	CMU034 Monument	Christine White
CMU012 Cypress Bend	Faith Robbins	CMU034 Monument	Melinda Porter
CMU012 Cypress Bend	Casey Salter	CMU036 Gulf Meadows	Amy Earle
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CMU013 Copper Creek Meadows	Kellie Clann	CMU039 Clear Creek	Tracy Woodard
CMU013 Copper Creek Meadows	Shantaya Moore	CMU039 Clear Creek	Jana Kent
CMU014 Klein Trails	Heather McKenzie	CMU039 Clear Creek	Michele Blanton
CMU014 Klein Trails	Susan Huff	CMU040 Stargazers	Cerissa Abbot
CMU014 Klein Trails	Nicole Forester	CMU040 Stargazers	Raquel Lewis
CMU015 Rainbow Trails	Shannon Hall	CMU043 Shooting Stars	Kathy Johnson-Throop
CMU015 Rainbow Trails	Jennifer Elizalde	CMU043 Shooting Stars	Amy Hamilton
CMU015 Rainbow Trails	Jessica Coberly	CMU043 Shooting Stars	Rebecca Torres
CMU016 Top Flowing Trails	Karen Rexer	CMU044 Lone Stars	Brandy Peltier
CMU016 Top Flowing Trails	Meghan Parker	CMU044 Lone Stars	Christiana Hurd
CMU016 Top Flowing Trails	Alicia Hernandez	CMU044 Lone Stars	Sharon Fagan
CMU017 Emerald Pines	Noreen Wasserman	CMU045 South Bridge	Cheryl Brown
CMU017 Emerald Pines	Rebecca McGovney-Ingram	CMU045 South Bridge	Kaphne Harris
CMU017 Emerald Pines	Ruta Fritz	CMU047 Willow Rock	Paulette Norman
CMU018 Blossom Creek	Alicia Webster	CMU047 Willow Rock	Lolita Murrh
CMU018 Blossom Creek	Laurie Bollom	CMU047 Willow Rock	Lindsey Sen-Roy
CMU018 Blossom Creek	Alysson Proffitt	CMU049 Buffalo Trail	Angela Williams
CMU020 Heritage Trace	Shonte Moore	CMU049 Buffalo Trail	Janet Lovelady
CMU022 Emerald Oaks	Lauren Lindsay	CMU050 Windcatchers	Iona Pollard
CMU022 Emerald Oaks	Kara D'Agostino	CMU051 Brazos Valley	Elizabeth Turner
CMU022 Emerald Oaks	Sol Edwards	CMU052 Lone Star Treasures	Sarah Fornea
CMU023 Bending Bayou	Patricia Rountree	CMU052 Lone Star Treasures	Megha Vyas
CMU023 Bending Bayou	Tiffani Perry	CMU052 Lone Star Treasures	Shannon Keys
CMU025 Tall Pines Hill	Sharon Yacob	CMU053 Yellow Rose	Stephanie Contreras
CMU026 Harmony Creek	Maiella Cunningham	CMU057 Colony Creek	Wendy Rachuk
CMU026 Harmony Creek	Laura Faulkenberry	CMU057 Colony Creek	BJ Bonner
CMU026 Harmony Creek	Silvia Urteaga	CMU058 Trinity Treasures	Tara Jones
CMU027 Island Creek	Jennifer Harris	CMU058 Trinity Treasures	Lakeisha Cecil
CMU027 Island Creek	Malia Ritz	CMU058 Trinity Treasures	Kartika Caddell
CMU027 Island Creek	Dana Skoby		
CMU029 Way Out West	Denise Dibble		

Local Assistant Principal Shares Her Girl Scout Experience With Students

As Amanda Thompson listened to her fifth-grade teacher describe all the fun and exciting activities of Girl Scouting, she knew that she wanted to be a Girl Scout. Amanda had never met a Black Girl Scout in her Conroe community but that didn't stop the 11 year old from joining the largest girl-led organization in the world.

Today, the 33-year-old assistant principal says has no regrets. She learned so many essential life skills during her Girl Scout experience. Plus, she developed character, courage, and confidence - the three C's of Girl Scouting. Amanda enjoys sharing her Girl Scout journey with her elementary school students in northwest Harris County. Her message to them: Don't be afraid to be different. Be the change agent. "Girl Scouts truly didn't see color," Amanda says. "You're a girl, and you're powerful. That's what meant the most to me."



Amanda says Girl Scouts opened many opportunities to explore things outside her norm. She hiked 10 miles for the first time carrying a heavy backpack through the hills of Bastrop, an experience she describes as exciting and rigorous. She also mastered the 5 skills – goal setting, decision-making, people skills, business ethics, and money management - to become a top cookie seller.

The pinnacle of her Girl Scout experience was earning the Gold Award - the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve. Girls who earn the award plan and complete a project to address a community issue. Amanda focused on improving the adoption rates of older children in foster care. She made people

aware that adoption rates of older children are much lower than the rates of younger children by setting up an information booth at a community event.

Amanda says the leadership skills she learned in Girl Scouts helped her in college and her career. She became a fifth-grade teacher in 2012 and received a promotion to assistant principal in 2019. The perseverance and courage she gained from Girl Scouts also helped her survive cancer, says Amanda, who worked while receiving chemotherapy treatments.

Her students are often surprised when she tells them she was a Girl Scout. She likes to show them a 2002 issue of *The Golden Link* magazine. A picture of Amanda and her troop— Troop #8914 – is on the cover. Amanda hopes to inspire her students to be true to themselves and follow their dreams. She also wants the girls to know she will support them on their Girl Scout journey. "I want them to know that no matter what life throws at you, always know you have the endurance and a sister for life. You can do more than what you see and think," Amanda says.

Amanda earned a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Prairie View University and a master's degree in Differentiated Instruction from Concordia University. She is married with two young children.



Volunteers Honored at Ceremony

Congratulations to all this year's Council and National level highest award winners. While some awards have yet to be presented, we would like to acknowledge those who were award at this year's Adult Recognition Ceremony, at end of year events, or in their communities. Thank you for all your hard work in making a difference in the lives of our girls.

<u>Honoree</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Honoree</u>	<u>Award</u>
Keely Kole	Appreciation Pin	Noreen Wasserman	Honor Pin
Melissa Page	Appreciation Pin	Julie Mayer	Honor Pin
Christina Smith	Honor Pin	Julie Mayer	Honor Pin
Michelle McCormick	Honor Pin	Janine Shipman	Appreciation Pin
Long Acres Ranch	Walnut Plaque	Sheryl Graham	Volunteer of Excellence
Mary Lee	Appreciation Pin	Margaret Lincoln	Volunteer of Excellence
Woodland Trails Community	President's Award	Denise Babecki	Volunteer of Excellence
Amanda Heathco	Appreciation Pin	Marceline Lamb	Lifetime Achievement
Michelle Longley	Honor Pin		

Congratulations to all our awardees and to all the volunteers who make this work possible!

Nominate Volunteers for National and Council Awards in time for the April 22, 2023 Adult Recognition Event

Girl Scout volunteers participate in Girl Scouting in many ways. Let's celebrate them! Even though our volunteers are passionate about our mission to empower girls, they appreciate being recognized for their hard work. Tell them, "Thank You." GSSJC offers formal awards for volunteers who go above and beyond the expectations for their role and make significant contributions to our Girl Scout programs and mission. Demonstrate your appreciation through one of the many opportunities below. Information about each award, the criteria, nomination and application forms, and procedures for nominating your deserving volunteers are provided in the next few pages and online in the Adult Recognitions Guide F-183 on the Forms Tab. Save the date for the Adult Recognition event at Camp Agnes Arnold on April 22. Registration will open in January 2023 and will close March 31, 2023.

How to nominate a volunteer

Do you know an outstanding adult or community partner who is deserving of recognition? Use these easy steps below to get started:

1 Obtain the appropriate application form.

A complete nomination packet includes:

- Nomination Application Form for individual, family, or Community partner
- Three letters of endorsement, one from you and two from other current members in good standing
- Volunteer Service Record (F-122), one for each nominated adult. These forms are located in Community files or can be received from the individual volunteer

Find these forms at www.gssjc.org. See helpful tips in our Adult Recognition Guide, F-183.

2 Fill out form completely and accurately.

Make sure you include how long the nominee has served as a GSSJC volunteer and highlight specific contributions. Incomplete packets will not be accepted. An F-122 for nominee is required.

3 Obtain three letters of endorsement.

Write a letter of endorsement and identify two additional registered adults who are in good standing. One may be a staff member who knows the nominee and will agree to write a letter of endorsement. **Hint:** Make sure to include volunteer and staff endorsements that reflect each aspect of the nominee's service (i.e. trainers, community volunteer, council committee). The nominee's volunteer supervisor is a great resource. Self-nomination will not be accepted.

4 Submit a complete nomination packet.

1. Online nomination form is available at gssjc.org/nomination
2. Mail: GSSJC, Adult Recognition Committee, 3110 Southwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77098
3. Email: hweier@sigs.org; if you have any questions, contact volunteer development manager at 713-292-0254

Helpful hints for completing award forms

- Nominations are evaluated by what is written in the letters of endorsement and the candidate's Volunteer Service Record. The nomination should clearly state why the person's work is noteworthy and above and beyond what's expected for the position.
- Include accomplishments specifying the impact on the audience receiving the service. Provide details of accomplishments, not just a list of committees they are involved in.
- Provide specific examples.
- You may submit more than three letters of endorsement for a candidate, especially for the higher-level awards. You may want to ask more than three people for endorsements to ensure you get three back in time for submittal.
- Nominations cannot be considered if candidates have not completed training for positions requiring training.
- Attend Thanks a Million course.
- Refer to Adult Recognition Guide F-183 for more tips.

Deadlines for Awards:

Deadline	Award	Presentation
Aug. 15 – Dec. 15	President's Award	GSSJC Rec. Event
Feb. 15	Council/national awards	GSSJC Rec. Event
March 15	Council/national awards	Community Event
12 weeks prior	Council/national awards	Other events

Submitting F-122s for Adult Recognitions:

The Adult Volunteer Record (F-122) is a REQUIRED document for any adult recognition award nomination. Ideally, volunteer records are collected and compiled by your Girl Scout Community service team. They may also be obtained from any council committee on which that volunteer sits (see the staff partner or chair for that committee), from a fellow volunteer, or if necessary, from the volunteer directly.

National and Council Awards



Appreciation Pin – For the candidate who has provided outstanding service to a geographic area or program delivery audience in a way that furthers the council’s goals. The service goes beyond the expectations for the position. (F-54)



Volunteer of Excellence – Recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through use of the

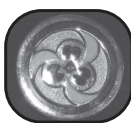
National Program Portfolio or have contributed outstanding service in supporting the council’s mission delivery to girl and adult members. (F-54)



Honor Pin – A candidate who has provided outstanding service in two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences in a way that furthers the council’s goals. The candidate may have already received the Appreciation Pin, but it is not a criteria. The service goes beyond the expectations of the position. (F-54)



Thanks Badge – This award is for the candidate who has provided outstanding service that benefits the total council or entire Girl Scout Movement. Candidate may have already received the Honor Pin or Appreciation Pin, but it is not a criteria. The service goes beyond the expectations of the position. (F-54)



Thanks Badge II – For the candidate *who has already received the Thanks Badge* and 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. The outstanding service benefits the entire council or Girl Scout Movement. (F-54)

Outstanding Leadership Team Pin

This Community award recognizes the outstanding efforts of any troop, special interest group, or pathway leadership team that meets the specific criteria listed on the GSSJC application form, F-335.



Outstanding Volunteer Pin

Intended to recognize contributions above and beyond expectations in Community, Region or special interest group for volunteer roles outside of troop leadership. This one-time award is reviewed by your local service team and fulfilled by Council Volunteer Experience Department.



President’s Award – Recognizes the Community that meets criteria as outlined in the President’s Award application form (F-76) within a geographic area or program delivery team. The Community demonstrates achievement of council goals during a membership year. Documentation and materials supporting the nomination must be included. **Deadline is Dec. 15.**

Ervan Chew Award – Recognizes individuals who demonstrate the values in the GSSJC Pluralism Statement within our community. For adult volunteer, community member, or an 11th or -12th grade Girl Scouts. (Not affiliated with the Ervan Chew Scholarship) **Deadline is Feb. 15, 2023.**



The Key Award – This GSSJC award is for the candidate who has given distinguished service to girls and adults in the council. The service goes beyond the expectations of the position in one membership year. (F-54)



Continuing Service – The award is given to an outstanding volunteer who has received the Thanks Badge and continued to serve our council above and beyond the position(s) they hold. (F-54)



Lifetime Achievement – Awarded to candidate who has received the Thanks Badge II and continued to perform at the same high level for an extended period. The candidate has given outstanding service to our council above and beyond the position(s) held for many years. (F-54)



Family Award – Recognizes adult family members who have contributed above and beyond the expectations of the positions they hold. Family members can include spouses, parent and adult daughter(s), grandparent and adult daughter(s), sisters (adults). (F-57)

Community Awards



Certificate of Appreciation – For a community building, business, church, or non-registered adult who has given service to the council/community for several years. (First level of Community Awards)



Walnut Plaque – For a community building, business or non-registered adult who has given service to the council/community for many years. The candidate may have received the Certificate of Appreciation, but it is not a requirement. (Second level of Community Awards.)



