

City of San Antonio Career Exploration



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MISSION STATEMENT

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We deliver quality City services and commit to achieve San Antonio's vision of prosperity for our diverse, vibrant, and historic community.

CORE VALUES

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TEAMWORK

We work together to make San Antonio better.

INTEGRITY

We model ethical behavior.

INNOVATION

We are driven by continuous improvement.

PROFESSIONALISM

We are qualified, skilled and committed.

Steps to Earn the City of San Antonio -Career Exploration

Girl Scouts is the premier girl leadership development program - girls have fun with a purpose! All activities are girl-led and girls should decide what activities to complete when earning a Business Patch Initiative (BPI) patch. In the spirit of Girl Scouting, girls may choose to participate in activities that are not listed in the booklets and/or supplements. If girls complete the minimum required number of activities based on the theme of the BPI, they have earned the BPI patch.

Step One:

1. Read through the Activities
2. Think about what you would like to do
3. Choose 3 out of the 4 Units
4. Complete 2 Activities from the 3 Units you chose

Step Two:

1. Complete the [Business Patch Initiative \(BPI\) Evaluation](#)
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Step Three:

Receive your City of San Antonio – Career Exploration Patch!

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Girls at every level of Girl Scouting participate in the “*leadership experience*.” A *leadership experience* is an exciting way of working with girls in a series of themed activities focused on building leadership skills. By enlisting the three keys to leadership (*Discover*, *Connect*, and *Take Action*) girls learn that they can take the lead to make a difference in their community and the world. The three keys are at the heart of the Girl Scout philosophy of leadership:

Discover

Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

Connect

Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.

Take Action

Girls act to make the world a better place.

It’s not just “what” girls do, but “how.” When girls are engaged that creates a high-quality Girl Scout leadership experience. All Girl Scout experiences are built on three processes (*Girl-Led*, *Cooperative Learning*, and *Learning by Doing*) that make Girl Scouting different from school and other extra-curricular activities. When used together, these processes ensure the quality and promote the fun and friendship so integral to Girl Scouting.

Girl-Led

Girls play an active role in the planning and implementation of activities while adults provide age-appropriate facilitation, ensuring that planning, organization, set-up, and evaluation of all activities are done jointly with the girls.

Cooperative Learning

All members of a group work together towards a common goal that can only be accomplished with the help of others.

Learn by Doing

A “hands-on” learning process that engages girls in cycles of action and reflection resulting in deeper understanding of concepts and mastery of practical skills.

When Discover, Connect, and Take Action activities are girl-led and involve learning by doing and cooperative learning, girls achieve the desired and expected leadership outcomes ultimately resulting in Girl Scouting achieving its mission: **Building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.**

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Local Government

Paralegal: Legal Assistance

Paralegals are employed by lawyers to perform many different specialty tasks, including: Case planning, development, and management. Paralegals attend to legal functions such as the executions of wills, real estate closings, depositions, court or administrative hearings and trials with the attorney. Paralegals work in City Attorney's Office and many other departments in the City of San Antonio to support staff in the research and delivery of legal advice to the Mayor, City Council, boards and commissions, City management and all the City's departments.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)

For this activity you will explore the paralegals career path. Watch each of the following videos and discuss which aspects of the paralegal career interests you most, or doesn't interest you too much, and give your reasons why. Give everyone in the group a chance to share their thoughts.

The Paralegal Career Path (59 seconds)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_cB6BDVaZos

A Day in the Life of a Paralegal (2 minutes, 20 seconds)

<https://youtu.be/ASzJNqI2QZQ>

What's My Major: Paralegal Studies - Texas Wesleyan University (1 minute, 10 seconds)

<https://youtu.be/qhp9fiNqQ7c>

Books: These books are all in the San Antonio Library system

Nolo's Encyclopedia Of Everyday Law: Answers To Your Most Frequently Asked Legal Questions

The Everything Guide To Being A Paralegal: Secrets To A Successful Career! By Steven W. Schneider

If you are interested in the paralegal career, try to interview a paralegal. Paralegals work for the City of San Antonio in many different departments. Explore what classes you might take in college to become a paralegal.

