Girl Talk
November 2021-January 2022

Girls are powerful.
Upcoming Events

November 2021
8 - Virtual: Silver Award Workshop C
8 - Monday Fun-day Movie Night DBJCSAV
9 - Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning CSAV
9 - Get Smart About Credit Today CSA
10 - gsLearn - JIT Webinar: Starting the Cookie Program off right! V
10 - Virtual: Science of Happiness C
10 - Build It! Engineering and Architecture Club CSA
11 - Simple Dish Making J
11 - Virtual: Go Gold Workshop C
13 - Lego Derby DB
13 - gsLearn - Volunteer Café: Making It Girl-Led V
13 - Embracing Patriotism: Texas A&M University-San Antonio Patch Partner Initiative DBJCSA
13 - Program Aide 101 CSA

December 2021
1 - gsLearn - Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) Help Desk V
2 - Think Like an Engineer - Brownie Journey Series B
2 - gsLearn - Multi-level Troop Leader Roundtable V
3 - Up All Night- MEdia Journey- Cadettes C
4 - Jr Cake Boss JCSA
4 - Wilderness Doc BJ

*Event dates are subject to change. To learn more about these events and to register, visit our events calendar at girlscouts-swtx.org.
6 - Making Pottery B
7 - Virtual: My Cookie Venture Badge - Cadettes C
8 - gsLearn - eBudde Demo/Program Review V
9 - Wreath Making DBJ
11 - gsLearn - Volunteer Café: Badges and Journeys V
11 - Watt Watchers: CPS Energy Patch Partner Initiative DBJCSA
11 - gsLearn - Back to Basics: SWAPS V
11 - gsLearn - Daisy, Brownie & Junior Leader Roundtable V
11 - Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning CSAV
13 - Virtual: Business Etiquette Badge - Seniors S
13 - Blinging Out BJ
14 - STEAM Tuesday DBJ
16 - Painters Day Twist B
16 - Merry Movie Mania DBJCSAV
18 - Let It Go! Let It Go! DB

21 - Virtual: Cookie Influencer Badge - Ambassadors A

January 2022
6 - gsLearn - JIT Webinar: Initial cookie order time! V
8 - gsLearn - CSA Leadership Network V
8 - Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning CSAV
8 - Health & Wellness: H-E-B Patch Partner Initiative DBJCSA
10 - Monday Fun-day Movie Night DBJCSAV
10 - Learning New Techniques DBJ
15 - STEM Outdoor Trail Adventure CSA
18 - STEAM Tuesday DBJ
20 - Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED Blended Learning CSAV
29 - 2022 Bucket List JCSA
The future workforce is full of infinite possibilities, but we need more organizations—large and small—to take a vested interest in advancing female leadership today. The City of San Antonio, CPS Energy, H-E-B, NuStar Energy, Shining Star ENERGY, Texas A&M University-San Antonio, The Tobin Endowment, Valero Energy and Wells Fargo have taken the lead in supporting innovative patch programs for each company’s area of expertise or social responsibility.

Whether they’re building robots, learning the mechanics of a car’s engine or creating a chemical reaction, girls are unlocking unexpected talents through Valero Energy’s STEM initiative.

Even though women comprise half the workforce, they hold less than a third of STEM jobs and this discrepancy begins at a young age. Compared to other girls, Girl Scouts who participate in Valero Energy’s STEM initiative become better problem solvers, critical thinkers and leaders; STEM cultivates the confidence and know-how to start a rewarding career, work with others to invent the future, and tackle some of our planet’s biggest problems.

Celebrate National STEM/STEAM Day on November 8 by earning the Valero Energy STEM patch. Download the free patch booklet at girlscouts-swtx.org

Alexandra Castillo - Community P
“My Hope Project”
Alexandra Castillo, a Girl Scout Ambassador, wrote a book for 3rd-5th graders to help them navigate emotions in a positive manner. Inspired by her own childhood experiences, she chose to partner with health care professionals to write a book to help children navigate their emotions through life issues such as divorce, self-esteem, death and more. The books were distributed to counselors throughout Northside ISD. Alexandra has been a Girl Scout for 11 years and is a graduate from Brandeis High School with plans to attend Schreiner University and major in Education. Alexandra is a recipient of the GSSWT Trifecta Award.

Volunteer Spotlight

Pat Walker - Community R
Pat Walker, an American Red Cross trainer, trains and certifies adult volunteers and older girls in CPR/AED and First Aid. Through her classes she helps ensure that Girl Scouts are prepared for any emergency. Pat can also be counted on to help with any project or task that helps recognize volunteers for their outstanding service to Girl Scouting.

Thank you, Pat, for all you do to support our volunteers!
Cookie season is a family affair.

Supporting your girl’s cookie business has never been easier when you work together as a cookie entrepreneur family.

Adding “Be a cookie entrepreneur family” to your to-do list not only helps your girl crush those cookie goals but also gives you high-quality time working together as a team.

Teamwork makes the dream work—and we know you want her dreams to come true! There’s no team sweeter than a cookie entrepreneur family during cookie season!

