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## **Girl Scout Troop Membership in Texana**

**BASIC DESCRIPTION** = Girl Scout Troops will be allowed to join using the Family Membership. The Membership is \$25 per year (Oct. 20 – Oct. 19 no matter when payment is received). All REGISTERED Troop Members will be considered members of Texana with a few modifications: The Troop Leader (01) will be the only voting member; All correspondence will be thru the Troop Leader and she will distribute the information to the rest of the troop members.

**MEMBERSHIP** = Cost of membership is the same as a Family Membership (currently \$25). All REGISTERED troop members are considered members of Texana. The Troop Leader will supply a roster to Texana. Siblings and non-registered troop family members are NOT Texana members. However, we encourage the families to obtain a traditional Family Membership. You may hold “dual membership” in this manner. For example my daughter and I are members thru our troop as well as holding a Family Membership.

**COSTUME/UNIFORM** = Many of our volunteer positions require period costumes. Each member is responsible for furnishing his or her own costume. However, some of us have a few “spare” costumes that we have outgrown or may not need on a specific occasion. Please do not hesitate to ask to borrow a costume if you want to volunteer and do not have access to your own. Also, we have some extremely knowledgeable costume folks in our group who are happy to advise you about making your own costume. There are also MANY volunteer opportunities that do NOT require period costumes. However, we request that at events, volunteers wear either a “Texana Shirt”, which may be purchased from Texana, or a nametag that distinguishes you as a volunteer. There are also occasions when a Troop may wish to wear their GS Uniforms.

**BEHIND THE SCENES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** = There are MANY of these, some that we have thought of already and some that haven't yet come to mind. We can use all ages, genders, and physical capabilities. We have jobs that require sitting, standing, walking, driving, filing, typing, shopping, sewing, etc. If you have a skill, we can find a way to utilize it.

**SEAMSTRESS NEEDED** = One great need for a volunteer is that of seamstress. Because our costumes must be hand made, we are always in need of the services of a seamstress. Let us know if you are willing to help in this area.

**FREE ENTRANCE TO EVENTS** = There are several events each year that Texana is asked to participate in as “Walk-Abouts”. This means that we dress in costume and literally stroll around and interact with other attendees. Our main purpose is to add “color” to the event and to visit with attendees. In return we receive free entrance to the events and get to participate in the event activities ourselves. NOTE: you must be a member of Texana and attended New Member Orientation to participate in these activities, read about membership above.

TRAINING = Texana is made up of a wonderful group of experts in many fields and areas. We will make every effort to train you in any or all of these areas. We will schedule training sessions on an as-needed basis for upcoming events. Many of the members are very glad to have one-on-one training in many of the pioneer life-skills such as quilting, lace making, spinning, etc. However, one of the best ways to learn is by serving as an apprentice during events with an experience volunteer. For instance, if you are interested in pioneer cooking, you might spend the day assisting LaJuanna (our prize-winning cook) in the kitchen area or help Smokey G., one of the chuckwagon cooks. All members must also attend a New Member Orientation prior to volunteering at any event.

BADGE WORK = Many of Texana's Pioneer Life Skills fit in perfectly with proficiency badges for all level of Girl Scouts. We will be happy to coordinate with the leader for training which can be applied to badges.

EVENT NOTIFICATION = Because Texana is "in the loop". We receive notification of many events/festivals that happen each year, which "outsiders" may or may not know about.

FREE PERFORMANCE = Each Troop who becomes active volunteers will receive a free stage performance by a Texana character. The troop may decide to have this presentation at school, church or other venue. This should be scheduled through the Programs & Event Coordinator.

QUILT RAFFLE = Texana members have made 3 quilts to raffle as fundraisers. We hope to continue this legacy. We are happy to present training for any troop who is interested in participating in the next quilt. We will teach your troop how to make a block to be added to the quilt. The troop members will include their signatures on their blocks. We also encourage all adult troop members to participate in this wonderful project.

DISCIPLINE = All event volunteers will be expected to adhere to discipline customs common to the 1800's. These include many customs, which are different from today. Some examples include the use of, "yes mam" and "no mam" when addressing adults. Today's "slang" words (such as awesome, neat, etc.) should not be used. Sarcasm and backtalk is NOT permitted from young folks. Young ladies are expected to act and speak as just that, young ladies. No need to worry, etiquette classes will be given prior to events and we realize that it takes practice to learn these things.

SUPERVISION = While troop members may participate in Texana Events that are NOT considered as a sanctioned GS event - Troop Leaders are expected to secure & maintain adequate supervision for the troop members at all times. Think of it like this, you are joining Texana as a "family". Therefore, you should treat the girls in your troop much as you would your own daughters. However, remember that if a girl is assigned to work as an apprentice to another adult, the adult in charge of that station will help supervise them for the day. This allows the girls to sometimes participate even if the Troop Leader is not available for the day. We just ask that the Troop Leader make sure that arrangements have been made in advance to insure all "juniors" have adequate adult supervision. NOTE: for Texana Events to be considered as a sanctioned GS activity, All Safety-Wise procedures MUST be followed.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK = All adults who volunteer with Texana must consent to an annual criminal background check. Please ask the Program Coordinator for the proper form.

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