San Antonio College - Paralegal Studies

http://mysaccatalog.alamo.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=155&poid=15573&returnto=8836

What does a City Auditor's Office Do?

The role of the City Auditor is to positively impact process and organizational changes to increase assurance that public resources are used in an effective, efficient, and responsible manner. This is a very important job. The Office of the City Auditor helps both City Management and City Council in their respective management and governance duties by facilitating government accountability to the Citizens of San Antonio through non-partisan, fact-based, independent, objective assessments of City programs, activities, and functions. Most medium and large cities across the U.S. have internal audit offices. In fact, the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) reports that it has 375 member organizations, of which 375 are municipalities. Many other cities in Texas have an internal audit function, including Arlington, Austin, Brownsville, Dallas, El Paso, and Houston. Audits conducted can include process audits. This is where an auditor will review all of the steps in a given process and assess if all steps were followed by reviewing a sample of the work product. In this exercise you will act as an auditor and test a sample of the final product for accuracy. The process is a recipe for trail mix or snack mix.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating. Paper cups or paper bowls, a permanent marker, plastic sandwich bags, measuring cup, and spoons. A recipe for trail mix, or you can use the ingredients listed below for a snack mix.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)

Set up a workstation where all ingredients are available to be portioned out with a measuring cup or spoon to make one batch of the snack mix per girl. Provide the list of ingredients to each girl in the troop. Ask each girl to take a bowl and measure out each ingredient into the bowl. Once all ingredients are mixed up together, pour into a plastic bag and place in the center of the table.

Ingredients

- 🍷 1 cup - Chex mix traditional blend snack mix
- 🍷 5 - M & M's plain
- 🍷 5 - M & M's peanut
- 🍷 24 Raisins
- 🍷 12 - mini bowtie pretzels
- 🍷 12 - whole salted cashews
- 🍷 12 - goldfish or cheese nips crackers

Once each girl is finished making one batch, pick one girl to be the counter and one girl to be the scribe. For larger troops, you may want to select more than one for each role. The counter will first select 1-3 bags of the snacks to test. The testing will involve having a list of the ingredients for the scribe to check off as the other girl “counts” the ingredients. Once you have completed the testing, report your finding to the group. For example, you might begin by stating, “Of the 3 samples of snack mix we tested, we found that ____ had all of the ingredients listed in the recipe and the correct number of each ingredient. However, one sample was missing ____, ____, and ____.” And after you report out, treat yourself to the yummy treats you just made!

Create a Budget

Citizens want to live in a safe, clean city that is easy to get to work. All those things cost money. Cities collect money through taxes. The City of San Antonio collects sales tax and property tax. Accountants in the City of San Antonio's Office of Management & Budget develop a budget based on how much money is collected. If you like numbers and solving problems, you may someday want to be an accountant.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet and watch video)
- ✓ Paper, pen or pencil.
- ✓ Your imagination!

For this activity, you will create a budget for an event. The rules are:

You have \$100 to spend.

It is for 10-15 people

There must be some food or snacks. (don't forget napkins, cups and forks!)

Decorations are required.

Entertainment (music or games)

We all have a limited amount of money to spend.

Suggested Reading:

- *Living on a Budget* by Cecilia Minden
- *Penny Chic: How to Be Stylish on a Real Girl's Budget* by Shauna Miller
- *Quinceanera Connection: Your Dream Celebration on Any Budget* by Priscilla Mills

Books available through the San Antonio Library System



Public Health & Safety

Firefighters and Fire Safety

In every city and county there are firehouses with fire fighters ready to fight fires. Fire fighters also respond to all kinds of emergencies besides fires. What exactly does a firefighter do? You can be a firefighter one day!

For this activity, we are going to learn what firefighters do?

