

OUR GIRL SCOUT STORY

A History Patch (Junior 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. Where was Juliette Low born?
- b. Juliette had to have the sleeves of her dresses made larger because her arms had such strong muscles. What did she do that caused her to have muscular arms, and why was this unusual at the time?
- c. Why were horses important in her early life?
- d. What types of art materials did Juliette use?
- e. What was the message in the famous phone call she placed to her cousin?
- f. Discover her cousin's name and where she lived.

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. Draw or color the uniforms of different eras in Girl Scouting. You may use a paper doll pattern or photocopy the pattern in the Wheelie or go to another source.
- d. Have a Juliette Low birthday party or a tea party and serve 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 video, *The Golden Eaglet*. Discuss how Girl Scouting has changed.
- There are two styles of official membership pins for Girl Scout Juniors through adults, traditional & contemporary. Which one came first?
- Where is the correct place to wear your membership pin—over your heart or on the other side?
- When did Juliette Low start Girl Scouts in the United States? What anniversary are we celebrating this year?
- Why was basketball an important activity for early Girl Scout troops?

TAKE ACTION: Complete any two activities below:

- Do an activity to show part of Girl Scout history (older uniforms, camping, semaphore flags, older badges etc.) Neatly print a caption for your work and display it as a learning activity for others.
- Make your own set a semaphore flags, using a material of your choice. Decode the message on the Semaphore and Morse Code Activity Sheet. Use your flags to send a message.
- A text message is a kind of code. Compose a text message of the famous phone call that Juliette made to her cousin.
- Make a bedroll like the one in *The Golden Eaglet* video and try it out. Demonstrate how to carry it.
- Cook a campfire meal like one that early Girl Scouts would have cooked.
- Set up the tabletop display, *Octavia's Village*, which is available to check out from the museum or to use at your service center, and read the condensed version of the book. (This could be a group activity with oral reading being shared.)



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

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- 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 it be worn on your uniform?
- What is a World Center? How many are there and where are they located?
- Discover some information about Thinking Day and what the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund (JLWFF) is.

TAKE ACTION: Complete any two activities below:

- Play or teach others a game from one of the WAGGGS member countries.
- Explain to others the meaning of World Thinking Day. Plan and take a leadership part in a Thinking Day activity.
- Plan and hold a ceremony to tell the meaning of the World Trefoil Pin. (The emblem is also on the world flag. You might display that in your ceremony.)
- Taste some food from another country and draw a picture of the country’s flag.



4 - GIRL SCOUTS OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- What is the complete name of our Council and the Council 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.
- This Council is unique in the United States because we have a "Secret City" from World War II Days. It is Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Since it was a secret, find out what group had to give permission for Girl Scouting to start there. What was different about how their names were put on registration forms? Are Girl Scouts in Oak Ridge still registered in this different way today?

TAKE ACTION: Complete any two activities below:

- Visit The Girl Scout Museum or one of the Council properties.
- 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
- Which Girl Scout camp is closest to where you live?
- On a map, find the areas covered by GSCSA (our Council) and name the states included.
- Learn about the connection between Ijams Nature Center (The Ijams Family) and early Girl Scouting in East Tennessee.



5 - GIRL SCOUTS PRESERVING THE PAST

DISCOVER AND CONNECT:

- What is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior can earn?
- What are the two highest awards a girl can earn in Girl Scouts? What was the highest in Juliette Low's time?
- Listen to or read a story about Girl Scouting in the past. Discover ways in which Girl Scouting is different now.
- The Girl Scout Promise and Law have changed through the years. Compare the different versions of each. What important themes have been present even though the words have changed?

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*.

Then complete one activity below.

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



- c. Service has always been a part of Girl Scouting. Juliette Low was concerned about animals, the war effort, and her sister Girl Scouts. What things are you concerned about? Think of a way to give service in your community and carry it out.
 - d. Create your own idea to teach about Girl Scout history to others.
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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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