

Bryan/College Station

Service Unit News

April, 2016

Area 3, Service Unit 700, Council Code 578



Troop Trip Money Reminder

As you are planning Troop Trips for the end of the year and the summer, remember Girl Scout policy **PROHIBITS** cash withdrawals from your bank account unless you have prior approval. All troop travel expenses should be paid with a troop check or troop debit card. If you determine prior to departure that an attraction or expense cannot be paid by either of these methods, you can request approval to withdraw cash. You must submit your request in writing to SU Treasurer Joyce Cavanagh and MDE Erika Pope 30 days prior to departure date. Your request should include a description of the expense and explanation of why a check or debit card cannot be used. Supporting documentation, when available, should be included. If approved, upon return, a reconciliation report should be submitted showing receipts for the cash expenditure(s) and deposit slip showing any excess cash was deposited back into the troop account. If you discover on the trip that a check or debit card is not accepted, it is **NOT** acceptable to withdraw funds from an ATM. In this case a personal credit card can be used and the individual reimbursed with a troop check. (Remember, the signer on the check should **NEVER** be the person being reimbursed.) If you have any questions about any of these policies, refer to your Troop Money Manager training documents or call SU Treasurer Joyce Cavanagh.

Gold Awards Grants

Do you need help funding your Gold Award Project? B/CS Service Unit has funds available. And all you need to do is apply. Gold Award grants are available year round and do not require a due date. However, a minimum of one month should be allowed for processing of the award. For more information on how to apply and the application process please email Dana Hudson at dahudson@hotmail.com

Troop Financial Reports

Troop Financial Reports are due to the **Service Unit Treasurer May 1 by 5p.m.**

Please mail your report to:
Service Unit Treasurer
Joyce Cavanagh
4219 Camber Court,
College Station, TX 77845

(There will NOT be a box at Joyce's door, so please **DO NOT** leave your report at her house.)

Your report should include 2 copies of the NEW Troop Report of Banking Activity form and 2 copies of your March bank statement. Please use the Troop Report of Banking Activity form located on the Service Unit website which has been edited to include local information. Other documents used will be returned to the troop for revision. This is a fillable document, so save the file to your computer and enter your information directly onto the form. The form will do the math for you and transfer some of the information to other parts of the form automatically. Save yourself time and frustration by completing the report this way. Remember that you can turn in your report as soon as it is completed - you do not have to wait until May 1. If you have any questions or need any help, do not hesitate to call Joyce at 574-6427. Late reports will result in a troop not receiving its Troop Cookie Bonus.

Attention Cadettes!

Silver Award Workshop
Sunday, April 24, 2 pm - 4 pm
A&M United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
For Cadettes, parents and advisors
All the info you need to get started on your Silver Award.
RSVP to Janet Bowman at rjbowman55@gmail.com

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Visit Camp Howdy online at: <http://www.freewebs.com/camphowdy/index.html>

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Check out our Blog at <http://bcsgirlscouts.blogspot.com>

Local Happenings

Annual GS Leader Dinner and Awards Banquet

Emcee and Speaker, Katherine Witte, KBTX
April 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm
A&M Methodist Church Church St.
College Station

If you would like your Bronze, Silver or Gold Award pins presented to your Girl Scout at the dinner, please get them to Dana in a timely manner before the banquet date.

Scout Day of Reflection

Friday, July 22 - Saturday, July 23
St Elizabeth's Catholic Church
Pflugerville, TX

Religious emblems for Scouts
Religious emblem training for adults

For more information or to be included on the mailing list: atxscouts@gmail.com

Fly Girls

April 16th, 2016 10am-1pm
Hilltop Lakes Airport

Join local pilots as they have a fly-in at Hilltop Lakes Airport. Check out planes and see how they work. Make your own kites learn the science behind utilizing wind power. Register on Ebiz.

Women of Distinction

Please join us for the 2016 Women of Distinction Bryan-College Station on Thursday, September 1st, 2016 at 6 p.m. at Miramont Country Club in Bryan. Women of Distinction is the signature event for Girl Scouts in the area, honoring and celebrating local women who have distinguished themselves as outstanding members of their community through individual excellence and high levels of achievement. Past recipients have included women honored for excellence in the areas of business, education, government, communications, health care, sports, volunteer services, multicultural activities, and Girl Scouting. The funds raised through Women of Distinction benefit the more than 1300 Girl Scouts and Adult Volunteers in Bryan-College Station and the surrounding areas. You can sponsor a table or purchase a ticket for the event online at <https://gsctx.ejoinme.org/WODBCS>. For more information or if you have any questions please contact Christal Hice at christalh@gsctx.org or 800-733-0011 x802.

