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Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas

100th Anniversary Activity Guide

**Celebrating 100 Years of
Fun in Girl Scouting**



Join us when our first 100 years turns into our next 100 years!

The 100th Anniversary of Girls Scouts is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We've come a long way in the last 100 years, and we're looking forward to what the future of Girl Scouting will hold.

Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She imagined that Girl Scouts could be "the magic thread" that would connect girls everywhere, and for 50 million girls and women, the ties have never been stronger.

As we commemorate 100 years of Girl Scouting, we will boldly claim our rightful place as the premier leadership organization for girls. We hope to grow our membership, reconnect with our alumnae, and secure resources and funding to ensure that more girls have the opportunity to reap the benefits of the Girl Scouts Leadership Experience. And, of course, we will have a ton of fun celebrating too!

We hope that everyone who has been a member of the Girl Scout family will join us in a variety of opportunities across the Diamonds Council during 2012 to be a part of history and a part of the future.

100th Anniversary Resource Quick Reference Guide

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Girl Scout Centennial: 100 Fun Ways to Celebrate

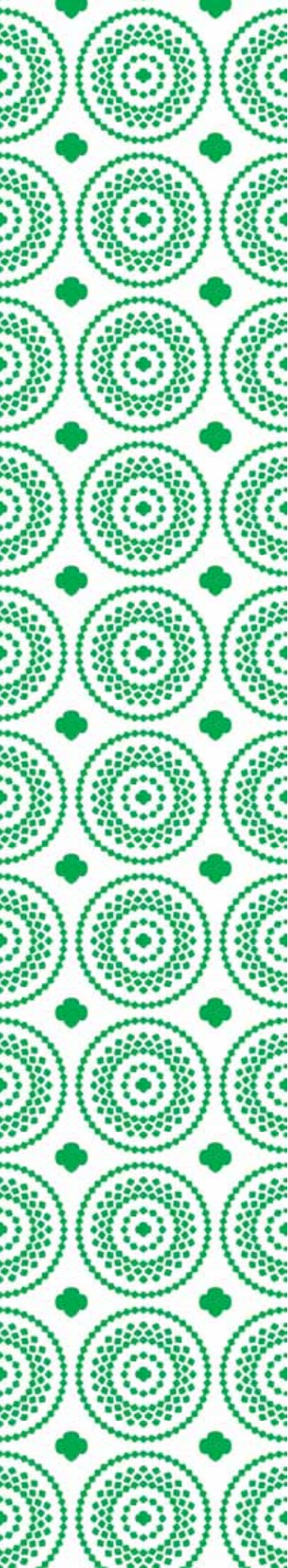
When asked what the girls should do, Juliette responded “What do the girls WANT to do?”

With the help of the history committee from Girl Scouts of Colorado we have compiled a list of 100 activities for girls to celebrate Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary. Girls will discover many new things about the Girl Scouts’ past, present and future; connect with other Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts while enjoying these activities; and then take action and share what they have learned.

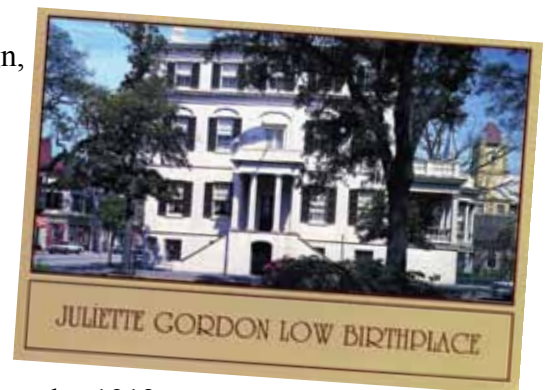
The activities in this booklet are quite varied and should appeal to all grade levels. Please use this as a reference and adapt activities to meet the needs of girls. We hope the girls enjoy these activities. Please share your experiences on Girl Scouts - Diamonds Facebook, Twitter and YouTube Channel.