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer or Tablet
- ✓ Printer
- ✓ Poster Board
- ✓ Markers, Pencils, Crayons

Sparky's Game and Apps. <http://www.sparky.org/games>

Firefighting's Weird History and Fascinating Future <http://www.sparky.org/videos>

Create a fire evacuation plan with your family. Think of how all members of your house can get out quickly. If there are pets, a baby or any other family member that needs help, plan who will help them get out.

Have a meet-up place where everyone gathers after they escape the fire. It needs to be far enough away from the fire but close enough, so it is easy to meet the firefighters. You want to be able to tell them if any family members are missing and where they might be and where you think the fire started.

Being Prepared is Key!

For those girl scouts that want to do more: Visit the fire station near your house. Ask the firefighters questions about their job.

Food Safety

Whether we get the pizza to go, have a hamburger at a fast food restaurant or go to a fancy bistro, we assume that the food is safe to eat. This is partly because of the Food Inspectors at the Metropolitan Health District. These are some guidelines for food safety.

Watch Restaurant Inspection by a Public Health Inspector
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yncZkZbl3ms> (5:13)

- Thaw frozen food in a refrigerator or under running potable water at a temperature of 70 degrees F or lower as part of the cooking process or in a microwave if in smaller quantities. Never thaw at room temperature.
- Wash fruits and vegetables in sinks used only for food preparation. Do not prepare food in the sink used to wash or sanitize dishes or wash hands. ALWAYS use potable water for all food preparation processes.
- Use cleaned and sanitized cutting boards and knives to avoid cross-contamination.
- Prepare pasta, meat, egg, fish, and salads less than 24 hours before service.
- Measure internal food temperatures in several places including the thickest part of the product. Clean and sanitize thermometers before and after each use.
- Never mix new food with old or raw food with cooked.
- Never use hot-holding equipment to cook or reheat food, only to keep food hot.
- Transfer reheated food to holding equipment only when the food is at 165 degrees F.
- Cook or heat processed foods to the proper internal temperature
- Keep potentially hazardous food, which must remain cold, at 41degrees F or below.
- Keep potentially hazardous food, which must remain hot, at 140 degrees F or above.
- Use pasteurized eggs in all recipes in which eggs are not cooked or cannot be cooked to 145 degrees F or higher.
- When tasting food, ladle a small amount of it into a small dish and taste with a clean spoon. Remove dish and spoon from the area and have them cleaned and sanitized when done.

Materials: Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)

For this activity, go to Food Inspection Reports

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/Health/FoodLicensing/FoodEstablishmentInspections>

Look up your favorite restaurants. You will be able to see their inspection scores and comments by the inspector.

If you want to do more: Watch the video AHS Careers – Public Health Inspector

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGJ4tLT8yug>

Healthy Eating

Are you interested in nutrition? You could work for City of San Antonio as a Nutritionist. The San Antonio Metropolitan Health District is responsible for the health of the citizens and works hard to educate all the citizens about ways they can be healthier. Statistics show that San Antonio citizens lead the way in many illnesses and diseases that are related to food choices. If adults and children made better food choices those illnesses and diseases would decrease.

This city-wide campaign is designed to educate all adults and children about healthy food choices.

The three core campaign messages of this program are:

½ your plate fruits & veggies, every meal, every day

For portion control, use a smaller plate

Drink water, not sugary drinks

For this activity, work on the Badge- Simple Meals. Think about your favorite meal. Look at the plate below. How do you divide your meal? Are the proportions similar to the picture below?



There are many handouts <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Health/HealthyEating/VivaHealth>. Look at some of the suggestions. Take your favorite meal and see if you can make it healthier.



Community Services

Visit San Antonio's Urban Forest

Are you interested in working in the outdoors? You might one day become San Antonio's City Urban Forester in the Parks and Recreation Department. San Antonio has achieved "Tree City USA" which is a framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program. San Antonio is committed to increasing the number of green spaces available for its citizens. San Antonio has 205 miles of trails and 15,891 areas of City-owned park lands and natural areas. All areas must be monitored by the Urban Forester.



