

OUR GIRL SCOUT STORY

A History Patch (Brownie Level) Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians



Purpose: This patch, which was created by the Girl Scout Museum at Daisy’s Place, offers troops or individual girls an opportunity to learn about the history of Girl Scouting in the U.S.A. and in the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians.

Resources: A Leader’s Booklet and resource materials for the five sections below are contained in a “Wheelie” (a suitcase with wheels) available for checkout at each Service center. The Internet is also a great resource.



1 - JULIETTE GORDON LOW: THE FOUNDER OF GIRL SCOUTING IN THE USA

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

Read about Juliette Low. See the Resource List and the Wheelie for books, and/or use the Internet to “discover” information. Then answer all the following questions.

- a. What holiday helps us remember when she was born?
- b. How many brothers and sisters did she have?
- c. What subject did she struggle with in school?
- d. What happened to Juliette Low to damage her hearing?

TAKE ACTION: Required: The flag ceremony has been an important part of Girl Scout troop meetings since Juliette Low started Girl Scouts. Learn and practice doing flag ceremonies. (You might consider starting each troop meeting with a flag ceremony.)

Then, complete any two activities below:

- a. Look at the vintage uniforms (in the Wheelie, in old handbooks, at a service center, at the Girl Scout Museum at Daisy’s Place or the catalog website.) Compare them to current uniforms. Find the one your mother or grandmother might have worn.
- b. Visit the Girl Scout Museum at Daisy’s Place and try on a vintage uniform. (Reservations needed two weeks in advance for try-ons.)
- c. Color the uniforms of different eras in Girl Scouting. You may use a paper doll pattern or photocopy the pattern in the Wheelie or from another source.
- d. Have a Juliette Low birthday party or a tea party and taste something that she would have eaten as a girl or adult.
- e. Play a game that Juliette would have played as a girl.



2 - THE HISTORY OF GIRL SCOUTING IN THE U.S.A.

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- Watch the first 10 + minutes of the video, *The Golden Eaglet*. Discuss how Girl Scouting has changed.
- Where is the correct place to wear your Girl Scout Brownie membership pin— over your heart or on the other side?
- There are two styles of official membership pins for Girl Scout Juniors through adults, traditional & contemporary. Which one came first?
- Discover why early Girl Scout Brownies wore their pins upside down when they first received them.

TAKE ACTION: Complete any two activities below:

- Make a bedroll like the one in *The Golden Eaglet* video and try it out. Show how to carry it.
- Draw or color a picture to show a part of Girl Scout history (camping, older uniforms, selling cookies, semaphore flags etc). Label your work and display it or tell others about it.
- Act out the famous phone call that Juliette made to her cousin when she decided to start Girl Scouting here in the United States.



3 - WAGGGS: GIRL SCOUTS AS PART OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- You are a Girl Scout Brownie. What is a Girl Guide? Are we all friends?
- What do the letters “WAGGGS” stand for? (There are Three letter G’s)
- What is the World Trefoil Pin? What do the different parts stand for?
- Where should the World Trefoil pin be worn on your uniform?
- What is a World Center?
- Discover some information about Thinking Day and what the Juliette Low World Friendship fund (JLWFF) is.

TAKE ACTION: Complete any two activities below:

- Play a game from one of the WAGGGS member countries.
- Explain to others what World Thinking Day is. Plan to take part in a Thinking Day activity.
- Plan and hold a ceremony to tell the meaning of the World Trefoil Pin.
- Taste food from another country, and color/draw a picture of that country’s flag.



4 - GIRL SCOUTS OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- What is the complete name of our Council and the abbreviation?
- What is your troop number? What are your leaders’ names and the name of your meeting place?
- Find out where the Girl Scout Museum is located and what is in the museum.

TAKE ACTION: Complete any two activities below:

- a. Visit The Girl Scout Museum or another of the Council properties.
- b. Interview a Girl Scout adult who has been a member for at least 20 years. Find out what games she played, what songs she sang, and what her troop did that yours doesn't.
- c. Which Girl Scout camp is closest to where you live?
- d. Name three of the largest cities in our Council.



5 - GIRL SCOUTS PRESERVING THE PAST

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- a. In Juliette Low's time, were there Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies? How old were the youngest Girl Scouts? Discover where the name Girl Scout Daisy came from.
- b. Listen to the Brownie Story of the past. Find out where the children were when the wise owl told them about looking in the water.
- c. What are the three highest awards a girl can earn in Girl Scouts? What was the highest in Juliette Low's time? Which may you earn as a Girl scout Junior?
- d. Listen to or read a story about Girl Scouting in the past.

TAKE ACTION: Required: Singing has always been important in Girl Scouting. Learn or help teach some traditional Girl Scout songs. Ex: *Make New Friends, The Brownie Smile Song, Girl Scouts Together, When E're You Make a Promise, Taps*. You might teach a song about Girl Scout Daisies to younger girls.

Then complete one activity below:

- a. Create an exhibit about Girl Scouts Past and Present and display it at school, a library, church, store etc.
- b. After you listen to or read a story about Girl Scouting in the past, draw a picture to tell about it.



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CONTENTS OF RESOURCE WHEELIE

- _____ Leader Information Booklet (you may copy any pages)

- _____ Small American Flag (for practicing flag ceremonies)
- _____ "The Golden Eaglet" DVD
- _____ Semaphore Flags (small size for demonstration)
- _____ Paper dolls pattern with vintage uniforms
- _____ Vintage Girl Scout Brownie Uniform (Dress, Tie, Belt, Beanie)
- _____ Vintage Girl Scout Junior Uniform (Dress, Tie, Belt, Beret)
- _____ "Pocket Songbook" - 2 copies (Also for sale in GS Shop)
- _____ Little Book of Girl Scout Games"
- _____ "Trefoil Around the World"
- _____ 8 Vintage handbooks (at least 1 each for B, J, C, S levels)
- _____ "Memories For A Lifetime" (Tanasi Council History)
- _____ "And The Fence Came Down" (Oak Ridge & Highland Rim Councils History)

OTHER RESOURCES

Check your local library and the Jerry Warwick Archival Library at the museum for book availability.

--**Daisy and the Girl Scouts**, Fern G. Brown

--**Juliette Low, Girl Scout Founder**, Helen Boyd Higgins [Young Patriots Series]

--**Lady From Savannah**, Gladys Denny Schultz

--**Daisy Low of the Girl Scouts** [comic book form]

--**Website** for Girl Scout Catalogs online:

<http://gscatalogs.dns2go.com/catalogs/>

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