1. Visit a Girl Scout display or museum
2. Attend a council sponsored event
3. Learn the Girl Scout motto, mission and slogan
4. Learn about the history of Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas council
5. Do an activity out of the first Girl Scout handbook – How Girls Can Help Their Country
6. Research and create a list of women’s firsts
7. Write special 100th Anniversary messages on facebook and twitter – Tag the council in your message
8. Make a Girl Scout video and share it on the council’s youtube channel
9. Make an activity box of things Girl Scouts may have enjoyed through the decades and share it at a SU meeting
10. Hold a sing along and teach others Girl Scout songs
11. Have a 100 marathon, such as singing 100 campfire songs, jumping rope 100 times or share your girl scout experience with 100 friends
12. Help a new troop get started
13. Meet with a Diamonds staff member and learn about their role with the council
14. Organize an alumna search in your community
15. Find a pen pal in a foreign or faraway troop and compare their activities and interests to your own
16. Learn semaphores and spell your name and troop number or 2012
17. Pick up 100 pieces of litter on a hike
18. Collect 100 pennies to donate to the council
19. Include a Girl Scout Message to newcomers in your communities welcome wagon.
20. Make and eat s’mores using 3 different methods
21. Sell 100 boxes of each of the top varieties of Girl Scout Cookies

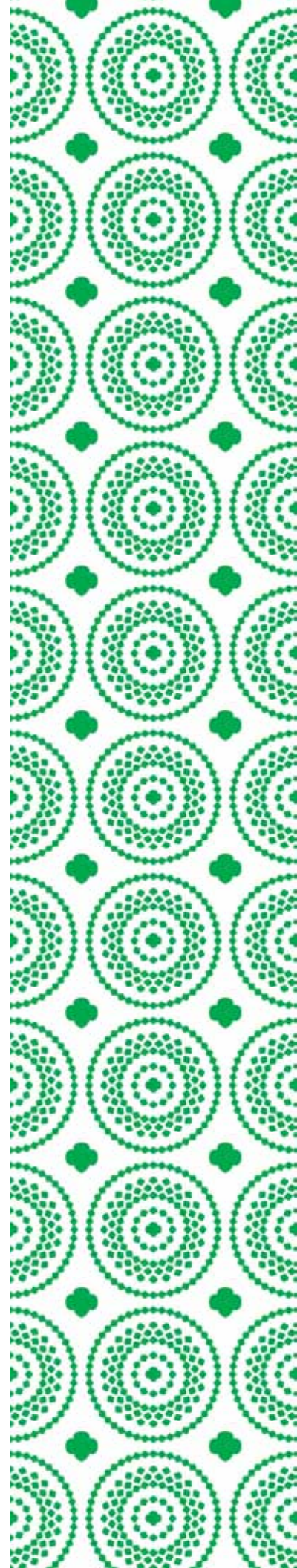


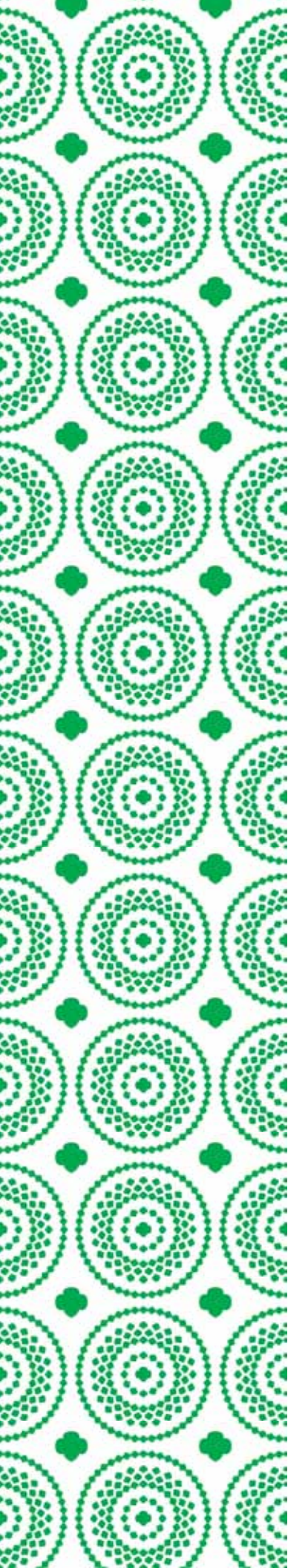


22. Have a rededication ceremony (an opportunity for girls and adults to renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise) using the Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary as the theme
23. Find out something new about Girl Scouts that you didn't know before.
24. Identify 100 Girl Scout Vocabulary words and make a game with them
25. List 100 reasons why you like being a girl scout
26. Reduce your carbon footprint by recycling for 100 days or
27. Use zero footprint calculator to make changes that will save the planet
28. Participate in high adventure activity in our council ex., ride a horse CCA, ropes course, Cahinio/Camp Kemp, backpacking overnight at NOARK
29. Make a collage or PowerPoint with 100 things about Juliette Gordon Low.
30. Smile at 100 people
31. Live out Girl Scout Law in 100 different ways and post what you're doing on Diamonds Council Facebook/Twitter
32. Learn about SWAPS and make a few to share with another troop.
33. Camp out one night in a tent with your troop.
34. Visit the Girl Scout Nature Center and say hello to Thomas the Snake.
35. Make a sit-upon.
36. "Follow" us on Facebook!
37. Learn and say hello in 100 languages!
38. Collect and display 100 different swaps
39. Make up your own trail mix using 100 items of each ingredient
40. Collect and donate 100 cans of food to a food bank as a service project
41. Make a patterned necklace using 100 beads
42. Watch "The Golden Eaglet"
43. Hold a fashion show. Model uniforms from early troops to current fashions.
44. Research the different grade levels in Girl Scouting. How have they changed over the years?
45. Discuss the changes of the Girl Scout Promise and Law in a troop meeting.
46. Girl Scouts are known for the cookie sales. Research the history of the cookie program.
47. Be able to give the Girl Scout salute, sign, and handshake
48. Learn about Savannah, Georgia, the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace and 1st headquarters, which are both located there.
49. Research Girl Scout women in history.