For this activity, we are going to learn about urban forests and find out if there is one near you.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

An urban forest includes the rivers, ponds, trees and grass. It may be a park or a neighborhood.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

Computer or Tablet
Printer
Paper
Markers, crayons, paint
Brushes
camera



Watch the YouTube video to learn what an urban forest is. What is the Urban Forest
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jAnlzROgU9s>

You can draw, paint a picture, or take a picture of the urban forests near you. Use the interactive map to find a park in San Antonio.

<https://gis.sanantonio.gov/ITSD/ParkSearch/index.html>

Visit San Antonio's Urban Forest (cont'd)

What is URBAN FOREST? Definition & Explanation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YYu2fWxAny4> (3:02)

With your troop or your family, you can walk around your neighborhood and see if you have an urban forest close by.

Some of the things that urban foresters do are:

- Planting trees to make sure there are more trees in the future.
- Pruning trees in the city to keep trees healthy so they continue to grow, to keep dead branches from hurting people, and to keep branches away from power lines.
- Fighting fire to protect forests from being damaged.
- Help the city plan new building projects so they can protect the city's forests.

For those that want to do more:

Choose one or more of the following activities. You can do them with your troop, family or on your own.

Interview the Urban forester at the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department. Report back to your troop what you have learned about how to become an urban forester, what they do in their job and any other interesting facts
Visit an Urban Forest near your home. You may be very surprised to see how close you are. Take pictures and tell your troop about what you learned



Access for Everyone

In 1990, the United States passed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This civil rights law requires buildings to be accessible to people with disabilities. This means that people with disabilities have the right to be able to enter and get around any building that is open to the public.

Everyone wants to be fair, but many buildings were built a long time ago. They are not accessible to everyone. It can be very expensive to change a restaurant, a bakery or any other older building to make it more user friendly to people with disabilities. The Disability Access Office helps small businesses find solutions to fix the problem. One day you might work in this office making sure there is access for everyone in San Antonio.

For this activity, you will walk around your community and look for things that to help people with disabilities get around the city. After you find them, discuss how they help.
Some suggestions:

- Doors with buttons that will open the door
- Handles in the bathrooms
- Handles on doors instead of knobs
- Crossing signals (AKA-Audible Pedestrian Signals) that say the color of the light and how much longer
- Bumps on the sidewalk at the street crossing
- Braille or raised pictures on restrooms or any room
- (pictorial symbols)
- Ramps at building entrances.

Helping People in the Community

The Department of Human Services' mission is to promote lifelong success by providing human services and connecting people to community resources. The Department of Human Services provides comprehensive services in the areas of Early Education and Child Care Assistance, Education, Financial and Emergency Assistance, Homeless Assistance, and Senior Services. If you like helping young children, adults or older adults, like neighbors and family members, you could have a career in social work. Individuals who work in the social work field are interested in improving the conditions of those in need of help.

To serve the City's older populations, The Department of Human Services has at least one Comprehensive Senior Center in each of the 10 City Council Districts that provide an array of activities tailored to our older population, such as Daily Nutritious Meals; Arts and Crafts; Exercise Classes; Recreation and Dance; Arts and Crafts; Computer Classes; Basic Health Screenings; Work Search Programs; and Field Trips.

Social workers could serve as Senior Center Managers who are responsible for managing other professional staff to deliver direct services to our older community members. Some of these professionals include Special Activity Coordinators, Nutrition Site Coordinators, and Chauffeurs.

For this activity you will conduct research and learn more about the types of activities provided at each of the centers. You can use this activity as part of your Take Action project. Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)
- First, review the locations of Senior Centers in your area:
<https://www.sanantonio.gov/humanservices/Facilities#5455252-senior-centers>
- Second, develop a questionnaire with up to five questions that you can use to interview an older adult, like a grandparent or other family member, and ask them about their favorite memories and about how they like to spend their days. Example questions are below:
 - What was your favorite game or sport as a child?
 - What is your favorite pastime today?
 - Have you visited a local senior center?
 - Is there anything that would make your daily life a bit easier?