Laser Plaque – For a community building, business, or non-registered adult who has given service to the Council/community for many years. The candidate may have received the certificate of Appreciation and Walnut Plaque, but it is not a requirement. (Third level of Community Awards.)

Membership and Years of Service pins



Membership Numerals – Recognizes the years an adult has been a Girl Scout member (girl plus volunteer adult years). There is a nominal fee for these pins. (F-56)



Years of Service – Recognizes the years an adult has been a registered, active member of Girl Scouts. Given in increments of five years. (F-61)

If you are eligible for a Membership Numeral or Years of Service pin, inform the Community administrators or their designee. Communities will submit orders for the Membership Numeral and Years of Service pins to be presented at a Community/Region event or meeting. Any pin of 25 years and higher may be received at the Adult Recognition event **with advanced notice**. See deadlines.

It's Time For the Fall Product Program!

Sept. 17 – Nov. 13



Our Fall Product Program is about to start! Participating troops can earn funds to support troop activities like the Celebration of the Century and camping. If you are a parent/guardian looking for ways to get involved, ask your troop leader about helping with the Fall Product Program. This nut/ candy and magazine program starts Sept. 17. Once a troop is signed up to participate, parents/guardians can simply go to www.gsnutsandmags.com/gssjc. They can also click on the link from the council website to sign up their girls and get access to the Fall Product Family Guide.

Once set up online, your Girl Scout can create her Me2™ (an avatar customized to resemble herself), send emails through the site to friends and family inviting them to shop online, and join them in basking in our delicious treats. In addition to online sales, girls can collect in-person orders. Girls learn to set and reach personal and troop goals. It is a fantastic way to earn funds for the troop. Troops typically earn an average of about \$800.

Your Girl Scout's Me2™ avatar will be part of her troop's online photo. By sending 18+ emails, selling 3+ magazines, and 35+ nut/ chocolate items during the Fall Program, she will earn a personalized patch with her name and Me2™ avatar on it. She can choose her avatar's experience of snorkeling or surfing and the color of its wetsuit in pink or blue. Plus, when she sells 250+ packages in the 2023 Cookie Program she will qualify for the special Cookie Crossover patch that coordinates with the Fall Product patch.

Don't miss out on the fun! This program is easy, fun and a wonderful way to earn funds for your troop!

What is new this year?

- For our peanut butter lovers! Now available for girl-delivered orders: Peanut Butter Trail Mix – peanuts, peanut butter gems, peanut butter mini cups, mini pretzels, and cashews.
- The Holiday Tin will now contain chocolate-covered pretzels.
- New Girl Scout collectible tin is a Memory Box that highlights a girl's fondest memories from her years in Girl Scouts with patches, swaps and pins she collected over the years. The tin is filled with tasty Mint Treasures. Made in the USA.



Questions?

- 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@sjgs.org.
- For more information on how your Girl Scout can participate, go to community.gssjc.org/ community. Then select the Fall Product – Troop group.

1 LOGIN

www.gsnutsandmags.com/gssjc
Visit the website
 Use the QR Code, URL above or click the link from the council website. Follow the prompts to participate in the online Fall Product Program.

Please have your troop number before starting.
 MY TROOP # _____

Scan Me

2 CREATE

Create your personalized site
 To customize your site, you can create an avatar that looks like you and also record a personalized message for your avatar to deliver to family and friends. Don't miss all of the ways you can earn virtual rewards when you complete various setup steps for your personalized site.

3 SHARE

E-mail friends and family
 Your supporters will see your goal and hear your avatar deliver your special message. Friends and family can easily help you reach your goal when they shop online! Don't forget to share with friends and family on social media or text them with the help of a parent/guardian. Please follow current GSUSA guidelines for online sales and marketing.



Why participate in the Fall Product Program?

- Girls learn important business and life skills like money management and goal setting.
- It's a great way to earn money for the troop! The average troop proceeds are about \$800.
- It's flexible! If girls can't begin the sale on Sept. 17, they can continue to join the program at any time before Nov. 13.

Look at what you accomplished last year!

- 181,078 total items sold
- 5,688 girls participated
- \$379,703 earned by troops
- 31.83 average items sold per girl



International Day of the Girl Oct. 11, 2022
GSSJC Day of the Girl Celebration Oct. 9– 16, 2022
 Special guest, Olympic Medalist, Jordan Chiles!



Join us for the celebration of the Day of the Girl. It's not just a day – it's a movement! On Oct. 11, 2022, girls worldwide will celebrate International Day of the Girl.

As the largest girl-led organization, Girl Scouts supports girls on their path to making a difference in the community and beyond. Help us celebrate this special day by attending our celebration and inviting girls to join our council.

GSSJC is highlighting Day of the Girl with a week of activities. Don't think big, think GIANT! We are asking our girls and volunteers to join us in celebrating this day by taking part in one or more of the activities below:

GSSJC Day of the Girl Celebration

- Attend the free GSSJC virtual Day of the Girl Celebration, Oct. 11. One of our own Gold Award recipients will share her story of earning her Gold Award. She will also interview special guest, Olympic Medalist, Jordan Chiles.
- Invite friends to join Girl Scouts and our celebration event.
- All members new/renewed for membership year 2023 by Sept. 28 are eligible to register for this free event.
- Register for event on MyGS.
- All event registrants will be entered to win one of six drawings for a \$25 gift card to the shop

Day of the Girl Patch:

- FREE patch for the first 1,500 girls who let us know they have participate in any Day of the Girl activity.
- Patch Order Form: <https://bit.ly/3zzr419>

Do a Good Turn Daily

- Service projects
- Flag ceremonies at chamber events and football games

Spirit Days:

- Girls wear Girl Scout uniforms to schools
- Organizing a group to serve as the “sticker squad” for their school. Get permission from the school to station greeters in uniform with stickers at the school’s entrance doors (don’t forget the bus entrance) in the morning. The sticker squad should greet the students and offer them a sticker. This is the perfect opportunity to pass out our new Day of the Girl Stickers to promote the Community’s upcoming recruitment events! Day of the Girl stickers are available from your Community engagement manger (CEM).
- Social media blast, “Why Girl Scouts Wednesday”.
- Friendship Thursday – Host a community recruitment and retention event. Make a new friend and keep the old.
- Place a Girl Scout yard sign in your front lawn promoting a community event. Yard signs are available through your CEM.

Girl Scout Bingo

- Pick up Girl Scout yard signs, grab a Girl Scout bingo card (available on Community Facebook pages or from your Community), and PLAY! Complete the game (five in a row, four corners, blackout, or X marks the spot), take pictures of your bingo card and some of your signs, and post on social media #gsbingo. The goal is to share the opportunity of Girl Scouts with your community.
- Do not place yard signs in areas that are not allowed.

Day of the Girl Activity Sheet for Girls

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Learn a new Girl Scout song for your next outing or camping trip.	Organize a sticker squad at your school and hand out GSSJC Day of the Girl stickers. Attend the virtual GSSJC Day of Girl Celebration featuring Jordan Chiles!	Tell your Girl Scout story on social media, play Girl Scout Bingo, or place a Girl Scout yard sign in your front lawn.	Invite a friend to join Girl Scouts. Help with a recruitment event by sharing your story, teaching new girls a song or game, or open the event reciting the Girl Scout Promise and Law.	Wear your favorite Girl Scout T-shirt or uniform to school. Make a yard sign or use chalk or sidewalk chalk paint to decorate your driveway or sidewalk for Girl Scout Spirit Day.	Volunteer at a recruitment event. Share your Girl Scout Story and invites others to join.	Community service projects make the world a better place. Plan a service project in your Community today.

Ryleigh Thomas Wants You to be a Mariner

One of our most exciting Special Interest Group that GSSJC offers is our Mariner program. The Mariner program for GSSJC has been around for more than 50 years. We have generations of Mariners in which the tradition has been passed from grandmother to mother, and now to their children and grandchildren. Ryleigh Thomas, a current Mariner, has been a Girl Scout since the age of 5. She has earned her Girl Scout Bronze and Silver awards and is currently working on her application for her Gold Award project. Ryleigh has been with the Mariners for three years. Her interest in sailing started when she first discovered the Mariner program. From there, she attended camp at Casa Mare in 2019.

“During lunchtime, the Mariner girls would be there with us, so I had an opportunity to sit at the same table as them and just talk about the program, which really got me interested” says Ryleigh. That was all Ryleigh needed to hear. By the next fall, she made sure she signed up for Basic Sailing, which is required to jumpstart the Mariner journey.

Ryleigh says being a Mariner has given her a place to be comfortable. “Everyone there is always very friendly and encouraging toward each other. So, it’s always just been a happy and comfortable place to go every other weekend,” she said.

Once she ages out of the program, she fully plans on returning to the Mariners as a volunteer. “It will always be a hobby for me, and it brings me joy. This is always something I will do on a free weekend.”

Being a Mariner has had an impact on Ryleigh as whole. She says that over the past three years she has really become more confident in her abilities and what she can do in other aspects of her life. She draws on this fearlessness when she is faced with something concerning or scary. Ryleigh stated “I always think back, you know sailing a boat isn’t that easy, so being able to do that, what else can you do? Being a Mariner just means being courageous and being fearless at heart”

Ryleigh would like everyone to know that even if you have a little bit of interest, do not be afraid to go and ask about the program. When you and your troop are out at Casa Mare, and if you see a Mariner or an adult in the Mariners, ask about the program. Mariners are always willing to talk about sailing and shed a positive light, because they are passionate about it. It’s such a positive activity for them and they want others to share it as well.

With these parting words, Ryleigh said, “We hope all girls get into sailing and enjoy and let that be an avenue to whatever they want to do in life. Whether it’s to make friends, make that a career, whatever they choose. I just think it’s a very safe space to discover yourself in certain ways.”



Congrats to our 2022 Gold Award Girl Scouts!



Let's congratulate our Class of 2022 Gold Award Girls Scouts! This year, 111 girls earned the most prestigious award for Girl Scouts. The Senior and Ambassador girls were recognized, along with younger Silver and Bronze Award Girl Scouts, during the annual Gold Award Ceremony on May 22 at Houston Baptist University.

The ceremony was the first in-person Gold Award event since the pandemic, and everyone was thrilled to be a part of the celebration. More than 400 parents, family members, and volunteers filled the Morris Cultural Center to watch the Gold Award Girl Scouts receive their awards. Former Gold Scout Award honorees from 2020 and 2021 also attended the event and were recognized.

Sharron Melton, CW39 TV anchor, served as mistress of the ceremony and read highlights about each girl's Gold Award project as they walked across the stage in their uniforms. Mary Vitek, Girl Scout of San Jacinto Council's CEO, and Marguerite Woung-Chapman, GSSJC president and board chair, presented each girl with her award.

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.



Jenna Hinz focused on repopulating bee populations in Brazoria County and educating people about the importance of bees in society. A landowner dedicated an acre of land to her project. She had the land cleared and then worked with volunteers to re-seed the land with wildflowers and water the acres until the plants were established. Local beekeepers placed hives at the location and the bee population has flourished there.



Marlene Mena and her team worked with Kolter Elementary to restore their outdoor classroom destroyed by Harvey. The garden functions well now with the restoration of the gardening sheds and equipment. Trees were labeled with metal signs that include the 4 languages taught in the school. She also created murals and lessons for the classroom that highlighted native prairies and the Native Americans who once lived there.



Amiee Hoff educate the community on adopting animals instead of buying them, and the importance of spay/neutering. The mayors of Clear Lake Shores, Dickinson, and Santa Fe honored her with a proclamation. The event was held at Bayou Animal Services in Dickinson. More than 200 people were in attendance and 83 animals received vaccinations and several animals were adopted.



Isabella Mendoza wanted to respond to the challenges of immigrant parents accessing resources at Frostwood Elementary School. Her personal connection to friends' parents who had trouble getting involved because they did not speak English inspired her to create handbooks with traditions, activities, and volunteer activities in seven languages including English. More than 2,000 people were impacted.



Catherine Jewell used her Gold Award project to help teach educate others on several finance subjects. After meeting with a financial advisor, Jewell created a website that is accessible worldwide and even created educational videos that she posted on TikTok. Additionally, she began an Interact Club that focused on offering an annual financial literacy presentation to continue to help teach peers about basic finances at her school.



Priya Patel hosted two dance clinics for children with special needs: one virtual and one in person. She partnered with Gigi's Playhouse a nonprofit organization that supports people with Down syndrome and their families to create and host these clinics. Priya choreographed and combined two styles of dance, pom and jazz, and her clinic videos will be available to a wide audience through GiGi's nonprofit organization.



Emily McDonald addressed the lack of educational materials about epilepsy created in a way that children can understand. With her team, she created upbeat coloring pages, an educational brochure and videos covering various topics related to epilepsy. The videos were by children with epilepsy and are accessible on YouTube and at her doctor's office along with the coloring pages and brochures.



Minla Phillips addressed the issue of lack of professionalism amongst teens in the Houston area. Through a virtual ZOOM workshop, teens were able to attend and learn about resume building tips, interview tips, and received guidance on critical skills to help them in the workplace.