Will she Climb with Courage this year to reach free hugs from her very own koala plush? Or how about a koala-ty duffel? Perhaps there will be a special girl-only koala experience so she can become a koala-fied “expert”?! These are just a hint to the joy-bringing rewards. There’s also always the choice of Cookie Credits to fund Girl Scout events, camp or troop trips.

Rewards are thoughtfully curated with girl input—and they’re not only for fun, but also to enhance her Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

The cookie program gives your Girl Scout the ability to power unique opportunities and adventures for herself and her troop while learning to think like an entrepreneur. And you’re key to her success. With the support, assistance, and encouragement of her family, there’s no stopping a Girl Scout!

Did you know? All proceeds from Girl Scouts Cookies® stay local!

When you purchase Girl Scout Cookies from a young, budding entrepreneur, you’re supporting her success today and tomorrow. Girl Scout Cookies’ proceeds stay local to:

1. Cover the costs of running the Girl Scout Cookie Program, including the costs of cookies, materials and logistics.
2. Fund Take Action projects for the community and amazing girl-led adventures for troops.
3. Help councils provide Girl Scout programs in STEM, the outdoors, life skills and entrepreneurship, as well as camps, leadership training and more!

Ways to Support Your Cookie Entrepreneur

- Help her earn the Cookie Entrepreneur Family pin to practice building her skills at home.
- Help her set up her Digital Cookie or Smart Cookie site.
- Help her keep money safe.
- Know the rules and safety guidelines.
- Model business ethics, decision making, people skills, and safety as you support her.
- Ask your troop leader how you can help the whole troop reach its goals. Your Girl Scout will learn to be a helper and take action by watching you.
- Help her make arrangements to connect with people in her network.
- Never do things for your girl that she can do for herself, even if it’s quicker and easier for you to do them.
- Have fun together along the way and engage your whole family in supporting her!

Ensure that your girl and troop plans to participate by contacting your troop leader or emailing customercare@girlscouts-swtx.org.
Order taking for Girl Scout Cookies starts December 14.

Troop Cookie Manager online training is available on-demand in gsLearn now!

To register:
- Visit girlscouts-swtx.org and click on MyGS and log in
- click on My Account
- click on gsLearn
- click on Live Sessions
- click on Register (2xs)
- click on Download Calendar for your calendar reminder

In the 2022 cookie season, cookie-loving consumers across the country can get a great big taste of deliciousness and adventure with new Adventurefuls, the latest addition to the iconic Girl Scout Cookie lineup.

An indulgent brownie-inspired cookie with caramel-flavored crème and a hint of sea salt, Adventurefuls take cookie lovers on a delicious taste adventure just like Girl Scouts go on their own amazing adventures all year long.

Even as things change, one thing remains the same: Girl Scouts love adventure!
**Troop Finance Reports due Wednesday, December 15**

Report covers June 1-November 30, 2021

- Submit your report on time with all requirements and be entered into a drawing for $100 for your troop. Six winners will be selected. *Good luck!*

- For details, visit our website at [girlscouts-swtx.org](http://girlscouts-swtx.org) under Volunteer Resources>Managing Finances >Helpful Hints for Finance Reports

**Email your report to:**
[customercare@girlscouts-swtx.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-swtx.org)

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**NEW Operating Hours at the Sally Cheever Girl Scout Leadership Center:**

All departments will be available to visitors the following days/times:

- Wednesday from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Thursday from 2–7 p.m.
- Friday from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- 2nd Saturday from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Closed Sunday-Tuesday

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**Important Reminders**

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**Volunteer Recognition**

**Dr. Gretcha Flinn - Board Chair**

Dr. Flinn's leadership as board chair from 2019-2021 has specifically moved the council forward into growth, assisting us to evolve and remain relevant during very uncertain times. Dr. Flinn has always put the best interest of the council's membership first, especially when it came to the girls. She allowed opportunities to girls through board interactions and greatly cared about volunteer feedback. Dr. Flinn is extremely passionate about all she does and always gives it her all.

Dr. Flinn first was elected to the Board of Directors in 2016. Over the years, she served as a member at large, 1st Vice Chair, then as Chair from 2019-2021. For her years of leadership, she was awarded the Thanks Badge at the Volunteer Recognition event on October 9.

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**Congratulations and Thank You to the 2021 Award Recipients!**

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas is extremely grateful and proud of our hardworking and caring volunteers.

You make building girls of courage, confidence and character possible! **Thank you for all you do.**
Day of the Girl Celebration

What a turnout! Day of the Girl 2021 was a huge success and we’re extremely grateful to everyone who made it possible.

When we invest in girls, we invest in future entrepreneurs, mentors, political leaders, mothers, activists and innovators. International Day of the Girl provides an important opportunity to raise awareness about equality and to reflect on what more we can all do to support the aspirations of girls everywhere!

Save the date for October 9, 2022 to join us for Day of the Girl next year!

Girl Scout Shop

ALL new official apparel for Daisy, Brownie, and Junior grade levels feature a sustainable attribute, such as recycled material or organic cotton.

Daisy, Brownie and Junior official apparel

- Transition will be a rolling change
- Fabric update only, no color or design changes
- No change in retail price
- No markdowns on current version

Reminder:
Curbside orders can be picked up each Thursday from 2-7 p.m.
Learn more about our Patch Partners at girlscouts-swtx.org/PatchPartners