Hunger Games

All ages

A weekend in the Districts at Camp Howdy. Learn tricks of the trade and challenge yourself! The movie will be shown in the evening for older girls. Younger girls will watch Brave.

April 22-24th

Register on eBiz or with epoprik@gmail.com
This is a fundraiser for the IN-TENTS group

Healthy Children • Healthy Future

Nursing students from Texas A&M will present the negative effects of a sedentary lifestyle, the positive effects of an active lifestyle, and ways to bring positive changes into practice now. The presentation will be altered depending on the age range of the audience and a short demonstration/activity will be performed afterwards to motivate the audience to implement the new information. Total time (again, dependent on the age of the audience) between 15-30 minutes. Contact information is below if you are interested in having this available for your troop.
Emily Coffey (c) 713-819-8800 (e) coffey@tamhsc.edu

Camp Howdy turns 60 this year!

Girl Scouts of Central Texas Troop 9184 Cadettes and Seniors who are active AIDES at Howdy Day Camp and love Camp Howdy would like to contribute to the big renovation project by inviting other members of the community, other scouts, AIDES, former and current leaders to join Painting with a Twist today as we donate 50% of the \$35 you pay to the Camp Howdy Fundraising Campaign. May 15th 2-4PM.

We can't think of another way to spend your Sunday afternoon other than to support Girl Scouts! Join us!



School Organizer needed!

There is a team of people running the September rallies, but we need that one **important** communication link with private and public schools scheduling the rallies. You do not have to attend a rally - just be the coordinator. This important position is a Service Unit Team member position who will work with the Troop Organizer. Email bcsgsorganizer@gmail.com if you wish to step up!

CEP Q&A with Leadership:

Learn about the new improvements coming with volunteer systems & Volunteer toolkit

When: April 12 6:30–7:30 pm

Where: Bryan/College Station Service Center
With: Lynelle

TRAINING

Let's Go1,2,3 on Friday/Saturday 4/8/16-4/9/16
Time 6pm Friday-6pm Saturday at Camp Howdy.
Cost \$25

LE Daisy, Brownie, Junior, CSA on Saturday
4/23/16. Time 9am-noon at Scout House. No Cost.

Registration for all of this is online through Ebiz.

Council Trips!

Fort Davis

October 07, 2016-October 10, 2016
(Registration Closes on September 20, 2016) -
Jana Jones, 512-797-0700

Seattle

March 12, 2017-March 18, 2017
(Registration Closes on January 17, 2017) -
Nicole Payne, 915-373-4685

Cyprus Girl Guides Summer Camp

July 15, 2017-August 01, 2017
(Registration Closes on February 01, 2017) -
Beth Abel, 512-940-7003

Konichiwa Japan

June 13, 2017-June 27, 2017
(Registration Closes on February 28, 2017) -
Emily Magnotta, 979-774-0050



Come travel Around the World at Camp Howdy this summer!

It's Time to Register for Howdy Girl Scout Day Camp 2016!
Information and Forms are available at:
<http://camphowdy.webs.com>
Registrations due by April 22nd

Day Camp will be June 6th-10th from 8-2 pm at Camp Howdy in Bryan

We are in need of the following volunteers for Howdy Day Camp 2016.

Pixie Unit Co-Leader: This unit is for children (infant – 5 years).

Pixie Leaders will be responsible for setting up, planning activities, supervising, and cleaning up for this unit. The Pixie Unit is housed at the Scout House (air conditioning!!).

UNIT LEADERS and ASSISTANT LEADERS:

All training received prior to camp. Unit leaders are responsible for

leading a group of same-aged girls through the activities at day camp Monday - Friday, with the help of camp aides.

We cannot have day camp without Unit Leaders!

Please consider volunteering for this position if you love the outdoors and children.

To volunteer and complete your camp registration, please visit the Camp Howdy website at
<http://www.camphowdy.webs.com>

Camp Howdy Training Dates:

May 14th & 21st, 7:45 am - 2 pm

Bring the following to the Day Camp Training when at Camp Howdy (5321 Jones Road):

- Any adult-related paperwork not previously provided (e.g., health forms, proof of completion of youth protection training).
- Old manual, if you have one from last year.
- Chairs (we do not have many seats left under the pavilion).
 - Pen or pencil for notes.
- Water bottles (we will be hiking around camp to visit your unit).

If you are a Unit Leader, RaNap Leader, or an Aide **you are expected to stay for lunch.** You will need to bring a plate, bowl, cup, fork, and spoon. If you have at least 5 years of Day Camp experience and you know you will not be staying for lunch, please let the Adult Register know so that we do not purchase an excessive amount of food for the training.

*****Still in need of one Assistant Director ... or no Day Camp in 2017*****

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