50. Discover the roles of women in history and compare 1912, 1987 and 2012.
51. Pick a career and follow it through the decades 1912-2012. Present a career day modeled after your research.
52. What woman has been important in your life. Write a poem or story to describe her.
53. One of Juliette Low's favorite activities was having girls play basketball. Research early basketball rules and uniforms. Set up a basketball tournament with other girls in your area.
54. Role play the "Brownie Story" - show a group of non Girl Scouts, perhaps a Kindergarten Class.
55. Hold a "sing along" and learn some traditional Girl Scout songs.



56. Celebrate each decade musically. Have a sock hop! Try the Charleston or the limbo.
57. Create and record a Girl Scout historical musical play and share it on the Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas YouTube Channel.
58. Act out the founding of Girl Scouts and perform with other girls.
59. Develop a skit based on the Girl Scout Law and perform for other girls.
60. Make up a Girl Scout Trivia Game and play it with others.
61. Challenge other girls to write a special anniversary song. Share your creations on the Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas YouTube Channel.
62. Create a children's book about the first 100 years of Girl Scouting. Include something on what life is like for a Girl Scout in your community. Ask the local librarian if you can read it at story time. Or present it as a school or community function.
63. Have a time travel day where all girls in your area get together and share their time travel activities - booths, plays, stories, songs etc. and invite the public.
64. Have a "bring a buddy" party to acquaint non Girl Scouts with Girl Scouting. Share examples of Girl Scout programs with the buddies.
65. Juliette's childhood was affected by the Civil War. Girl Scouts performed important service tasks during WWI and WWII. Support today's men and women in the armed services by writing letter or holding a drive to collect needed items.
66. Invite family members to participate in at least one anniversary project or ceremony.
67. Learn about women politicians and how they became involved in politics. Find out if they were a Girl Scout.
68. Invite a former Girl Scout to a troop meeting, activity or tea.
69. Juliette was born in Savannah, Georgia. Cook a meal using foods Georgia is known for (peaches, pecans, peanuts, and Vidalia onions).
70. Juliette was a painter, a sculptor, and made a set of iron gates for her house. Learn some techniques in one of these areas or visit the studio of an artist who works in one of these medias.
71. Learn more about WAGGGS - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
72. Find out more about the World Centers. Take an imaginary visit to one of your choice.
73. Promote and international fun night. Invite exchange students and people from various countries living in your area. Ask them to tell how life was in their home country. Pick games, food and songs from each country and try them out.
74. Girl Scouts and Girl Guides provide many useful services in other countries. Explore and compare these.
75. Tie green ribbons around trees to celebrate our 100 years of existence. Be sure to get permission from the community or property owner.
76. Sharpen your outdoor skills. Practice age-old Girl Scout Skills such as laying a trail, using a compass, tying knots, and using a pocket knife.
77. Learn Semaphore. Use this technique to spell your name and troop number or 2012.
78. Visit one of the Girl Scouts - Diamonds facilities.





