

Girl Talk

March 2025

GSGST
Newsletter



Galentines Party | Troop #100



Lifesaving Basic workshop | Troop 3119



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Stay in the

Sisterhood



Spring Renewal

Spring is around the corner, and that means it's almost time to renew your Girl Scout membership!

Secure your spot for another year of adventure, learning, and fun with your troop.



Mark your calendar: Membership renewal opens in April—don't miss out!



Taylor Swift / Girl Scout Alumni

March is Women's History Month



A time to honor the incredible achievements of women past and present—many of whom started their journeys as Girl Scouts! From astronauts and activists to CEOs and changemakers, Girl Scouts have a long history of shaping the future.

This month, we encourage our Girl Scouts to learn about inspiring women, explore leadership opportunities, and take action in their communities. Whether it's earning a Women's History fun patch, supporting a local female entrepreneur, or discovering careers in STEM, there are endless ways to celebrate!

Celebrate Girl Scout Week & Our Founder's Birthday!

Get ready to celebrate Girl Scout Week from March 10-16—a time to honor our history, values, and the amazing girls and volunteers who make Girl Scouts special!

March 12 – Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts!

On this day in 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts, creating a movement that has inspired generations of girls to lead with courage, confidence, and character. This is the perfect time to reflect on what being a Girl Scout means to you!

Ways to Celebrate:

- Wear your Girl Scout uniform or a green outfit on March 12.
- Do a good deed or community service project.
- Plan a special troop activity to honor Girl Scout traditions.

Share your Girl Scout story on social media using #GirlScoutWeek!





Service Unit Spotlight:

Girl Scouts from Brownsville Service Unit took on leadership roles at Brownsville's annual Scout Government Day! Members were sworn into key positions, including Scout Mayor, Scout Commissioner At-Large "A," and District 3 Commissioner.

"This is a great learning opportunity," said Commissioner Leal. "Enjoy it, have fun, and make the most of this experience!"

Way to go, Brownsville Service Unit, for representing Girl Scouts in such an exciting way!

2024 - 2025 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting will be held virtually on
Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas invites all council members aged 14 and older to RSVP and participate. This is a great opportunity to stay informed on council updates, participate in important votes, and engage in networking. It's also an excellent way to involve older girls in the business of our Movement!

Apply To Become A Council Delegate

A Council Delegate is a corporate member of Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas and provides valuable guidance to the Board of Directors in its governance of the council. Council Delegates are accountable to the Board of Directors through the Regional Chair and to the Service Units.

Save the Date!

Annual Recognition

April 12th | 11:00am-3:00pm
Harlingen Convention Center





Stories with Skittles:

Dear Girl Scouts and Families,

Every summer, I counted down the days until I was back at Greenhill, my home away from home. The moment I arrived, I was surrounded by new friends, the sound of camp songs, and the fun we had together during kapers. Each day, I felt more confident—whether it was trying something new, laughing through challenges, or just soaking in the magic of camp life. My absolute favorite things were archery, where I learned to steady my hands and aim true, and mail time, when I'd tear open letters from home, excited to hear from family. By the time camp ended, I always left with more friends than I came with and a list of pen pals to keep in touch with until the next summer rolled around. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Camp Greenhill and Bayview—memories made here last a lifetime!

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Click the Skittle to view
our 2025 Camp Guide!

Upcoming Events



Troop Camp Training: March 7th-9th

Camping is a key part of the Girl Scout program, building girls of courage, confidence, and character. Troop Camp Training is a required course for leaders/volunteers planning overnight adventures. Join us at Camp Bayview and learn about Leave No Trace, safety protocols, and how to foster Girl Scout independence. Led by GSGST Council, this hands-on course will prepare you to create unforgettable outdoor experiences.