Rebecca Pullin raised awareness surrounding the issues associated with mental health and wellbeing. She created a website that included resources and information, and additionally used these resources in presentations to her peers at school. She shared her project with others using a flyer containing a QR code for easy access on smart phones and has had over 3,000 students access the website worldwide.



Madeline Vollrath informed the students of St. Agnes and Bellaire High School of internalized misogyny and sexism in the workplace with a video presentation. She worked with St. Agnes Academy administration to show the presentation to the students there and included a survey before and after showing the presentation. Additionally, her teammates at Bellaire High School helped show the presentation to their Feminist Club. Approximately 750 people have been impacted by her project to date.



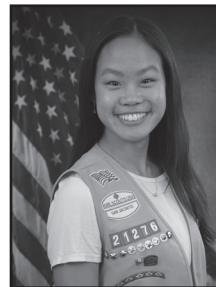
Amber Richards taught others how they could grow and eat their own foods at affordable costs. Together with her local community garden, Mustard Seed Farm and Market, she was able to create instructional videos and informational booklets on healthy eating, easy-to-make recipes, and how those watching could grow their own affordable foods at home.



Jacqueline Wheeler educated her peers on how to eat healthily by making nutritional and delicious recipes and videotaping the process. Her videos included choosing healthier ingredients and basic cooking skills. Her culinary teacher has incorporated these videos into her lesson plans for future students.



Carrie Schoech worked with Kickerillo Preserve and more than 20 volunteers to introduce a new 100-yard trail to their waterfront which is used by 200 hikers and nature lovers each weekend. She created an informational brochure about the plants along the trail. QR codes on signs along the trail continue to direct hikers to plant identification found in A & M's digital information.



Jady Wu worked with a YMCA in a low-income neighborhood to virtually teach kids how to dance while building confidence and learning choreography. She wanted to provide art enrichment for people who could not afford it and those at home during the pandemic. To reach a broader audience she filmed and edited five dance lessons which have been shared online and have received more than 130 views.



Janavi Seshadri advocated various topics on Teen Health and Wellness from mental health to physical health. She and 12 volunteers developed a podcast called the Wellness Toolbox in coalition with the Care Q website. More than 200 people listened to her podcast and more than 100 people followed her podcast Instagram.



Ariel Zolton worked with eight volunteers to address the lack of awareness regarding food allergies among teenagers. Through educational workshops at two schools and a 4-H group, the audience learned about myths and misconceptions surrounding food allergies and how to keep allergic friends and family safe. During the workshops, a Teal Pumpkin Project was promoted to make Halloween safer for kids with food allergies.



Zoe Spangler learned about conducting genealogy research using modern technology then developed a website and instructional presentation that was shared through community events, workshops, and online presence to highlight the importance of maintaining family history records/documents.

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



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

Look for this symbol in indicate a virtual program offering.



General Activities

Spark Weekends

Spend the weekend at camp, and join us for an awesome day of activities! We'll provide the program, lunch, and dinner, plus a campfire on Saturday night, and troops make a camping reservation. Priority camping reservations are given to attendees at the event, so this is a great opportunity for troops that would like an easy-to-plan camping experience.

Time: Check in and out for troop camping as normal; activities are from 9 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Saturday

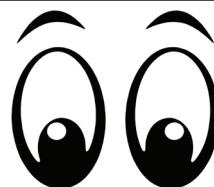
When	Where	Theme	Level
Nov. 12	Casa Mare	Fall for Casa	(j)
Dec. 10	Camp Pryor	Magical Creatures	(b)
Jan. 7	Casa Mare	Winter Wonderland	(b)
Jan. 14	Misty Meadows	Gymkhana*	(j)
Jan. 21	Misty Meadows	Gymkhana*	(j)
Jan. 28	Misty Meadows	Gymkhana*	(j)
Feb. 11	Casa Mare	I Heart the Bay	(b)
Feb. 18	Robinwood	World Thinking Day	(b)
Feb. 25	Camp Arnold	Detectives	(j)
May 6	Camp Pryor	Harriet Potters Mystery	(j)

*games on horseback

Phone App Pitch Event

During this event, Girl Scouts will be asked to pitch a pre-developed idea for a fun, new phone app to a group of their peers. Time will be spent learning how to listen to critiques when pitching and how to give meaningful feedback when listening to others. Girl Scouts will then have time to apply feedback, revise their original app pitch, and pitch again to "investors." Girls will earn Business Creator and Business Jumpstart badges.

Who: (j) (c)
Where: Virtual via Zoom
When: Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.
Cost: \$20/girl
Contact: Jasmine Green, jgreen@sjgs.org; 713-292-0353



Look here before you look for your event!

For a quicker way to find your event, scan the QR code. After you find your



event, click register now, select number of participants, then log in. If you have trouble registering for or finding an activity, log into MyGS first before searching for activity.

Moneyville Town Council

In this four week session, Girl Scouts will serve on the town council of the fictional city of Moneyville. Together, operating as local government officials, Girl Scouts will run the city. Girl Scouts will plan and budget for major municipal projects, listen to citizen concerns, and discuss important city issues. Girl Scouts will discover the role of money in the broader world. Girls will earn Democracy and Digital Leadership badges.

Who: (s) (a)
Where: Virtual via Zoom
When: October 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 6 p.m.
Cost: \$50/girl
Contact: Jasmine Green, jgreen@sjgs.org or 713-292-0353



How to Finance a Film: Girl Scout Movie Makers

In this two-week session, Girl Scouts will learn about how to finance a film in Hollywood by playing the role of a film producer. During the first session, girls will work together as a team of producers to determine the premise for a new, hit Hollywood movie. Then, girls will learn about how producers obtain the funds to pay for the costs of movie making. As producers, girls will consider obtaining funding from investors, through tax credits, from grants, and more. Create a storyboard to share with potential funding sources. During the second session, apply for funding and price out the cost to create the movie. Girls will earn Business Plan and Business Owner badges.

Who: (j) (c)
Where: Virtual via Zoom
When: Nov. 6 and Nov. 13 at 6 p.m.
Cost: \$20/girl
Contact: Jasmine Green, jgreen@sjgs.org; 713-292-0353



GSSJC Gay Straight Alliance Interest Group For Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

GSSJC's Gay-Straight Alliance serves to empower and educate scouts surrounding LGBTQ+ issues. We will lead inclusive, engaging, and educational programming to help create Queer and allied leaders within Girl Scouts. This could include a History of Pride patch, troop leader training, and teaching Girl Scouts how to confront homophobia.

If this group interests you, we would love to have you! Creator, Gold Award Girl Scout Liv Rubenstein, has a wonderful vision for this new interest group and we would love for you to join. If you are interested, please contact Olivia Rubenstein at orubenstein22@sjgs.org or GSLE Manager Julia Noble at jnoble@sjgs.org. We hope to see you at our next meeting!

Sow What Journey

Join Region 16 at a local farm to learn practical and creative ways to solve real agricultural issues. Learn about women in agriculture and explore food from various cultures. Activities and game to enhance your knowledge. Cook with a local chef on your way to earning the locavore badge. Some prework will be required. The TAP is not included.

Who: (S)
Where: Blackwood Educational Land
When: Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. – Oct. 9 at noon
Cost: \$65/girl; \$25/adult
Contact: Jasmine Green, jgreen@sjgs.org or 713-292-0353

Holiday Party

Join Region 3 and enjoy crafts, games, singing, a holiday snack bar, while understanding the importance of giving back during the season by participating in the food drive. There will be raffle ticket for each canned good donation for some great prizes.

Who: (J) (C) (S) (A)
Where: Cornerstone UMC
When: Dec. 16; 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$15/girl, Adults free
Contact: Shannon Crider, scrider@sjgs.org, 713-292-0211
Note: Earn the Holiday Patch and Food Drive Patch

Juliette Low Birthday Celebration/Women's Health

Complete activities related to the Women Health badge as a discussion is led by staff from Houston Methodist Hospital Willowbrook. In addition to celebrating the birthday of Juliette Low, girls will work on a service project that will involve creating a ways to spread the word about the importance of women's health. Lunch and drinks will be provided

Who: (S)
Where: Cornerstone UMC
When: Oct. 15; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Cost: \$25/girl; free for adults
Contact: Jasmine Green, jgreen@sjgs.org or 713-292-0353

Senior & Ambassador Event

Calling all high school-aged Girl Scouts! This is YOUR weekend! Join us for a fun and chill time at camp just for you!

Who: (S) (A) volunteers
When: Oct. 14 – 16; 5 p.m. Fri. – 11 a.m. Sun.
Where: Camp Robinwood
Cost: \$75/girl; \$30/adult; includes all meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast
Contact: Kathy Elliott, 713-292-0257

Family Camp

Join us for a fun-filled family adventure at camp! Enjoy crafts, outdoor activities, canoeing, archery, and more! Accommodations in a platform tent are included, or you may upgrade to a cabin for an additional fee. Dinner is included. No special training is required; adults will be background checked upon arrival.

Who: Girl Scouts and their families of all ages
When: Nov. 18 – 20; 5 p.m. Fri. – noon Sun.
Where: Camp Robinwood
Cost: \$50/person; \$20/family – cabin upgrade
Contact: Kathy Elliott, 713-292-0257, customerservice@sjgs.org

Carousel: Ghouls Night Out

This October, get ready to embark on a Ghouls Night Out with a weekend of Halloween games and crafts at Casa Mare! Start your day off with some lighthearted haunting by competing with your friends in a creative costume contest and spooky games. Our evening activities, however, aren't for the faint of heart -- anyone brave enough is welcome to take a stroll through the haunted house or enjoy some tricks and treats around the fire. Join us for seaside scares -- if you dare!

Who: (B) (J) plus adult chaperones
Where: Casa Mare
When: Oct. 28 – 30; 5 p.m. Friday – 11 a.m. Sunday
Cost: \$35/girl; \$20/adult
Contact: Kathy Elliott, 713-292-0257, customerservice@sjgs.org

Notes: Carousel programs include lodging, but not meals. Plan for simple easy-to-prepare of no-cook meals. Troops will be sharing units in a way that maximizes the number of girls that may attend

Older Girls R Enthusiastic

Learn all the extraordinary things offered beyond the troop for older Girl Scouts! This annual event is being taken 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 a sneak peek about our Special Interest Groups (astronomy, robotics competitions, horseback riding, sailing, archery, dance, riflery, and backpacking). 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.

Who: (C) (S) (A)
When: Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m. – noon
Where: Virtual
Cost: Free; plus free swag bags!
Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233



Are YOU Ready to Join a SIG?

What's a SIG, you ask? A SIG is a Special Interest Group. SIGs meet throughout the council and give Girl Scouts a place to practice a specific activity. They are open to all girls who meet the requirements. Girls may be in both a SIG (or multiple SIGs) and a troop, or they may choose to participate in Girl Scouting only through their SIG(s). Register on events page on MyGS.

AIM – Archers In Motion

Join the Archers in Motion to participate in advanced archery! This is s JOAD Club for Girl Scouts ages 8 and up.

Who: ⑥ ① ③ ⑤ ⑨ Adults
Where: Camp Robinwood
When: 1st Sunday of every month
Cost: \$20 a year plus \$10 for monthly practice sessions
Contact: Ashlie Yarborough at ayarborough@sjgs.org

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: ① ③ ⑤ ⑨ (5th grade and up)
Where: Program Place for Girls
When: Typically the 1st Sunday of every month
Cost: \$20 a year

Backpacking

The Backpacking Special Interest Group (SIG) hosts several backpacking trips a month from October through May. These trips are a great way for novice backpackers to gain skills by learning from experienced backpackers, and it's an excellent way for both experienced and novice backpackers to meet more girls who share the same interests and love for the outdoors. Don't worry if you don't have all the necessary backpack equipment for a weekend trips, we provide low cost gear rentals. So get out on a trip and join the fun! To get started, you just need to attend one of our Backpacking Orientation weekends at Camp Agnes Arnold.

Who: ③ ⑤ ⑨ Adults
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold – Backpacking orientation
When: Trips are generally scheduled once a month
Cost: \$25 a year, plus trip fees
Contact: Kathy Elliott at kelliott@sjgs.org
Training Required: Backpacking Orientation (see page 21)

Equitation – SPURS & STARS

Do you love horses? Join the SPURS (Super People Using Riding Skills) at Misty Meadows Ranch, or the STARS (Super Terrific Awesome Riding Scouts) at Camp Pryor, and learn about horse safety, horse care, and riding skills, and help teach those skills to younger Girl Scouts. Register online for training in the fall or the spring, or opt to attend SPURS Training at summer overnight camp.

Who: ③ ⑤ ⑨ Adults; younger girls may participate in STARS-led “Wrangler,” “Rustler,” and “Saddlehorn” sessions, and SPURS-led “Love Hug and Groom” and “Troop Riding” sessions.
Where: Misty Meadows Ranch (SPURS) & Camp Pryor (STARS)
When: Weekends throughout the school year
Cost: \$25 a year, plus weekend meals
Training Required: SPURS Training or completion of the STARS program (see page 27)

Green Starlettes

If you love to dance, this team is for you! You've seen them perform at Rockets' games, parades and several public events and now it's your chance to join this award-winning dance team. *The Green Starlettes do not require previous dance experience and do not have tryouts.* All girls, grades 4-12, who are interested can be a part of the team. The Green Starlettes creates a non-competitive atmosphere for the girls to practice dance techniques, team spirit and valuable leadership skills. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3QftK9y>.