Helping People in the Community (cont'd)

For girls that want to do more: You can read a book similar to books listed below. You can present what you learned at school and consider using this research as part of your Take Action project.

- *How to Live, A Search for Wisdom From Old People (while They Are Still on This Earth).* Alford, Henry
- *Easy Things to Make-- to Make Things Easy: Simple Do-it-yourself Home Modifications for Older People and Others With Physical Limitations.* Greenstein, Doreen
- *Ways to Help the Elderly.* Orr, Tamra

Cultural Heritage & the Arts

Convention Center Event Coordination

The City's Convention Center is named for the late U.S. Congressman Henry B. González. The Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center hosts more than 300 events each year with over 750,000 convention delegates from around the world.

The convention center is in downtown San Antonio and helps bring visitors to San Antonio. These visitors spend money in the city, which helps raise money through taxes. These taxes are spent on health, recreation, roads and bridges around San Antonio.

Event Coordinators control an event from conception to clean up. They meet with clients to work out event details, plan with the client and their team, scout and book locations, food, entertainment, staff and cleanup. Event coordinators make sure the shrimp cocktail stays cold and the hired band stays hot. They create budgets and stick to them, as well as organize transportation, hire and wrangle keynote speakers or celebrities, hire A/V teams and equipment, and generally make sure the event runs smoothly, efficiently and handle any crisis that may come up.

It takes many different skills to keep the convention center running efficiently. Watch the video to learn about the convention center.

Video: City unveils updated Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6OhEPjDccMg>

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)

Paper, pen, pencil

For this activity you will plan an event. It can be real or imagined. If it is imagined, you have to consider what event would bring the most people to San Antonio.

- Name of event
- Date
- Time start and end
- Venue
- Who to invite
- Food
- Decorations
- Activities
- Shopping List
- Checklist of "to do" items

If you want to do more: visit the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center and interview an event coordinator and report back to your troop.

History is Our Story

"A building does not have to be an important work of architecture to become a first-rate landmark. Landmarks are not created by architects. They are fashioned by those who encounter them after they are built. The essential feature of a landmark is not its design, but the place it holds in a city's memory. Compared to the place it occupies in social history, a landmark's artistic qualities are incidental." - Herbert Muschamp

Historic Preservation is about telling the story of our city, neighborhoods, and homes. We work to preserve our history for many reasons. Ask anyone what they love about San Antonio and the answers you'll likely hear will almost certainly involve historic preservation: the Riverwalk, downtown neighborhoods, the Alamo or the Steve's House, or historic open spaces like Hemisfair or San Pedro Park.

San Antonio's Office of Historic Preservation resolve is to preserve and protect the unique historic structures, archaeological sites, and design features of San Antonio. San Antonio is a unique place in America, and we want to hold on to the things that make it special. Someday you may want to work there and help preserve San Antonio's history.

For this activity, we are going to explore historic preservation in your city. Look at the pictures in this slideshow.

<https://www.mysanantonio.com/news/cityscape/slideshow/Cityscape-Unique-places-in-San-Antonio-49282/item-85307.php>

Have you seen any of these buildings? You can look one or some of them on the internet to see why they are considered unique.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer or Tablet or the Library for research on a topic.

Choose one of the activities from the three listed below.

- Find an old business and learn about its history. Go through photographs, the internet, or visit the place and talk to the employees! I'm sure you'll learn there's more to it than just its age!
- Have a scavenger hunt to see if you can find the key characteristics of a building or any interesting, unique, or weird features on buildings in your neighborhood. In the space below draw or place a picture of the different features of a building that you see.
- Explore the slide show Unique Buildings and Structures in San Antonio. Why are they in the slide show? Research one of the buildings and share what you learned with friends, family or classmates.



TVSA

Your San Antonio city government has made a commitment to transparency. This means that all council and government meetings are open to the public. One way that transparency and openness is achieved is through TVSA. You can watch your city government in action at <https://www.sanantonio.gov/TVSA> TVSA has education programming. Have you ever wanted to produce your own television show? TVSA is a public access channel. This public access channel airs shows that are produced by members of the San Antonio community. Studios and Services <https://www.sanantonio.gov/TVSA/studios-services>.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)
- ✓ Paper, pen or pencil.