79. Juliette was almost completely deaf by the age of 26. Learn more about other famous women who have had physical challenges such as Marla Runyan (marathoner), Bethany Hamilton (surfer), Jean Driscoll (marathoner), Marlee Matlin (actress), Frida Kahlo (artist), or Heather Whitestone (Miss America).
80. Volunteer to do a flag ceremony for a public event.
81. Research service projects from the past and re-create one to do today.
82. In honor of the Girl Scout Centennial, plant 100 daisies at the City Hall, a neighborhood park, or another place that can be enjoyed by others.
83. Do 100 “good turns” during 2012 and record these in a journal.
84. Participate in a Community Service Project such as giving 100 hours of service to an agency or camp facility, or collecting 100 cans of food for a local food bank.
85. Have a birthday party, complete with games, cake, and presents. The presents can be donated to a needy family.
86. Visit a place of worship on Girl Scout Sunday or Girl Scout Sabbath. Design a bulletin cover or insert.
87. Make a personal time capsule to be opened by future Girl Scouts in 2037.
88. What will a Girl Scout look like in 2037? What will she look like? What issues will she face? Hold a contest and design the uniform of the future. Looking ahead to 2037, how could you celebrate our 125th Birthday? Send your ideas to communications@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.
89. Juliette traveled to England where she met the Baden-Powells who inspired her to start Girl Scouts in the USA. Find five places in England you would like to visit.
90. Make the original Trefoil cookies and learn about Girl Scout cookie history.
91. Concoct a new 100th Anniversary cookie. Have a taste test panel judge the best.
92. What are some of the typical Girl Scout food specialties? Make and eat “Ants on a Log” and “Haystacks.”
93. Submit a letter to the editor of your local newspaper explaining Girl Scout’s role in your community.
94. Play Kim’s game with your group.
95. Make a Girl Scout Bingo game and play it with your friends.
96. What were the games and crafts enjoyed by the past Girl Scouts? Play a game or make a craft.
97. Go on a treasure hunt for old Girl Scout items at garage sales, flea markets, thrift store and “Grandma’s Attic.”
98. Make a troop scrapbook. Each girl might enjoy making her own scrapbook page to celebrate the 100th Anniversary.
99. Hold a poster making contest for local girls. Design a special poster to commemorate the 100th Anniversary. Display the posters in your community during Girl Scout week.
100. Have a scavenger hunt of 100 items.



Juliette Low's Treasure Chest

Semaphore Flags

Learn how to spell your name by using a set of flags.

Golden Eaglet Movie

Watch a movie all about the Girl Scouts!

Kim's Game

A game played in the early years of Girl Scouts. How good is your memory?



Game of Graces

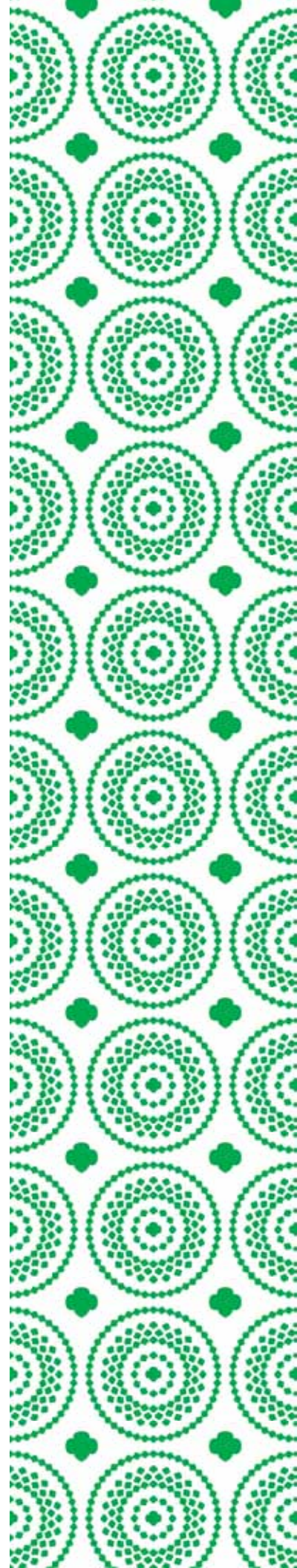
Try your hand at a game played at some of the early troop meetings.

Fan Etiquette

Learn the text messaging style of the early 1900's.