Who: ① ③ ⑤ ⑨
Where: We have 11 divisions to choose from, so there's one near you!
When: Teams meet once a week to practice for parades and events. Deadline to register is Oct. 1.
Cost: \$38, includes patch and T-shirt. Other uniform pieces and equipment are separate.

GRIT

Trained instructors guide you as you learn basic firearm safety and the proper way to handle a rifle. You will receive your own pair of safety glasses and learn to shoot at the bench rest position, then learn more shooting positions and how to improve your shooting skills in each. You may register for and attend as many of monthly sessions as you would like.

Who: ③ ⑤ ⑨ (12 years and older)
Where: Misty Meadows Ranch
When: Once a month
Cost: \$20 a year; \$10 monthly practice
Contact: Ashlie Yarborough at ayarborough@sjgs.org

Mariners

Get started on your journey to becoming a Mariner! As a Mariner you will learn how to sail, how to tie nautical knots, how to rig boats, how to rescue others, STEM concepts in sailing, and more!

Who: ③ ⑤ ⑨ (age 11 and up); adults
Where: Casa Mare
When: Weekends during the spring and fall
Cost: \$10 a year; \$50+ for weekend events
Training Required: Completion of the Basic Sailing course (see page 31)
Contact: Stephanie Moore at smoore@sjgs.org

Intro-to-Robotics Club

Work with other Girl Scouts your age to learn and expand your knowledge of how robots are built and how they work. This is a year-round, non-competitive opportunity where girls get the chance to build robots, discover how to code them, and potentially prepare to join a Robotics Competition Team of their own! Girls will work with differing equipment based on their experience; girls can explore WeDo Lego kits and investigate Mindstorms Lego kits.

Who: ⑥ ① Older girls are welcome to be helpers!
Where: Program Place for Girls
When: Once a month (school year); typically the 2nd Saturday from 10 a.m. – noon
Cost: \$20 a year

Robotics Competition

GSSJC's robotics teams compete through the international FIRST organization, where girls build and code models and robots that compete against other teams in the area. The competition begins in September and ends between December and March, depending on the level and success of the team. Please review the online signup page for detailed information about what girls do during the competition season.

Who: ⑥ ① ③ ⑤ ⑨
Cost: \$70 – \$130 a year

Weekend Camptivities

If you are taking your troop camping and need an activity to do, we have just what you need. Our Weekend Camptivities offer your girls an opportunity to experience—the outdoors with facilitated activities such as archery, adventure park, canoeing, and more! This is your opportunity to try out an activity to lead to further interest or simply just to have fun! Take a look below at what we are offering. Dates are subject to change based on instructor availability.

Please show up at least 15 minutes before your scheduled time with the exception of horseback riding which requires a 30-minute show time prior. This allows us time to go over the rules, equipment fitting, and other requirements needed to safely do the activity.

If you notice a time slot that you are interested in does not have the number of slots available for your troop, this means that time slot has reached capacity. As much as we would like to accommodate our girls, we must consider safety first. To ensure you get the time you want, register all your girls as soon as you can.

Horseback Riding

Whether you have never been on horse, or have ridden a few times, this activity will take you around our arena or on the trail with one of our beloved camp horses! A waiver is required to be signed prior to this activity

- Who:** (j) (c) (s) (a)
Bring: Wear long pants and boots with a smooth sole and a 1/2 heel. Boots are available but we may not have sizes for everyone. Helmets will be provided.
Cost: \$35/girl
Where: Misty Meadows Ranch
When: TBD Check online for details. Times slots range 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.. Each session is an hour long. Number of girl slots available per session is 12.

Love Hug and Groom

Show our horses a little Tender, Love and Care. This fun activity allows you to have a hands-on experience with grooming our horse. This is a non-riding activity. A waiver is required to be signed prior to this activity

- Who:** All levels
Bring: Wear closed toes shoes that can get dusty.
Cost: \$10/girl
Where: Misty Meadows Ranch
When: TBD Check online for details. Times slots range 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each session is an hour long. Number of girl slots available per session is 12.

Adventure Park

Climb high in trees on our awesome Adventure course and possibly end your climb with a ride down our zip line! Requirement- For Cadettes and up. Girls must weigh at least 70lbs and no more than 250lbs. This is due to the ability to maneuver safely throughout the course. A waiver is required to be signed prior to this activity.

- Cost:** \$35/girl
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold
When: Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Oct. 29
Times slots range from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sessions are two hours long. Number of girl slots available per session is 15.

Swimming

Take a dip and cool off! This a great way to start a camp out or finish one with a fun time at the pool! Girls will be subjected to a brief swim test to determine where they can swim safely. Troop leaders will be asked by the lifeguards to be watchers during swim time.

- Who:** All levels
Cost: \$10/girl
When/Where: Sept. 10 – Camp Pryor
Sept. 24 – Silver Springs Village at Camp Arnold
Oct. 8 – Casa Mare
Oct. 22 – Misty Meadows Ranch
Times slots range 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Each session is an hour long. With 45-minute swim depending on number of lifeguards. Number of girl slots available per session is 20.

Archery

Get ready to aim and shoot at a target on our Archery Ranges. This fun activity teaches you how to load your bow, aim, and hopefully hit a bullseye. Hair must be tied back and away from face and ears.

- Who:** (b) (j) (c) (s) (a)
Cost: \$10/girl
When/Where: Sept. 10 – Camp Robinwood
Oct. 1 – Misty Meadows Ranch
Nov. 5 – Misty Meadows Ranch
Nov. 12 – Casa Mare
Nov. 19 – Silver Springs Village at Camp Arnold
Times Slots Range from 9 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Sessions are an hour and 30 minutes long. Number of girl slots available per session is 12

Taste of Canoeing

Take a ride on one of our lakes in a canoe. You and your girls will get a brief introduction on maneuvering a canoe and then paddle away!

- Who:** All levels, Daisies must have an adult
Bring: Wear clothing and shoes that you do not mind getting wet. Lifejackets will be provided. You can bring your own. Must be US Coast guard approved.
Cost: \$10/girl
When/Where: Sept. 17 – Camp Robinwood
Oct. 22 – Camp Agnes Arnold
Nov. 5 – Silver Springs Village at Camp Arnold
Times Slots Range from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Each sessions is an hour and thirty minutes long. Number of girl slots available per session is 12.

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
Price: \$20/girl
Contact: Shannon Crider at scrider@sjgs.org



Date	Time	Level
Sept. 15	4:30 – 6 p.m.	(d) (b) (j)
Sept. 17	1:30 – 3 p.m.	(d) (b)
Nov. 10	4:30 – 6 p.m.	(d) (b) (j)
Nov. 12	1:30 – 3 p.m.	(d) (b)

Sensational Saturdays

This program is a great way for girls to discover and explore fun topics while making new friends. Participants will earn and receive the badge with a twist of history. Hosted by Council History Committee-Program. This is a girl only program.

- Daisy: Promise Center and will earn requirements for Sister to every Girl Scout.
- Brownie: Girl Scout Way Badge
- Junior: Playing the Past Badge
- Cadette: Screenwriter Badge



Who: (d) (b) (j) (c)
When: Daisies and Brownies: Sept. 24, 10 a.m. – noon
 Juniors and Cadettes: Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.
 Daisies and Brownies: Nov. 5, 10 a.m. – noon
 Juniors and Cadettes: Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m.– 1 p.m.
Where: Program Place for Girls/ Houston
Cost: \$18/girl
Contact: Shannon Crider at scrider@sjgs.org

Brownie Magic

Calling all Brownie troops! Have you ever been to a Girl Scout camp? If not, we have a magical experience you won't want to miss. Does learning new songs, dances, and games sound fun? How about exploring the great outdoors and creating new experiences while meeting new friends? Bring your leaders and your troop and join us for Brownie Magic!

Who: (b) and adult chaperones
Price: \$20/girl \$10/adults
Registration Opens: Sept. 15
Contact: Shannon Crider at scrider@sjgs.org

Camp Casa Mare, Seabrook– Nov. 5; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Camp Robinwood, Willis– Nov. 12; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Camp Pryor, Nada– Nov. 19; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 Camp Whispering Pines, Garrison– Nov. 19; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Happy Birthday Juliette Low

Join the Council History Committee 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: (b) (j)
Where: Program Place for Girls, Houston
When: Oct. 29, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cost: \$18

Adventure Park Aide Training

Are you interesting in helping out with Adventure Park? We are opening up slots for Adventure Park aides who will be able to assist facilitators on our course without attending the full Adventure Park training. This opportunity is open to girls 9th grade and up as well as adults looking to start their Adventure Park journey with us. Aides will learn the "ropes" in the morning and then put their skills to use in the afternoon!

Who: (s) (a) adults
When: Sept. 10, 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold, Adventure Park
Cost: \$10
Contact: Ashlie Yarborough: ayarborough@sjgs.org or 713-292-0225

Archery

Archery Badge Workshop

Calling all Girl Scouts looking to earn their Cadette Archery badge! Girls will spend the morning learning about archery, practicing safety skills, shooting, and other fun things that will help them earn their archery badge. Bring your own sack lunch to eat by the lake and then get in some free shooting time in the afternoon at no extra cost. This is a great event for girls who are interesting joining AIM. Hosted by the Archers in Motion Special Interest Group

Who: (c) (no prior archery experience needed)
When: Saturday, Oct. 1, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold
Cost: \$25
Contact: Ashlie Yarborough: ayarborough@sjgs.org or 713-292-0225

Backpacking

Backpacking Orientation

Backpacking Orientation is a prerequisite to join the Backpacking Special Interest Group. Don't worry if you might be the only girl in your troop or an individually registered girl who might be interested in backpacking. You won't be the only one! You will learn how to pack a backpack, care for a tent, and cook on your own personal stove. You will transfer your camping gear to your backpack, hike two miles to the campsite and set up your tent, where you will spend the evening on a mini backpacking adventure! Enjoy the campfire, savor dinner on your own stove, and settle in for the night in your tent on the ground under the stars. After packing up your gear the next morning, you will hike two miles back to the main part of camp, say goodbye to your new friends and count down the days until your first weekend backpacking trip!

Who: (C) (S) (A) Volunteers
When: Nov. 12 – 13, Dec. 10 – 11, or March 4 – 5
10:30 a.m. Saturday – 11:15 a.m. Sunday
Where: Camp Arnold (check in at Podville)
Cost: \$25/girl and \$25/adult

Adult Requirements: This is a drop-off event, adults do not need to stay unless they also wish to take the training (Girl Scout ratio will be met by facilitators). This event is overnight, so all adults that do attend must have a current membership and background check.

Contact: Kathy Elliott, 713-292-0257, customerservice@sjgs.org

Day Hikes with the Backpackers

Step out and enjoy a day in nature and get away from the city! Join and meet fellow Girl Scouts and explore a nearby forest or park. You will take a leisurely hike and start to learn some backpacking skills and tips along the way.

Who: (J) (C) (S) (A) Adults
When: Oct. 15 – WG Jones State Park
Nov. 6 – Herman Brown Park
Dec. 10 – Mohawk County Park
Feb. 18 – Lake Houston Wilderness Park (updated)
March 25 – Terry Hershey (updated)
May 6 – Brazos Bend State Park
Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cost: \$20/girl; \$20/adult (includes lunch)
Contact: Kathy Elliott, 713-292-0257, customerservice@sjgs.org

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Girl Scouts nationwide, along with their troops, friends, and families, celebrate our shared love of the outdoors. Grab your backpack and head out to your local state parks! Activities may include self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, special events, and more!

When: Sep. 10 – 11
Where: Your local State Parks
Cost: Normal campsite fees

Environmental

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 communities to understand how they're affected by climate change, and spread awareness of the issue to create sustainable change. Crafts, lab tours, and games define this special one time event! Girl Scout Climate Challenge Patch included.



Who: (b) (j) (C) (S) (A)
When: Oct. 15, 1 – 4 p.m.
Where: Rice University
Cost: \$7
Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233

Of Birds and Girl Scouts

The Bryan Museum is offering a fun-filled, educational morning featuring birds and art! The morning starts at The Bryan Museum where an educator from the Galveston Bay Foundation will lead a hands-on workshop at the museum about bird adaptation that relates directly to local birds shown in the exhibit. There will be a gallery tour of the new exhibition "Of Birds and Texas: The Art of Stuart and Scott Gentling". Following the workshop students and parents will travel to the Sweetwater Preserve where students will be led on a bird watching walk with an expert birder to try and spot the very birds they just learned about. Fun Patch included.

Who: (j) (C)
When: Oct. 8, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Where: The Bryan Museum in Galveston
Cost: \$10
Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233

What's Bugging You?

Join the Fort Bend Master Gardeners for this fun and interactive workshop. Girls will learn more about pollination, pests, and habitats. They will understand how flowers and insects affect our lives and the environment. Juniors will receive Flowers Badge and Brownies will receive a fun patch. A snack is included for this event.