For this activity, find out what you need to do to create and air one 30-60-minute television show on TVSA. Research ideas for a show that people might want to watch.

- Brainstorm ideas.
- Write a script.
- Find actors.
- Find props.

Request for Public Access Air Time

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/PATV/requestForm2.pdf>

You will need an adult to sign the form and be your sponsor.

Books are available in the San Antonio Public Library system

- *Video Ideas* by Tim Grabham
- *Big Fat Paycheck: A Young Person's Guide to Writing for the Movies* by Colton Lawrence
- *Putting on a Play: The Young Playwright's Guide to Scripting, Directing and Performing* by Nancy Bentley

City Infrastructure & Development

What is an Economic Development Specialist?

The Economic Development Department is responsible for getting businesses to stay in the city. They are also responsible for convincing new businesses to come to the city. Having old and new businesses come to the city allows for job growth.

City of Selma, TX - Rich in History, Dominant in Economic Development
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN591ALxuTE>

For this activity, imagine you are an economic development specialist and your city wants a business or type of business. Figure out what reasons would bring that business to your city and then create a video, poster or flyer explaining why that business should come to your city. You can do it with your troop, friends or family. Ask permission to post it to YouTube, Facebook or anywhere else on the internet. Email it to the business, maybe they will consider moving to San Antonio.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer or Tablet or the Library for research the business.
- ✓ Cell phone video camera or video recorder.
- ✓ Paper, paint, markers and pencils.



A bicycle is a vehicle and has a right to be on the road, but common sense should guide decisions about where, when, and how to ride. A cyclist is obligated to make sure their bicycle is in proper working order and is equipped with lights and reflectors. Cyclists should always protect themselves with helmets, appropriate clothing, and water.



Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)

For this activity, watch the two videos below.

PD Bike Rodeo Video (9 minutes 21 seconds)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZbkMlKAgDc>

Share the Road. https://youtu.be/9pfHR0_o8dl (4 minutes 33 seconds)

This issue affects drivers and bicyclists equally. A driver has to be able to see the bicyclists so they don't cause an accident. Bicyclists need to follow the rules of the road. After you watch the videos, discuss with your family or troop if there are any behaviors you need to change.

For those that want to do more:

Do a Take Action Project and educate your school, community or fellow Girl Scouts about bicycle safety and rules of the road.

You could create an awareness campaign about proper etiquette on the road.

You could research traffic accidents involving bicyclists and how to prevent them.

Create a Park

Outdoor activities and green spaces are important to everyone's health. The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department has many different programs for children, youth and adults.

It's our Park <https://youtu.be/EMgqnbKRwFw>

The Department of Parks and Recreation manages over 250 parks. Recreation Specialists plan programs, maintain facilities and keep visitors safe. San Antonio parks include swimming pools, gymnasiums, historic cemeteries, sports facilities, and recreation centers. The department is responsible for the maintenance of 15,337,595 acres of park land, including more than 150 miles of walking, hiking, and biking trails. The park system has many different types of classes and opportunities for all citizens.

Parks and Facilities. <https://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/Parks-Facilities>

For this activity you can design and draw a park. What do you want in your park? Do you want it to have meeting spaces or a swimming pool? Do you want it to be a natural area with the least amount of man-made structures? You decide. You can do it as a group or individual. If you do it on your own show your troop and discuss your design.

Materials: Number of materials is contingent on the desires and number of girls participating.

- ✓ Computer, tablet or phone (to access internet)
- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Markers, paint, color pencils
- ✓ Magazines (to cut out pictures)
- ✓ Stickers scissors (anything available to create a picture of a park)

For those that want to do more:

- Find a Park: <https://gis.sanantonio.gov/ITSD/ParkSearch/index.html>
- Visit one of the parks near you.
- Tell your friends and family why they should visit the park.

YOU DID IT!



CONGRATULATIONS!

End of Booklet



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