Outdoor Skills Spectacular: March 1st

Hey Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! OSS is almost here—don't miss your chance to level up your outdoor skills! Join us for an exciting day filled with navigation, first aid, campfire cooking, archery, and paintball target shooting, all wrapped up with some slip-and-slide fun to cool off! From 10 AM - 5 PM at Camp Greenhill, 23152 St Park Rd 25, Mathis, TX 78368



What could be better than earning badges at the National Butterfly Center, where you never know what you will see! Explore and enjoy wild butterflies, birds of prey, endangered and protected species, and the South Texas specialties that are free to roam here, where every visit is a unique experience, and each program is designed to provide close encounters with our natural wonders.

Program Partner Spotlight: National Butterfly Center



Click the icon to explore our newly updated Program Partner webpage. Discover exciting workshops, engaging events, and even schedule a visit from select partners to bring the fun directly to your troop!

QUESTIONS? Call 956.583.5400, or email nbc@naba.org



FARE (Food Allergy Awareness) Patch Program

Patch Program of the Month:

FARE, the leading food allergy advocacy group, funds research and promotes awareness. This Patch Program helps Girl Scouts learn about food allergies and their impact.



Click the icon to view the full program and start earning your FREE patch today!



2026 Council Trip – Washington, D.C.

Join us for an unforgettable 6-day, 5-night trip to Washington, D.C., including the GSUSA National Convention! This adventure includes airfare, hotel, meals, transportation, and visits to top attractions.

Travel Dates: July 20-25, 2026

Cost: Estimated \$1300-\$1600

Who Can Go? Girls 6th grade & up (adults may register with four girl participants)



Spaces are limited! Click the icon for full details.

Dear Volunteers & Parents,

As we close through the traditional cookie sale, we want to share some important reminders regarding rewards and recognitions. Please take a moment to review these updates to ensure a smooth closure of the program.



Camp Reward Update:

Daisies are now eligible to attend both Cookie Camp at Camp Rio (July 30 – Aug 1) and Cookies & Campfire at the Laredo Service Center (May 3-4).

- Daisy parents will have the option to register (which may require an additional fee); however, they will be encouraged to do so with the understanding that:
- The number of Daisy parents per troop is limited.
- Registered parents will be expected to assist with volunteering during activities and help meet required ratios.



450 Package Level Membership Update:

- Girls who reach the 450 package reward level and choose the Membership option will have their 2025-2026 Girl Scout Membership fully covered (a \$45 value). This option is only available to troops and girls who have opted into rewards.

Cookie Program 50% ACH Draft:

- We ask that all troops verify the 50% draft in their troop bank account. If you do not see this payment posted, please notify the council as soon as possible. Please note that if a draft is still pending, it may hinder the possibility of Service Units being eligible for the SU proceed.
- Please keep in mind the final draft will take place March 13th.

Opt-Out of Rewards:

- Troops must update their proceed plan in Smart Cookies by March 5th.
- Go to Troop Dashboard → My Troop Tab → Troop Information → Select Opt-Out from the drop-down menu.
- If a troop has already created a recognition plan but now wishes to opt-out, they must first delete the plan under Recognition Order before making this change.

Main Recognition Orders:

- To ensure all girls receive their earned rewards, please make sure recognition orders are placed on time (March 11th). This includes Troop Cookie Managers doing girl transfers frequently to ensure girls receive their correct credit.

Your commitment ensures that our Girl Scouts have a positive and rewarding experience. Please take note of these important updates and reminders to help keep the program running smoothly. If you have any questions or need further assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the council.

Best regards,
GSGST Product Program Team





Council Service Centers:

Harlingen Service Center

202 E Madison Ave.
Harlingen, TX 78550

McAllen Service Center

5317 N. McColl
McAllen, TX 78501

Corpus Christi Service Center

2410 Bevecrest
Corpus Christi, TX 78415

Victoria Service Center

104 W. River
Victoria, TX 77901

Laredo Service Center

701 N. Stone Ave.
Laredo, TX 78040



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Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls
of courage, confidence,
and character, who make
the world a better place.

Girl Scout Promise

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

Girl Scout Law

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