Who: (b) (j)
When: Nov. 5, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Where: Bud O'Shieles Community Center
Cost: \$17
Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233

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)
Where: Houston Arboretum
Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233

When:

Br.Hiker Badge Oct. 8 or Nov. 5; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Br. Outdoor Adventurer Badge Oct. 8 or Dec. 3, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Br. Bugs Badge Oct. 22 or Oct. 29; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Br. Wonders of Water Oct. 22; 1 – 4 p.m.
Br. Outdoor Art Creator Badge Nov. 12; 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Jr. Geocacher Badge Oct. 29 or Dec. 3; 1 – 4 p.m.
Jr. Flowers Badge Nov. 5; 1 – 4 p.m.
Cadette Trees Badge Nov. 12; 1 – 4 p.m.

Equestrian

SPURS Training (girls)

Learn the theories and hands-on skills needed to join the SPURS (Super People Using Riding Skills) special interest group at Misty Meadows Ranch. Girls will receive their level one SPURS scarf and be ready to work with the weekend riding program during the school year. Adults will receive training as an Assistant Riding Instructor. A waiver is required to be signed prior to this activity.

Who: (c) (s) (a)
When: Nov. 4 – 6 or Feb. 3 – 5; 8 p.m. Fri. – noon Sun.
Where: Misty Meadows Ranch
Cost: \$30/girl
Contact: Mariah Balmer, 713-292-0332, customerservice@sjgs.org

STARS at Camp Pryor

This is a progressive program for girls interested in learning about horseback riding. Level I (Saddlehorns) includes grooming, leading, equine nutrition, horse colors, basic horse safety, and riding at a walk. Level II (Rustlers) includes learning to saddle a horse, clean and maintain tack, and horse anatomy. Riding skills and horse safety will also be reviewed, and performed at a walk and a trot. A waiver is required to be signed prior to this activity.

Who: (j) (5th grade) (c) (s) (a) adults
Where: Camp Pryor, Nada
Cost: \$75
Contact: Mariah Balmer, mbalmer@sjgs.org
When: Saddlehorns (Level I): Oct. 21 – 23
Rustlers (Level II): Oct. 7 – 9 OR Oct. 14 – 16

Fine Arts

Aerial Workshops

Come fly with The ARTZ in an aerial workshop taught by a professional aerialist. Have your choice of fabric, hammock, trapeze, or lyra workshops - or sign up for all four! These awesome workshops are a great way for scouts with no experience to learn the world of circus artz. Workshops are focused on both skill development and creative play. These workshops are a great way for scouts to gain strength, flexibility, confidence, and body awareness; all while having fun!

Cost: \$29/girl
Contact: Julia Noble at jnoble@sjgs.org
Who/Time: (c) 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.
(s) (a) 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Aerial Hammock workshop

When: Sept. 10 or Sept. 24

Aerial Lyra workshop

When: Oct. 8

Aerial Trapeze workshop

When: Oct. 22

The Nutcracker

The Houston Ballet invites you to witness the magic of the Nutcracker, an enchanting holiday tradition for all Girl Scouts. Learn about the story, its history, the creators, and the performing art of ballet. Girls will earn their Nutcracker Program Patch.

Who: All levels, Adults and Tagalongs
When: Dec. 2022 – Workshop 2- 4 p.m., Show is 6:30 p.m. (Dinner on your own) [TBD]
Contact: Julia Noble, Jnoble@sjgs.org



La Traviata

High School Night at Houston Grand Opera! Love is no game. When the glamorous courtesan Violetta and the young Alfredo fall for each other, it's as if nothing can tear them apart. But as tragedy unfolds over three sublime acts, family, classism, and deceit plague their relationship, and true love is shaken to its core! Verdi's La Traviata is one of the world's most beloved—and performed—operas. Join us for a performance and special pre-show introduction from HGO's Resident Dramaturg.

Who: (s) (a), adults
When: Nov. 2; 7 p.m.
Price: \$15/girl
Contact: Julia Noble, Jnoble@sjgs.org

Self-paced Photography Workshops

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. Badges may be purchased from the Girl Scout Shop.

Who: (j) (c) (s) (a)
When: Monthly, available on your own time
Cost: \$18/girl
Contact: Julia Noble, jnoble@sjgs.org

Jewelry and Collage Art Workshops

Join the Jewelry Instructor Inc, as you work through the steps for making your very own jewelry or collages. Classes are two hours and include all the materials needed. Learn from the best in these fun, hands on, creative workshops.

Who: All Levels (except Jr. Jeweler)
Cost: \$27/girl
Where: 1824 Spring Street Studio #105, Houston
Contact: Julia Noble, jnoble@sjgs.org

I Am Amazing! Self Portrait Collage Art class

Join the Jewelry Instructor in making inspiring collage art pieces to take home and show off! Tell a story about who you are via collage art on canvas. Bring pictures if desired. Get creative and join the fun in this hands-on workshop!

When: Sept. 10; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

My Pet & Me! Portrait Collage Art Class

Join the Jewelry Instructor in making memorable collage art pieces. Tell a story about yourself and your pet via collage art on canvas. Bring pictures if desired. Get creative and join the fun in this hands-on workshop!

When: Sept. 24; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Beaded Wire Charm Bracelet

Learn the basic techniques of creating your very own cute colorful, beaded charm bracelet. Make one for yourself or give it to a friend!

When: Oct 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Junior Jeweler Badge Workshop

Learn the basic tools of the jewelry trade. Make a bracelet, with colorful beads, and metal charms while you earn your badge!

Who: Juniors **When:** Oct 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Kumihimo Laces

The Kumihimo Laces Workshop is where you can learn the art of Japanese braiding. Discover the meaning of Kumihimo and its history, then learn how to create colorful rope laces for shoes, hoodies, and more!

When: Oct. 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fine Arts Virtual Workshops

Do you have a zest for art? Do you enjoy playing with clay, making your own jewelry, painting, drawing or fancy some photography? Explore the world of visual arts in these workshops. Create original artwork and earn badges!

Who: (d) (b) (j) (c)
Cost: \$21
Contact: Julia Noble at jnoble@sjgs.org

<u>Workshop (All Virtual)</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Daisy Outdoor Art	Sept. 17	1 – 2:30 p.m.
Brownie Outdoor Art	Oct. 8	1 – 2:30 p.m.
Cadette Comic Artist	Oct. 29	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-person Fine Art Workshops

Join Izzie's Jewels at our Girl Scout Locations for these fun, in-person workshops! Badge is included, so do not miss out on all the fun!

Cost: \$25
Contact: Julia Noble, Jnoble@sjgs.org

<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Brownie Painter	Sept. 10	10 a.m. – noon	PP
Cadette Public Speaker	Sept. 10	1 – 3 p.m.	PP
Brownie Potter	Oct. 1	10 a.m. – noon	PP
Cadette Screenwriter	Oct. 1	1 – 3 p.m.	PP
Brownie Snacks	Oct. 8	10 a.m. – noon	PP
Junior Simple Meals	Oct. 8	1 – 3 p.m.	PP
Halloween Arts&Crafts	Oct. 22	10 a.m. – noon	PP
Halloween Treats	Oct. 22	1 – 3 p.m.	PP
Junior Scribe Thanks.	Nov. 19	10 a.m. – noon	PP
Cadette Woodworker	Nov. 19	1 – 3 p.m.	PP

Brownie Painter badge workshop - Learn to paint and color in super strokes and see what your imagination can do.

Brownie Snacks badge workshop - Girls will learn how to make yummy snacks for themselves, their family, and friends!

Brownie Potter badge workshop - Learn to make pottery of your very own!

Junior Simple Meals badge workshop - Girls will learn how to create delicious, healthy meals for everyone.

Cadette Public Speaker badge workshop - Work on your stage presence and develop your onstage skills.

Cadette Screenwriter badge workshop - Explore what makes great scripts and how you can create your very own. You have what it takes to be a great screenwriter, so let's get started!

Halloween Arts and Crafts - Girls will create one-of-a-kind crafts to show off and decorate for Halloween.

Halloween Treat Making - No tricks, all treats in this fun and yummy workshop!

Junior Scribe badge workshop: Thanksgiving Edition! - Create characters, plots, and settings for your very own story. Learn about different story techniques and exercise your imagination by putting your thoughts down on paper in this Thanksgiving-themed workshop!

Cadette Woodworker badge workshop - Make stylish or useful things for yourself and others in this fun woodworker workshop!

Health

First Aid Badge Workshops

It's Girl Scout tradition to always be prepared - and earning your first aid badge is an important piece of being prepared for any situation. These workshops will give girls an understanding of what to do in an emergency but are not first aid certifications.

Brownies: Audit your first aid kit, talk to a health care professional, find out how to use 911, and learn how to treat and prevent minor injuries.

Juniors: Audit your first aid kit, learn what to do in an emergency, hear from first responders, find out how to handle urgent first aid, and learn how to care for the sick.

Cadettes: Audit your first aid kit, understand how to care for younger children, find out how to prevent outdoor injuries, understand shock, and learn to prevent weather-related injuries.

Seniors: Find out how to perform triage, know how to help a head or neck injury, learn how to make splints out of everyday objects, recognize the signs of drug overdose and alcohol poisoning, and how to share your knowledge with others.

Who/When:

- (b) Oct. 8, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- (j) Oct. 15, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- (c) Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- (s) Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m. – noon

Where: Rice University EMS

Cost: \$20

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

Highest Awards

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: (c) (s) (a) Adults

Where: Online

When: Sept. 18; 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Cost: \$5/person

Contact: Alix Reilman at areilman@sjgs.org



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 despite the impacts of COVID-19. The webinar will include a presentation, service vs. take action activity and Q&A.

Who: Adults

Where: Virtual

When: Oct. 1, Jan. 21; 10 – 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5/person **Max.:** 50

Contact: silveraward@sjgs.org



Silver Award Training for Cadettes

Silver Award Training is now available on gsLearn! If you are not able to attend one of our Silver Award Trainings live online, you can now take it as a self-directed training on gsLearn. Silver Award Training offers girls and adults a comprehensive overview of the Silver Award steps and forms, tools for identifying and developing Silver Award projects that fall within the national guidelines, and GSSJC's process for Silver Award applicants. The training takes approximately 90 minutes to complete, but does not need to be finished in one sitting. Taking Silver Award Training prior to starting the Silver Award process is strongly recommended.

Who: (c) Adults

Where: Online

Contact: silveraward@sjgs.org



Ready, Set, GOLD!

Are you a Senior or Ambassador wondering what it takes to be a Gold Award Girl Scout? If so, this virtual workshop is for you! Learn what makes a Gold Award worthy project, how to navigate the step-by-step process for approval, and meet the supporting team of mentors. A panel of recent GSSJC Gold Award Girl Scouts will host a question and answer session and share their tips on developing a successful project. Don't miss this opportunity to discover all the benefits of going Gold! NOTE: This workshop is meant as an introduction to the Gold Award process and does NOT replace the required Gold Award Orientation.

Who: (s) (a)

Where: Virtual

When: Oct. 2, Feb. 26; 2 – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$5/girl

Contact: goldaward@sjgs.org



Distinguish Yourself with the Girl Scout Highest Awards

The Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards are the most prestigious leadership awards you can earn as a Girl Scout. Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award recipients have distinguished themselves as leaders and change-makers by creating a long-lasting impact in their community in any topic of their choice. How amazing is that?

Distinguish Yourself with the Highest Awards by:

- Developing advanced leadership skills like communication skills, adaptability, responsibility, time management, and project management.
- Demonstrating self-motivation and commitment in an area that interests you.
- Stepping outside your comfort zone to work with adult experts in the community.
- Earning scholarships and having a stand-out college/career resume!

	Bronze Award	Silver Award	Gold Award
Eligibility	Juniors– Complete as an Individual or in a troop or group	Cadettes– Complete as an Individual or in a group of up to 4 girls	Senior and Ambassador– Complete as an individual
Hours	20 hours	50 hours	80 hours
Approval Process	No project proposal required. Final Report submitted/ approved by troop leader.	Required Project Proposal and Final Report approval from the Silver Award Committee. Responses typically take 2-3 weeks.	Required Project Proposal and Final Report approval from the Gold Award Committee. Reviews typically occur every two weeks.
Deadlines	Final Report due by Sept. 30 of the year the girl completes 5th grade.	Final Report due by Sept. 30 of the year the girl completes 8th grade. Girls who have completed 8th grade must submit their Project Proposal by Aug. 1.	Final Report due by Sept. 30 of the year the girl completes 12th grade. Girls who have completed 12th grade must submit their Project Proposal by July 1.
Where to Start	Visit GSSJC’s Bronze Award webpage and read the Bronze Award Project Guide.	Visit GSSJC’s Silver Award webpage and read the Silver Award Project Guide. Take Silver Award Training on gsLearn.	Visit GSSJC’s Gold Award webpage and read the Gold Award Project Guide. Girls sign up for Gold Award Orientation on gsLearn.
Prerequisites	Complete one Junior Journey	Complete one Cadette Journey	Complete two Senior/Ambassador Journeys OR the Silver Award and one Senior/Ambassador Journey. Take Gold Award Orientation on gsLearn.
Contact	bronzeaward@sjgs.org	silveraward@sjgs.org	goldaward@sjgs.org

Gold Award Orientation

The self-directed Online Gold Award Orientation provides girls and adults with a comprehensive overview of the Gold Award steps and forms, tools for identifying and developing Gold Award projects that fall within the national guidelines, and GSSJC’s process for Gold Award applicants. Orientation is required for all girls who plan to earn their Gold Award and must be completed prior to submitting their Gold Award Project Proposal. The online orientation is broken into sections, takes approximately 90 minutes to complete, but does not need to be finished in one sitting. Girls may also refer back to it after it’s been completed.