Girl Scout Handbook - How Girls Can Help Their Country

Try out some of the activities out of the first Girl Scout Handbook to see what it was like during the early years of Girl Scouting.



100th Birthday Party

Come celebrate Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary! We are hosting a gigantic Girl Scout party and we want YOU to be a part of history as we turn 100! Mark the week-



end of March 9-11, 2012 on your calendar and plan to join us at the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock for a very special all-weekend event! Our Birthday Celebration will be one of the biggest, most exciting birthday parties around with activities targeted to all age levels and very special guests you will want to meet! Our surprise special guests will be announced soon. This will be a weekend of FUN with a peek into the past and a glance ahead at how Girl Scouts will be making the world a better place for the next 100 years! More details about the Girl Scout 100th Anniversary celebration will be forthcoming over the next few months so stay tuned and save the date for a fantastic birthday party!

We are thrilled to be approaching the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA on March 12, 2012, and we're gearing up to celebrate this occasion in style! We will have Council celebrations, Regional celebrations, and local celebrations. We are already hearing about fun projects and events that are being planned by troops and service units throughout the Diamonds Council. To keep up with all of the activity - we have a new address where you can send in your events and activity plans: 100fun@girlscoutsdiamonds.org.

We will log your events and post your ideas to the 100th Anniversary tab on the Diamonds website and Facebook page. There are so many exciting plans and so many different ways to celebrate the 100th year of Girl Scouting! Stay tuned to see what cool new things are happening in honor of Girl Scouting's biggest anniversary ever. Be a part of history; celebrate the 100th Anniversary of GSUSA!



Make a Scrapbook Page as a Personal Time Capsule

Using photos, embellishments, and her imagination, any girl can capture the excitement of the 100th Anniversary year in a scrapbook page. She can make a personal scrapbook page of all the activities and memories of this special year.

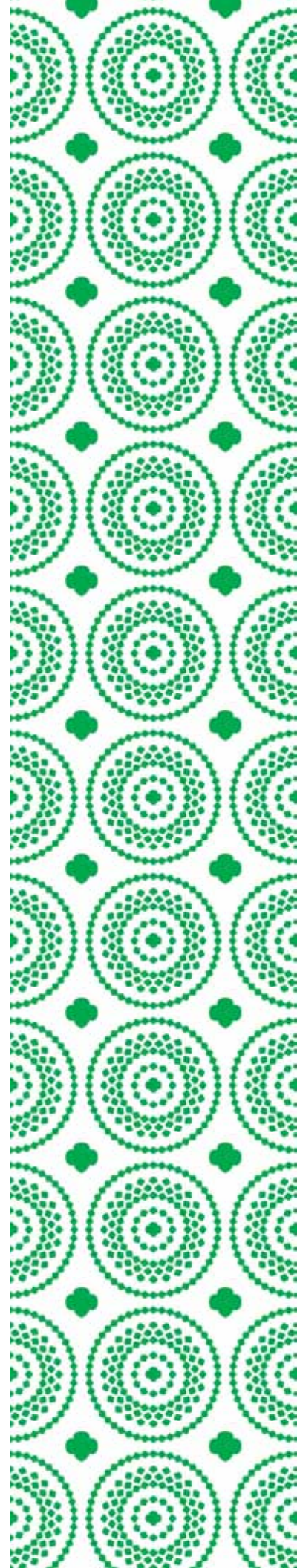
Oral History Project

History is one of the best ways to learn about anything. Stories and experiences can easily be lost from one generation to the next. The Oral History Project was set up in order to keep these stories and experiences alive and allow younger Girl Scouts to know what it was like to be a Girl Scout 10, 20 and even 50 years ago. Girl Scouts through out the Diamonds council have been interviewing and recording Girl Scout Alumnae. Some participants choose to make this their bronze and silver award projects. Video excerpts will be compiled to use at civic organizations, meetings and other Girl Scout events. The interviews will be compiled into a video to be archived at the Butler Museum.



Girl Scout - Diamonds History Collection

**Information
coming soon!**





Wall of Fame

What is a Wall of Fame?

A Wall of Fame can be created and exhibited in any public place, with permission. The Wall works well in places with high traffic display areas such as schools and religious buildings. A Wall of Fame includes historical and interesting information about Girl Scouts. This is a great project for a group of girls or a service unit to work on together.

Why Create a Wall of Fame?

To honor the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts, a Wall of Fame is a great way to showcase the history of the organization. A Wall of Fame can bring attention to the centennial, educate current Girl Scouts, or inspire other girls to learn more about Girl Scouts. Service Units are highly encouraged to share this information with that girls and encourage participation.

What Should Be Included in a Wall of Fame?

The idea behind the Wall of Fame is centered on displaying the names and photos of famous women who were once Girl Scouts. This could include politicians, celebrities, and other recognizable women who are proud to let the world know they are a Girl Scout.

How does the Wall of Fame contribute to the three keys of Girl Scouting?

DISCOVER national and local women who believe in the power of Girl Scouts and have gone on to be well known or successful.

CONNECT the legacy of Girl Scouts with today's women leaders in such varied occupations from acting and singing to politics and science.

TAKE ACTION to share this knowledge and research with others by putting together and posting a Wall of Fame in your own communities.

What Are Some Other Ideas for a Wall of Fame?

- Pictures of women from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas who were Girl Scouts
- Photos and/or trivia about teachers, church members, or other women in your community who were Girl Scouts.
- Girl Scout memorabilia, including uniforms, books, badges, shirts or other Girl Scout merchandise (either old or new).
- 100th Anniversary artwork created by Girl Scouts who are putting together the Wall of Fame.
- Photos of girls during meetings, on field trips, camping, selling cookies or participation in community service projects.
- Posters/quotes from the Girl Scouts that relate why Girl Scouting is important to them.
- Photos and information on local women who were once Girl Scouts that went on to earn the Gold Award or be a prominent figure in the community.

Where do I find the names of women who were Girl Scouts?

Part of the fun and challenge is having the girls do the research themselves. However, here is a starting point for those working on their own Wall of Fame. If you want to find photographs online of these women, search [Google Images](#).

Did you know? An amazing 64 percent of today's female leaders listed in Who's Who of American Women in the United States were once Girl Scouts.

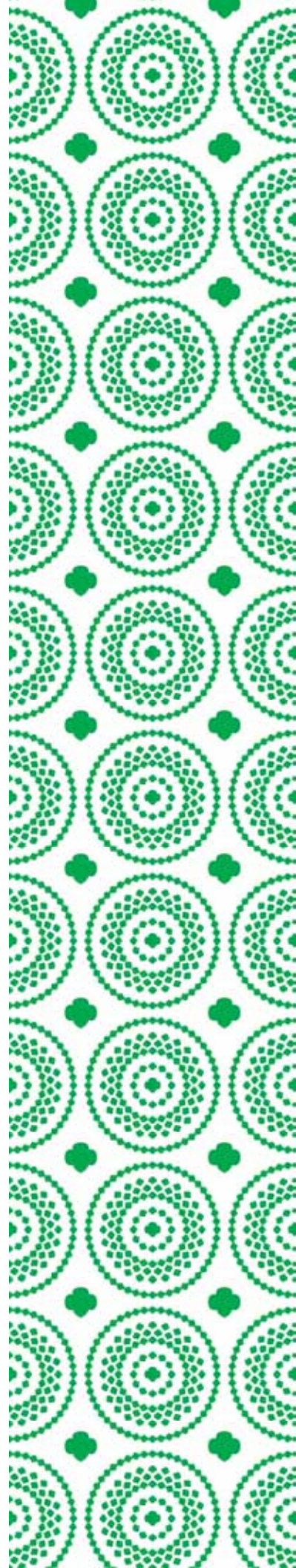
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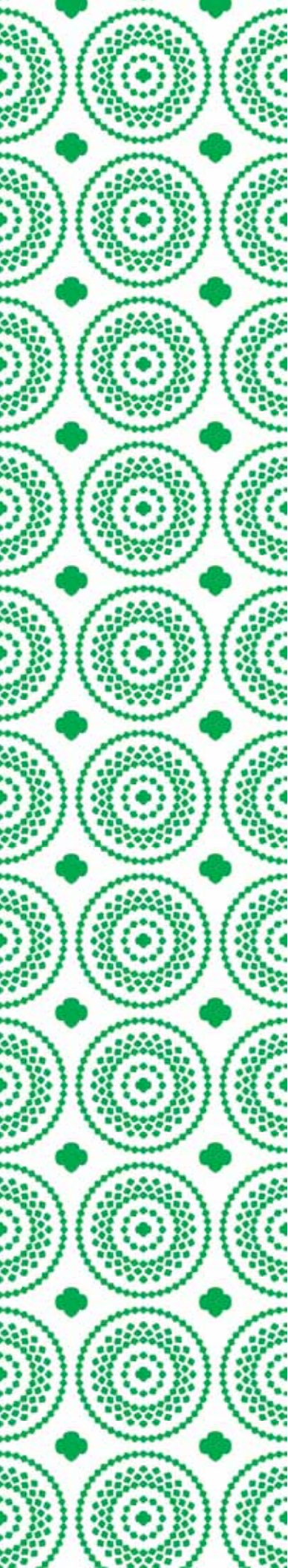
Taylor Swift - Singer
Abigail Breslin - Actress
Mariah Carey - Singer/Actress
Dakota Fanning - Actress
Sheryl Crow - Singer
Lucille Ball - Actress/Comedienne
Carrie Fisher - Actress
Shirley Temple - Actress/ US Ambassador
Susan Lucci - Actress
Debbie Reynolds - Actress
Mary Tyler Moore - Actress