Who: (S) (a) adults
Where/When: Online
Contact: goldaward@sjgs.org



The Next Step: A workshop on how to proceed after Gold Award Orientation

Now that you’ve completed Gold Award Orientation, you might be wondering what to do next. Join GSSJC Gold Award Girl Scouts and mentors to hear about successful projects, brainstorm project ideas, and get all your questions answered so you can take your next step in your Gold Award journey. NOTE: This workshop is optional intended for girls who have already completed the required Gold Award Orientation and does NOT replace it.

Who: (S) (a)
Where: Virtual
When: Oct. 30, March 26; 2 – 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$5/girl **Max:** 50
Contact: goldaward@sjgs.org



Sailing

Intro to Sailing

Are you curious about sailing? Do you want to feel the wind on your face and hear the water splashing around you? You will work alongside our Mariners (Special Interest Group) as they ready the boats to take you on a sailing adventure on the open seas! Sign up to be a sailor for the weekend. You must attend the entire weekend. Introduction to Sailing is a general sailing activity and is not a prerequisite to the Mariner program.

Who: Girls 11 and older. Must pass the GSSJC Proficient Swimmer and Advanced Swimmer Test. Requirements are available on gssjc.org. Please see section below on swim test requirements. Cards can be submitted to sailing.coordinator@gmail.com. Girls without cards will not be allowed to remain at camp.

When: Sept. 9 – 11 or Oct. 7 – 9 (Two separate weekends)

Where: Casa Mare, Seabrook

Cost: \$60

Contact: Stephanie Moore, smoore@sjgs.org or 713-292-0299

How do I obtain my GSSJC Swim Card?

We have made it really simple! All you will need to do is go to our website www.gssjc.org. Once on the site you will find the form needed under the “Volunteer hub” tab. When you click on “Forms and Documents” you can search “swim test” and the form will appear. It will be the GSSJC Proficient and Advanced Swimmer. Participants are required to pass both tests to register for Sailing. Print the form out and take it to your local community pool, Recreation center, or swimming pool for a lifeguard to administer the test. Please note that girls will still be re-tested at the time of the activity and could be requested to leave if they do not pass the test.

We need Dorm Moms!

To help our program to be fun and safe we need your help! Dorm Moms are an awesome group of women who assist with meals, are watchers during sailing, and ensure the girls are having fun during their weekend stay. Because the Mariners are girl-led, majority of the activities will be led by our older girls. Consider this a small weekend getaway with some supervision! Enjoy a stress and worry free, stay for the weekend by the bay helping girls have their best time sailing! Please contact sailing.coordinator@gmail.com or Stephanie Moore at smoore@sjgs.org for additional details!

Instruction and Mariner Weekends

Please note that the success of sailing is based on the weather. Although we will do our best to ensure girls get as much sailing time as they can, weather simply will not allow it. Because of this, girls may not meet the requirements of completion and will be asked to repeat the course. There are opportunities to enroll in sailing during resident camp, or to try again in the upcoming season.

Basic Sailing

Want to learn how to sail the open seas? Are you interested in being a Mariner? This is the activity for you! Learn how to rig and sail a Sunfish sailboat. You will learn boat safety, injury prevention, knot tying and more. This is a physically and mentally demanding activity. Be prepared to be challenged and have fun. **Basic Sailing is a two-weekend course, and you must attend both weekends, no exceptions.** Girl Scouts must be 11 years of age or older. Also, they need to successfully pass the GSSJC Proficient Swimmer and Advanced Swimmer Test. Requirements are available on GSSJC. Org. Please see section below on Swim Test requirements.

When: Sept.30 – Oct. 2 and Oct. 14 – 16
Both weekends are required attendance

Cost: \$120

Where: Casa Mare, Seabrook

Contact: Stephanie Moore, smoore@sjgs.org or 713-292-0299

Mariner Weekends

You have completed Basic Sailing, registered as a Mariner, and now you are officially a Mariner! Part of being in this awesome special interest group is you will have the opportunity to hang-out with other girls on weekends just for Mariners. You will have the chance to practice your sailing skills in a relaxed and fun environment. These weekends are typically theme, which adds to the fun! Mariners head to Casa Mare where they eat, sleep, and sail. Must already be a registered Mariner to attend and have successfully completed and passed Basic Sailing. Please reach out to our mariner coordinator at mariner coordinators@gmail.com for additional information.

Where: Casa Mare, Seabrook

When: Sept. 23 – 25 or Oct. 21 – 23
Two different weekends

Cost: \$50 (meals included)

Prerequisite: Must have successfully completed and passed Basic Sailing

Contact: Stephanie Moore, smoore@sjgs.org or 713-292-0299

Sports

Green Starlettes Registration

If you love to dance, then the Green Starlettes is for you! Registration for joining the Green Starlettes Dance Team for the 2022-2023 membership year is now open. Girls going into grades 4-12 for the 2022-2023 school year are welcome to register. There are no try-outs to join the team; any girl may be a part of the group. The purpose of the Green Starlettes is for girls to build confidence through a fun and exciting dance experience. GSSJC gives girls this opportunity to participate in a non-competitive, team atmosphere. Teams meet once a week to practice routines and prepare for upcoming parades, shows, and appearances. Visit www.greenstarlettes.com for more information.

Who: (j) (c) (s) (a)
When: Registration closes Oct. 1
Cost: \$38/girl
Contact: Julia Noble at Jnoble@sjgs.org, or Theresa Alexander at green_starlettes@yahoo.com

STEM

For all STEM events, contact Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233 for more information.

Idea Labs Badge Workshops

Looking for a simple and fun way to complete your STEM badge requirements? Look no further! Individuals and troops can attend Idea Lab Badge workshops together for a fun and creative way to learn through hands on activities! All programs are 10 a.m. – noon.

Program	Level	When
Shapes in Nature	D	Nov. 26
Inventor	B	Oct. 15
Leap Bot	B	Oct.29
Automotive Engineering	B	Oct. 22
Automotive Design	B	Nov. 19
Paddle Boat	J	Dec. 17
Automotive Design	J	Oct. 22
Automotive Engineering	J	Nov. 19

Cost: \$21-25
Contact: Rachel Archer, rarcher@sjgs.org, 713-292-0233

Robotics Badge Workshops

Look out for Robotics badge workshops hosted by our Robotics Teams! Earn a badge or more and learn from your fellow girl scouts. Council wide and private troop workshops will be available starting in the fall.

Who: All Levels
Where: Dependent on Team
Cost: Dependent on number of badges earned

Virtual with Microsoft

Join Microsoft, GSSJC, and GSCTX for these varied and interesting workshops covering topics including coding, game design, computer skills, and more!

When/Session:

Beginners Guide to Arcade Games: Make a Clicker Game Sept. 14
 Junior Digital Photographer Badge Workshop– Sept. 28
 The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History’s “Hall of Fossils” Tour– October 12
 Make your own story in PowerPoint and Word– Oct. 26
 Hour of Code Minecraft: AI– Nov. 9
 Hour of Code Minecraft: A tale of two villages– Nov. 30
 Beginner’s Guide to Arcade Games: Code your own games Dec. 7
 Game Maker Guide: Design a Space Explorer– Dec. 14

Who: Levels vary
When: Every other Wednesday 5 – 6 p.m.
Where: Virtual
Cost: \$3



Board Game Design Challenge

Go on an adventure to learn about inventors. You'll discover who inventors are and what they do. Along the way, you will try your own hand at inventing when you create your own board game.

Who: (d)
When: Nov. 26, 10 a.m. – noon
Where: Mad Science
Cost: \$21



Daisy Space Science Explorer Badge Workshop

Get ready to blast off on an adventure! This badge is out of this world. Daisies will explore the sun, observe the moon, and meet the stars. Participants can expect hands-on activities and a new understanding of what lies beyond the world we know.

Who: (d)
When: Dec. 10, 10 a.m. – noon
Where: Mad Science
Cost: \$21



Space Out! Camp Day

Celebrate Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors with this fun day at camp, hosted by the Astronomy Special Interest Group. Whether you’ve searched for shooting stars or found shapes in the clouds, you’ve probably already spent some time looking at the sky. Now’s your chance to see the sky in a new way - like a space scientist does by participating in hands-on activities and through GSSJC’s telescopes. Patch/badge included.

Who: (b) (j)
When: Nov. 12
Where: Misty Meadows Ranch, Conroe
Cost: \$22

Think Like an Engineer Camp Weekend for Juniors

Join us at camp and work in teams like real engineers with other Juniors! Learn how to utilize your construction skills as you work to solve challenges like a building that can withstand an earth's elements, a structure made entirely of paper, or an emergency shelter.

Who: ①
When: Dec. 9 – 11
Where: Camp Agnes Arnold, Conroe
Cost: \$65/girl; \$40/adult

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: ①
When: Oct. 15, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Where: Schlumberger Research Facility
Cost: \$10

Forensics Camp Weekend

Cadettes will use clues to try and solve a mystery at this exciting annual event! Girls will discover forensic techniques such as DNA analysis, chemical identification, fingerprint analysis, and more. Get ready to put on your sleuthing shoes and work as a team to unravel whodunit.

Who: ②
When: Jan. 27 – 29
Where: Camp Casa Mare, Seabrook
Cost: \$65/girl; \$40/adult

Invent it. Build it.

Join SWE for a unique program that combines creativity, innovation, and exploration through hands-on STEM activities. Students in grades 6-12 (ages 11-18) will participate in building, inventing, and networking with members of SWE and having fun with their peers. This event is tailor-made to develop a STEM identity and discover the engineering design process. Having fun inventing and learning isn't just for young girls. Parents and educators will also have the opportunity to learn about engineering careers, scholarships, college admission, and resources.

Who: ② ③ ④
When: Oct. 22, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Where: George R Brown Convention Center
Cost: \$5/girl, \$7/adult

Ask the Experts: STEM

Interested in science, robotics, automation or IT? Meet a panel of engineers, scientists and experts from ABB Group, Insight Global, Bank Of America, and Smart Financial to learn about the careers in STEM. They will share their experiences with you and answer your questions. Ask the Experts Patch and STEM rocker included.

Who: ② ③ ④
When: Sept. 24
Where: Virtual
Cost: \$5



Travel

Travel Volunteer Orientation

Join us, in this virtual session led by experienced Girl Scout Travel Volunteers, to learn more about the opportunities that await in the world of travel!

Who: Adult Volunteers
When: Sept. 17; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Travel Open House Virtual Info Session

Join us to learn about our upcoming 2023/2024 Council Trips to New York, Austin, and Switzerland, as well as how to attend a GSUSA Destinations Trip!

What: 2023/2024 Council Trips Info Session
Who: ① ② ③ ④ and adults
When: Oct. 1; 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

What: 2023 Destinations Info Session
Who: ② ③ ④ and adults
When: Oct. 1; 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Destinations

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Make friends from all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts from different states.

A Destination is any experience, regardless of distance or length of time, which provides a girl 11-18 with an opportunity to expand her personal experience beyond her everyday scope. Events typically range in length from 3-10 days. There's something for everyone - you may choose to write and direct your own film, climb mountains, dive undersea or protect fragile ecosystems. Some Destinations sites include, Hollywood, Alaska, San Diego, Nevada, Yosemite National Park, Peru, Ireland, and more!

Orientation is not required, but helpful! Past participants share their stories and trip experiences, and volunteers give application tips, tricks and answer your questions.

Girls traveling on Destination are eligible to receive a scholarship from GSSJC to assist with the cost of the Destination. In order to qualify as a recipient, you must participate in the Fall Product and Cookie program. You also agree to remain active in Girl Scouting for the next registration year, and share your Destinations experience at council when requested.

For more information visit www.girlscouts.org/destinations.

Training



Pun Times At Camp!

Fall Volunteer Conference is back and bigger than ever!

November 11– 13 at Camp Agnes Arnold

For the first time, come to FVC and get first aid certified, take your Volunteer Camper Certification (VCC), take a program level training, and participate in a few enrichment courses all in one weekend! While here you can also visit the Girl Scout shop, exchange S.W.A.P.S., see the new goats and chickens at Misty Meadows Ranch, meet fellow Girl Scout leaders, and so much more! FVC2022 is bigger (and punnier) than ever this year! Join us for all of your favorite classes and a few new options. This year, we will be offering an all-in-one training weekend for new and experienced leaders alike!

Returning This Year:

- Two nights of camping (Friday and Saturday) included in your price.
- Early Bird Discount for Registering Early (through Sept. 15)
- Taste of Adventure Park sessions
- Multiple shopping opportunities at the Girl Scout Shop
- Campfire and flag ceremonies
- Fun at the waterfront including canoeing!

New This Year:

- Full program level trainings offered
- Volunteer Camper Certification offered for additional charge
- First Aid Certification offered for additional charge
- Ability to pre-order items from the Girl Scout shop and pick them up at the event!
- Camp tours on Sunday (with a special visit to the goats and chickens!)