Katie Couric - Anchorwoman
Hillary Rodham Clinton - Politician
Martha Stewart - TV Personality
Barbara Walters - Journalist/ TV Host
Dr. Sally Ride - 1st American Woman in Space
Lt Col Eileen Collins- 1st Woman Space Shuttle Commander Astronaut
Cynthia Rosenweig- NASA Research Scientist
Chelsea Clinton - Speaker
Sandra Day O'Connor - Judge
Dorothy Hamill - Figure Skater
Elizabeth Dole- Former President
- American Red Cross
Condoleezza Rice - former US Sec. of State

There is a more extensive list online [here](#).





Sudoku - Girl Scout Style

Sudoku is a logic-based placement puzzle. Amy Bissel from Pueblo, Colorado is the volunteer who created this unique Girl Scout Sudoku puzzle. Similar to the number puzzles, this original Girl Scout puzzle is made of the letters in the words "Girl Scouts."

The objective is to fill a 9X9 grid with letters so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3X3 grids contains all the letters in the two words. Have fun completing the grid!

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100th Anniversary Patch Design Contest

Girls can enter a design for a patch contest to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting. This patch is just for Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas members and will be available throughout the 2012 year.

The contest is open to all registered girl members. All entries and designs will become the property of the Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The winning design may be re-drawn or touched up so we can successfully manufacture a patch; however, we will not lose the integrity of the design. The winner will receive a 100th Anniversary T-shirt and Watch.

Please write your name, age, contact information and Troop Number on the back of your original artwork. All submissions must be delivered before October 14th, 2011 at 1:30pm to:

Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
Attn: Amanda Loggins
615 West 29th Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114

Detailed guidelines for the contest can be found [here](#).





Project Service Unit Contest

What the project is:

In 2012, Girl Scouts will have its 100th anniversary and in true Girl Scout fashion, we want to celebrate by giving back to the community! During 2011 and 2012 (January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2012) we are asking every Girl Scout across the council to work together to give a combined total of 100,000 service hours to the communities served by the Diamonds Council. Although this is a large number, if everyone works together, we can achieve and even exceed our goal!

What we need to do:

Each girl is asked to submit her service hours individually, not as a troop (Ex. If a troop cleans a park for three hours, each member will submit their own form for three service hours.) All forms of service hours will be accepted, including service projects towards earning Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards. Volunteers are asked to turn in their service hours as well!

How we submit our hours:

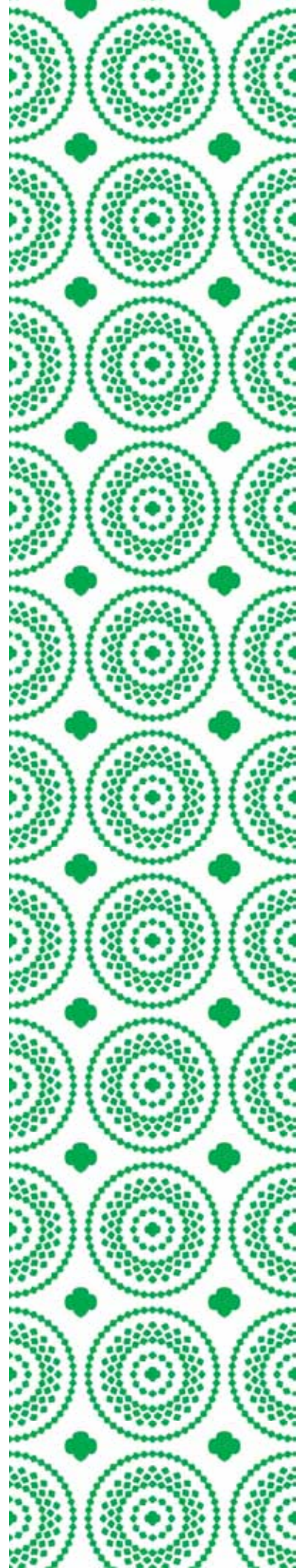
The Project 100 forms that need to be filled out and turned in can be downloaded off of the council's website. www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org under the 100th Anniversary tab.