Price: \$50 Early Bird Registration, \$60 for On Time Registration (Some courses may have an additional charge but that will be noted)

What's Included: Meals while at camp, classes on Saturday, two nights of camping

Additional Costs: First Aid Certification (\$55), Volunteer Camper Certification (\$30), Taste of Adventure Park (TBD)

Please note: Registration for VCC and First Aid Classes will be offered separately on gsEvents. You must register for these events separately if you wish to participate in them.

Please note all those taking D/B PLT must take part one on Friday evening from 8 – 10 p.m. in addition to part two offered Saturday morning from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Friday Night: Friday night registration and activities from 5 – 10 p.m. for those spending the night Friday, Dessert served at 8 p.m.

Sunday: For those choosing to spend the night Saturday, special “try-its” will be offered Sunday morning if you are not participating in First Aid

For more information, please contact Cassie Robinson at crobinson@sjgs.org

Session 1										
9 – 10:30 a.m.	Program Level Training Daisy/Brownie - Starts at 8:30 a.m.	Program Level Training Juniors Starts at 8:30 a.m.	Program Level Training CSA Starts at 8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Cooking	Team Building	Legends, Graves, and Magic Elves	Waterfront	Letterboxing	Adventure Course	Archery
Session 2										
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Suicide Prevention	DEIB	I'm new here - Lingo, Learning, and Laughs	Outdoor Cooking	Ecology DBJ	Robotics DBJ	Waterfront	Outdoor Art Badges CSA	Adventure Course	Archery
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Lunch and Presentations on Special Interest Groups (SIG)									
Session 3										
2:45 – 4:15 p.m.	Human Trafficking Awareness	Emotional Regulating and Mindfulness	Singing Among the Pines	Robotics CSA	How to Run and Complete a Journey	Into the outdoors - Hiking	Waterfront	Knots & Lashings	Adventure Course	Archery
Session 4										
4:30 – 6 p.m.	Look Wider Still: Troop Travel, Destinations, & Global Action	Math In Nature Badges DBJ	Outdoor Art Badges DBJ	Advanced Outdoors CSA	Troop T-Shirts & IDs	Ecology CSA	Fairy Garden 2.0	Kitchen Cosmetology	Traditions & Ceremonies	Guitar 102

Course Descriptions for Fall Volunteer Conference 2022

What a Re-Leaf!: Advance Outdoors (C, S, A) – Learn about advance outdoor with your older girls including opportunities for older girls to get outdoors, how to take the next steps in their outdoor adventures, and more.

Don't Sweat the Tall Stuff: A Taste of Adventure Park – Experience our brand-new Adventure Course. For an additional fee, Adventure Course Facilitators from GSSJC will guide you through elements that are now available for our Junior and older girls.

A Taste of Archery – There Are No “Drawbacks” to this course! Ever wonder why your girls cannot hit the Bullseye? It's a lot harder than you think! Take part in the same learning opportunity your troop has at a “Bull's Eye For Girls”. Learn the basics of archery, what opportunities are available for your girls, and so much more!

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) – GSSJC fosters belonging and respect for all girls. We empower all girls, volunteers, and staff to fulfill their potential and make the world a better place. Our Girl Scout Promise drives us to provide diverse, equitable and inclusive experiences where all girls, volunteers and staff are confident they belong. We stand firm in these commitments and united by these ideals.

Get to “Grow” the Ecology Badges: Ecology (D, B, J) or (C, S, A) – Join us for a hands-on exploration of the ecology badges, including where to find the requirements.

Emotional Regulating and Mindfulness – This training is intended for anyone who helps to raise and train children, so that children will learn how to be aware of their own changing emotions and have the self-regulation skills to be able to effectively communicate their needs and effectively get their needs met.

Fairy Garden 2.0: We're fairy sure you'll love this class! – Show your girls how to make a home for their very own fairies using inexpensive items from home such as cardboard egg cartons, moss, pinecones, and small rocks.

Guitar 201 – You'll be fingerpickin' good by the end of this class! Learn to play a song AND perform with the group at Saturday night's campfire program. Reading music is not required and you will learn how to utilize chord charts to learn chord progressions to play songs. Feel free to bring your own instrument or you can borrow one for this session

Don't Stop Believin' You Can Run A Journey – Girl Scout Journeys are an important part of how girls learn to make a difference in the world—and have fun while doing it! Learn how to run a Journey efficiently, how to take your Journey outdoors and how to keep girls engaged and excited throughout the Journey activities. We will also spend time on the main emphasis of any Journey—the Take Action Project.

Human Trafficking Awareness – Raising awareness about human trafficking in the US and strategies to protect others.

Laugh S'More, Worry Less: Lingo, Learning, and Laughs – New to Girl Scouts and feeling a little lost between the lingo and traditions? What are all these acronyms – VTK, WAGGGS, CST, CLT, VEM, CEM, GSSJC and why are my girls in a circle with their hands tied in a knot? Camp names? Come learn and laugh with us as we explain the wonderful world of Girl Scouting and what you need to know to feel more confident to delve into this fabulous journey with your troop, your troop families and most importantly, the girls!

Wood You Like to Go For A Hike – Explore outdoor opportunities from parks and simple hikes to backpacking. Learn about bugs, critters, and plants that live in different biomes. We will review the “Ten Essentials” for hiking, backpacking, and outdoor adventures, as well as how to dress for the outdoors. Additionally, learn easy-to-make food recipes for the outdoors, YUM!

Recipe for Success and Relaxation: Kitchen Cosmetology – What do honey, oatmeal, and herbs have in common? Find out what other common ingredients from your kitchen have similar purposes and make some neat things for your home spa.

Knots & Lashings: Do Not be Afraid of some lashings and knots – 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.

Moovin' through Legends, Graves, and Magic Elves – What do a purple hippo, a magic elf, and snake island have in common? Camp Agnes Arnold! Make these legends come alive for your girls when you visit this long-time favorite camp. The class includes a walking tour to a few of these secret locations.

X Marks the Spot: Letterboxing – Learn about this fun version of treasure hunting on. Find where treasure has been hidden, how to locate it, create a journal to record your letterboxing adventures, and see examples of containers to use for stashing your treasure and rubber stamps to document your finds.

Oh The Places You Will Go... With Girl Scouts!: 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 the others.

Take it of “Leaf” it: Math in Nature Badges (D, B, J) – Join us for a hands-on exploration of the ecology badges, including where to find the requirements.

“Blend” the Rules: Outdoors Art Badges (D, B, J) or (C, S, A) – Join us for a hands-on exploration of the Outdoor Art badges, including where to find the requirements.

You Go Grill (or Bake, or Roast): Outdoor Cooking for All – Planning group camping menus to accommodate dietary needs. Learn how to make flexible meals that allow all girls regardless of their dietary needs to be included and not feel different due to their dietary or religious requests.

Pull a Robot Out of a Hat: Robotics (D, B, J) or (C, S, A) – Join us for a hands-on exploration of the Robotics badges, including where to find the requirements.

Rocks and roll (and other musical genres): Singing Among the Pines – Girl Scouts and songs go together like marshmallows and graham crackers. Learn to lead girls in creative Girl Scout songs, both traditional and modern and have fun while doing so!

Suicide Prevention – According to the America Foundation for Suicide Prevention, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and is attempted at twice the rate in girls than boys. Suicide is a serious issue for every demographic in this country. Learn about this epidemic and how you can best help the girls in your troop.

Team Work Makes the Troop Work: Team Building – Learn some tips and tricks for encouraging leadership and cooperation between your girls.

Water We Doing Here: Things to do on the Waterfront – There are many exciting things to do on the waterfront. Learn about all the activities and fun your girls can participate in and enjoy canoeing around Shadow Lake!

Tale as Old As Time: Girl Scout Traditions & Ceremonies – Traditions and ceremonies give Girl Scouts a sense of history and help remind girls they belong to a sisterhood and help mark memorable occasions in their journey. Learn to lead girls in these time-honored traditions and ceremonies using a variety of resources to create lasting memories and have fun!

Sketched in Cotton: Easy Troop T-shirts and IDs – Girls love wearing troop T-shirts while at camp, selling cookies, and going on field trips. Discover some easy techniques to have your troop looking fabulous and unified. Learn what a troop ID is and see some great samples of troop banners. Create a T-shirt of your very own. You will need to bring a plain, pre-washed, white T-shirt to complete this class.

Daisy/ Brownie Program Level Trainings: Leaders will learn how to work with girls in a girl-led, learning-by-doing environment that will incorporate Girl Scout program. Participants can see the progression in characteristics of each age group and learn about earned awards, troop governance, field trips and service project readiness, ceremonies, the girl/adult partnership, tips on girl planning, and more with the use of available program resources.

Partnering with Juniors: Learn how to work with girls in a girl-led, learning-by-doing environment that will incorporate Junior-level Girl Scout program.

Partnering with Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors: This training is highly recommended for new leaders working with Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors program levels or leaders moving to older girl leadership.

Volunteer Camper Certification: Join us for a day of hands on learning at camp. This training is geared toward getting your girls outdoors with helpful tips and tricks from experienced leaders, including different campfire basics, outdoor ceremonies, and more. This is a required course for certain activities at camp. Camping and Overnight Basics is a required prerequisite. This course is an additional charge and will only be offered Friday afternoon before the official event begins.

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Blended Learning: Blended Learning First Aid/AED/CPR training comprises both online study and in-person skills demonstration. This certifies for infant through adult. Participants must complete both parts in order to receive their certification. This course is an additional charge and will be offered both Friday afternoon and Sunday morning.

Piñata

Es el día de entrenamiento en Español para nuevos voluntarios. Aprenderás acerca del programa de las niñas, como manejar las finanzas de una tropa, como hacer una ceremonia de Promesas, ideas de actividades y mucho mas en un solo día. Habrá cuidado de niños mayores de 6 años y.

Cuando: Sábado 15 de octubre de 8:30 a.m. a 3 p.m.

Donde: Girl Scout Center.

Valor: \$15 cubre todos los materiales del entrenamiento de adultos.

Cuidado de niños: Donación de \$5 para materiales de las actividades con los niños

Traer: Todos los participantes deben traer su lunch/ almuerzo, incluidos los niños. Nosotros proveeremos refrigerios.

Piñata

This is the training day in Spanish for new volunteers. You will learn about the girls program, how to handle the finances of a troop, how to do a pledge ceremony, activity ideas, and much more in just one day. There will be babysitting 6 and up.

When: Saturday, Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Girl Scout Center.

Fee: \$15 includes all adult training materials..

Baby sitting: \$5 donation for kids materials.

Bring: All participants must bring their lunch, including children. We will provide refreshments.

Training Calendar Sept. 2022- July 2023

Day	Date	Training	Prerequisites	Where
Saturday	Sept. 17	Event Basics		Zoom
Saturday	Sept. 17	Renewal Specialist Training		Zoom
Saturday	Sept. 17	Roster Specialist Training		Zoom
Saturday	Sept. 17	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	Sept. 17	Weekend Events	Event Basics	Zoom
Saturday	Sept. 24	Community Mentor Team Lead Training		GSC
Saturday	Sept. 24	Making the Most of MYGS - VTK -Online Community - gsLearn		GSC
Saturday	Sept. 24	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	Oct. 1	Community Mentor Team Lead Training		Zoom
Saturday	Oct. 1	Troop Mentor Training		Zoom
Sunday	Oct. 2	Renewal Specialist Training		Zoom
Sunday	Oct. 2	Roster Specialist Training		Zoom
Saturday	Oct. 8	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Wednesday	Oct. 12	Making the Most of MYGS - VTK -Online Community - gsLearn		
Saturday	Oct. 15	Pinata		GSC/PP
Sunday	Oct. 16	Program Level Training for Daisy and Brownie Troops		Zoom
Tuesday	Oct. 18	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	Oct. 22	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	CWP
Sunday	Oct. 23	Partnering with Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors		Zoom
Sunday	Oct. 23	Partnering with Juniors		Zoom
Tuesday	Nov. 1	Community Mentor Team Lead Training		Zoom
Saturday	Nov. 5	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Friday	Nov. 11	Fall Volunteer Conference		Treelake
Friday	Nov. 11	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	WC
Friday	Nov. 11	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	Nov. 12	Fall Volunteer Conference		Treelake
Saturday	Nov. 12	Partnering with Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors		AA
Saturday	Nov. 12	Partnering with Juniors		AA
Saturday	Nov. 12	Program Level Training for Daisy and Brownie Troops		AA
Sunday	Nov. 13	Fall Volunteer Conference		Treelake
Sunday	Nov. 13	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	WC
Saturday	Nov. 19	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	Dec. 10	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	Dec. 17	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	Jan. 7	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	Jan. 21	Program Level Training for Daisy and Brownie Troops		Zoom
Saturday	Jan. 21	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	Jan. 28	Admin Summit		GSC
Saturday	Jan. 28	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	Feb. 4	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Wednesday	Feb. 15	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	Feb. 25	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	March 11	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	TBD
Saturday	March 18	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	April 1	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	WAM
Thursday	April 13	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Saturday	April 15	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	May 6	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	May 13	Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED Blended	Online videos with certificate	GSC
Wednesday	May 17	Community Leadership Team Training		Zoom
Saturday	May 20	Volunteer Camper Certification	Camping/Overnight Basics	ATC
Saturday	June 3	Partnering with Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors		Zoom
Saturday	June 3	Partnering with Juniors		Zoom
Saturday	June 3	Program Level Training for Daisy and Brownie Troops		Zoom
Wednesday	June 7	MYGS - VTK -Online Community - gsLearn		Zoom
Saturday	June 10	Community Leadership Team Training		GSC
Saturday	June 10	Event Basics		Zoom
Saturday	June 10	Weekend Events	Event Basics	Zoom
Saturday	June 17	Community Financial Specialist Training		Zoom
Saturday	June 17	Community Mentor Team Lead Training		Zoom
Saturday	June 17	Community/Region Treasurer Training		Zoom
Saturday	June 24	Community Leadership Team Training		Zoom
Saturday	July 15	Community Financial Specialist Training		GSC
Saturday	July 15	Community Mentor Team Lead Training		GSC
Saturday	July 15	Community/Region Treasurer Training		GSC
Saturday	July 15	Event Basics		GSC
Saturday	July 15	Renewal Specialist Training		GSC
Saturday	July 15	Roster Specialist Training		GSC
Saturday	July 15	Weekend Events	Event Basics	GSC
Sunday	July 16	Community Leadership Team Training Part A		Zoom
Sunday	July 23	Community Leadership Team Training Part B		Zoom
Saturday	July 29	Partnering with Cadette, Seniors, and Ambassadors		GSC
Saturday	July 29	Partnering with Juniors		GSC
Saturday	July 29	Program Level Training for Daisy and Brownie Troops		GSC

Key

ATC- Adult Training Center, Conroe

GSC- Girl Scout Center, Houston

AA- Camp Agnes Arnold, Conroe

WAM-Wind-A-Mere, Alvin

CWP- Camp Whispering Pines, Nacogdoches

WC-Welcome Center, Camp Agnes Arnold, Conroe

Around Camp

“Be prepared” for a hurricane or a severe storm by building an emergency kit.

A Girl Scout is always prepared to help whenever she is needed, and she must know how to do a job well, even in an emergency. Prepare NOW so you can be ready if a tropical storm or hurricane comes your way. An emergency kit has all the things that you and your family may need during an emergency in which you may have to stay inside for longer than usual or if the electricity goes out.

Collect these items and keep them together in a safe place so they will be readily available in case of an emergency.

- Three-day supply of non-perishable food (dried fruit, canned tuna fish, peanut butter, etc.)
- Can opener
- First aid kit
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for everyone in your family.
- Change of clothes to last three days, including sturdy shoes; consider the weather where you live
- Matches in a waterproof container (let a grown-up handle these)
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap
- Paper plates, plastic cups and utensils, paper towels
- Water-at least a gallon per person, per day
- Battery-powered or hand-cranked radio with extra batteries
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Cell phone with charger, extra battery and solar charger/ vehicle charger
- Whistle to call for help
- Local maps
- Pet supplies
- Baby supplies
- Books, games or puzzles
- A favorite stuffed animal or blanket

Reserve Rangers Needed

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is looking for adult volunteers to serve as Reserve Rangers in our camps on weekends. If you enjoy the outdoors and the camping experience, we need you.

We started the Reserve Ranger Corps in 1989 to extend staff/volunteer partnerships to the camp environment. Qualified, trained adult volunteers spend a weekend at a camp of their choice, assisting the staff ranger on duty with troop/event check-in, routine requests for services, answering campers' questions, check-out and acting as the steward of the council's camp property. No experience is needed; however, all applicants must have First Aid/CPR/AED certification and Camping and Overnight Basics (online) prior to appointment and Volunteer Camper Certification within six months of appointment. We provide a weekend orientation which includes an overview of the duties and on-the-job training from an experienced Reserve Ranger.

We are recruiting individuals with a friendly and caring attitude! Our Reserve Rangers serve as role models for the adults and girls using our camp facilities. The attitude and demeanor of a Reserve Ranger can have a lasting impact on a person's camping experience. Our Reserve Rangers are personally committed to ensuring the safety of adults and girls using the camp facilities.

Reserve Rangers stay in separate, private quarters at each camp. Each facility is climate controlled. Reserve Rangers are volunteers and do not receive a salary, however, we offer a stipend of \$100 to offset personal out-of-pocket gas and food expenses incurred when on duty for a weekend.

To sign up or for information email junderwood@sjgs.org.



Watch for wildlife at camp

Did you know that we have several types of wildlife living in our council camps? We can't think of a better place to live than in our beautiful, peaceful wooded forests. When you visit our camps, you will most likely see deer which come in all sizes: mature does, bucks and even the smallest baby deer. A doe is a female deer. Male deer are called bucks and are usually bigger and have antlers. Fawns are baby deer, were born a few months ago and are still learning how to survive in the wild. Sometimes a doe will have twins which is a sight to see. You're most likely to see deer in the early morning and evening hours in open fields.

Birds, squirrels, raccoons, hogs, opossums, coyotes, fox, bats, spiders, snakes, turtles, rabbits, and even skunks live in our council camp forests. Depending on the time of day or night and how quiet you are, you may see one of these animals. It's awesome to see these critters in their natural habitat; however, do NOT approach them, attempt to feed them or touch any wildlife. Our camp wildlife is more frightened of you and will usually run and scamper back into the forest when they see or hear you. Always view wildlife from a safe distance. In the event you encounter a dead animal, or a live one acting strangely, notify the staff ranger or reserve ranger immediately. They will determine the appropriate steps in dealing with each situation.

Adults: please drive carefully and slowly watching for deer and our dear girls. The four-legged variety is more likely to run right at your vehicle if they are frightened or panicked. Remember that during the short time you spend at camp, you are visiting the home of these animals. Many of these animals were born and have lived in council camps for several years. Be respectful and thank you for always leaving your camp ground cleaner than you found it.

Philanthropy



SAVE THE DATE
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council
Centennial Celebration

Tuesday, October 18, 2022
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hilton Americas
1600 Lamar St., Houston, TX 77010

Join us as Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council celebrates its 100th anniversary!

This year we will be joined by native Houstonian, Lauren Anderson. Join us as she shares her triumphant journey in becoming the first African-American to be promoted to principal dancer at Houston Ballet – and one of the few African-American ballerinas at the head of a major ballet company anywhere in the world.



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I'd like more information on how to become an Underwriter Sponsor

Table Sponsorships

Courage Sponsor \$10,000

- 10 seats with table signage
- Priority reserved seating
- Sponsor recognition on event materials, website, and audio-visual presentation
- Recognition in council publications
- Half-page, full-color ad in event program
- Opportunity to recognize a female leader or female leadership initiative
- Exclusive invitation for two to 2023 Just Desserts Reception

Confidence Sponsor - \$5,000

- 10 seats with table signage
- Sponsor recognition on event materials, website, and audio-visual presentation
- Recognition in council publications
- Quarter-page, full-color ad in event program
- Exclusive invitation for two to Just Desserts Reception in 2022

Character Sponsor \$2,500

- 10 seats with table signage
- Sponsor recognition on event materials, website, and audio-visual presentation
- Recognition in council publications
- Exclusive invitation for two to Just Desserts Reception in 2022

Donation – We are unable to participate but would like to support Girl Scout’s Mission with \$ _____

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Please email this form to pzambrano@sjs.org, mail it to the address below, or fax it to 713-292-0335.

GSSJC, Attn: Princess Zambrano, 3110 Southwest Freeway Houston, Texas 77098
713-292-0358

Give \$100 for our 100th!

Embrace the spirit of giving, make a meaningful donation on behalf of your family to the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council.

Any amount helps support the Girl Scouts mission but consider



\$100 for 100 Year Anniversary.

Earn your \$ sign charm for the GSSJC 100th Anniversary Patch Program. Check out the QR Code below for more information.

Donate today at www.gssjc.org/donate



Thank You, GSSJC Donors!

For any questions about the donor list, contact Ruth Delaunay at rdelaunay@sjgs.org. Honorariums listed are \$25 and above. Donors listed March 1 – May 31.

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Join the Women's Leadership Network

The Women's Leadership Network (WLN) is designed to bring together strong, connected women who are passionate about supporting the next generation of female leaders through the best leadership development program for girls available—today's Girl Scouts.



Women's Leadership Network
Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council

You can be a role model and leader for girls in our area by pledging a personal gift of \$1,000 for the 2022-23 campaign and joining the WLN today.

What does a donation to GSSJC do for girls?

- Provides life-changing programs to more than 35,000 girls throughout our council
- Gives Girl Scout training to the nearly 14,000 volunteers that lead our girls
- Maintains our beloved camp properties for girls to explore
- Offers research-based curriculum to each girl in our council
- Cares for our herd of treasured horses that girls learn from and love

And so much more...

For information, contact Diane Likeness at dlikeness@sjgs.org or 713-292-0346.

Thank you for supporting GSSJC while back to school shopping

Before you head out to do your back to school shopping this year, check out these simple and easy ways to financially support GSSJC. Share these opportunities with your friends and colleagues!

Amazon: Make sure you shop via smile.amazon.com and search for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council or go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6001254> and link your Amazon account to us. A portion of eligible purchases will be donated back to GSSJC.

Kroger: Visit krogercommunityrewards.com to link your Kroger Plus Card to Girl Scouts, and a portion of your purchase will be donated to GSSJC. Search for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council by name or by the organizational number 83762. This must be done yearly.

Scrapbook

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



Troop #152119 led and hosted a Lone Star Treasures Community event celebrating Earth Day and Arbor Day. They planted 27 trees in Seabourne Creek Nature Park with the help of Texas Master Naturalists and other Girl Scouts from the community. They all fulfilled the Tree Promise and contributed to the GSUSA National Tree Planting Service Project.



Troop #111139 went on their first overnight experience at the Downtown Aquarium. The girls had a great time with the jam-packed activities itinerary and learned a lot about animals.



Troop #114113 (Sarah, Mikayla and Isabella) delivered cookies to Harris County ESD Region 11. A member of the team came to the troop meeting to help them earn the Junior First Aid badge. They were excited to be able to give the crew of 346 members each a package of cookies and the girls were honored to be apart of this.



Troop #139126 had a fun event for the Kristen Bell purple party!



Troop #139126 delivered 35 cases of cookies to the League City Volunteer Fire Dept.



Troop #04343 put together literacy bags for KIPP schools.



Troop #04343 held a I am my Sister's Keeper Award Ceremony. Girls were presented trophies, medallions, and patches for all their accomplishments.

Troop #4056 had a visit from the Fort Bend County Animal Services. The girls presented them with dog toys they made from old T-shirts as a service project.



Troop #20138 held two on-line and in church donation drives to raise money for Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas. The troop is thankful to their church and community for their assistance in raising \$1,000 for Uvalde assistance.



Troop #118071 heard about the shooting in Uvalde and they came together to create memorial pieces that they could give to the parents and family. As a troop they made a flower memorial in the shape of the Girl Scout logo. They individually have created cards and other items that will be sent to Uvalde and placed at the memorial site as well as given to the family of sister Girl Scout Amerie Jo Garza.



Troop #107016 completed their Silver Award by building shelves for Hope's Bridge, a group that supports foster children. They were running out of storage, the girls built nine shelves and installed them to help with their storage problem.

Raising Awesome Girls

Six Tricks to Make Her More Confident

You want your daughter to dream big and achieve huge things in her life—and the first step to that kind of success is helping her to believe she can do anything she sets her mind to. Steal these six boost-her-up secrets from Girl Scouts' resident Developmental Psychologist Andrea Bastiani Archibald and watch her confidence soar.

Catch her being clever

Kids are so terrific at observing life's funniest, most puzzling, and inspiring moments. When your daughter helps you see a situation in a different light, tell her why what she said is so interesting and how she changed your thinking. It matters to her that you're really listening and that you appreciate what she has to contribute (which is a lot!).

Switch up the compliments

If she's used to being praised for her looks (or even her singing voice or on her soccer prowess), make sure to tell her how great she is at other things, too. She's got many talents and should know that they're all valuable—that her identity doesn't have to depend on any one of them. As far as talking about how cute she is (I mean, come on, she's adorable!) it's fine to tell her she looks nice, but make sure those comments are sprinkled in amongst applause for her numerous skills and talents. She's way more than just a pretty face!

Work up a Sweat

Whether you initiate an impromptu yoga session in the living room or challenge her to a round of hoops on the driveway, getting active with your daughter will boost her endorphins (and, thus, her mood) and also help her appreciate just how much her awesome body really can do—instead of only focusing on the way it looks.

Ask for Her Help

Has your daughter aced almost every video game out there? Have her give you some pointers the next time she's sitting down for a game. Or if she's the queen of Instagram filters and you're, well, a little challenged in that department, have her walk you through her favorites. Whatever she's great at, call her out on it and let her be the teacher for once. Putting her in an expert role will show your daughter that you value her knowledge, and give her leadership skills, too!



Let Her Set the Trends

Show curiosity about whatever she's into right now—whether that's horses, astronomy, or, well, whatever! She looks up to you, so when she sees you're interested in the things she likes, too, she'll feel even more confident in her choices and sense of self.

Cheer Her On

There will be times when your daughter will want to try out for or audition for things that are highly competitive, and that might not work out for her—that's a good thing! Don't discourage her from attempting a challenge just because she might not get picked. Instead, tell her how happy it makes you when she tries new things and really puts herself out there—and that you'll be proud of her no matter what happens.

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