You can drop off your forms at your local regional office or you can mail them to:

Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas
Attn: Amanda Loggins
615 W. 29th Street
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How we win:

In order for a troop to qualify to be entered into the drawing the troop needs to have a minimum of two (2) hours per girl. The troop with the most hours from each service unit will be entered into the drawing. The entries will be divided by region and then one entry for each region will be drawn. Prize will be announced at a later date.



The Campaign for Girls

In 2012, GSUSA will launch the Campaign for Girls: A multi-year, all-inclusive, transformational initiative that will be the country's largest-ever campaign for girls. Their goal is raise \$1 billion to achieve a generational leap in leadership opportunities for today's girls.

Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas is making an investment in tomorrow's leaders and emphasizing that our goal is to ensure every girl has the skills and opportunities to reach her fullest potential. [Donate today!](#)

I was a Girl Scout! (Alumnae)

As a former member, you know how much fun Girl Scouting is, how important the friendships are and how much can be learned. Did you know that it's even better today and that you can still be part of it as an adult? We reach out to our alumnae just as we reach out to girls. Whether you're a young adult, a 30-, 40- or 50-something adult, or a person with or without grandchildren, we want you to stay connected to the organization you loved as a girl. You have much to offer and much to gain!

To join the Girl Scouts - Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Alumnae network, connect on www.girlscoutsdiamonds.org, Facebook, Twitter or call 1-800-632-6894.

GSUSA invites all adults Girl Scouts (18 years and older), including all former girl members, former and current volunteers, and former or current Girl Scout staff to register for the Girl Scout Alumnae Association @ Online Community. This is the place to reconnect with old friends, make new ones and learn about our plans for the 100th Anniversary. The website is alumnae.girlscouts.org.

Cookie Sale Patch Pin

Little Brownie Baker is celebrating 100 years of Girl Scout history by giving girls more reasons to be remarkable. They created a multicolored, girl friendly patch pin to recognize girls' entrepreneurial spirit. They encourage girls to knock on 100 doors, send 100 e-cards from Cookie Club, collect 100 orders on a goal setter order card, or sell 100 boxes at a cookie booth.



Little Brownie
Bakers®

Make the World a Better Place

Community service projects are an integral part of Girl Scouting. The 100th Anniversary year is an ideal time to take on the challenge of doing a project to better the community. Let this list of project possibilities be a springboard into action.

Before you begin a service project consider the girls' interests and skills, the resources needed to complete the project and the community needs and wants.

- Do 100 hours of community service
- Donate 100 cans of pet food to an animal shelter
- Plant 100 flowers or 100 trees
- Collect 100 children's books or toys
- Donate 100 cans or boxes of food to a food bank
- Plan a blood drive and aim for 100 donors
- Bake 100 homemade cookies for local firefighters and/or police officers
- Gather 100 pairs of socks & mittens for a shelter
- Donate 100 pennies per girl
- Decorate 100 valentines and send them to teachers, firefighters, city council members, nursing homes
- Send 100 letters or cards of support to the American Red Cross for victims
- Make 100 holiday tray favors for Meals-on-Wheels program



Birthday in a Bag

What is it? A Birthday-in-a-Bag is a self-contained gift bag with everything you need to have a Happy Birthday party.

Who needs it? Every person needs some recognition of their birthday. However certain circumstances occur that might not make that possible.

Where does it go? Each Birthday-in-a-Bag should be delivered to YOUR local food bank. The goal is to deliver no later than October 31, 2011, Juliette Low's birthday.

How can my girl scout troop help? Each troop can undertake the Birthday-in-a-Bag as a community service project by putting together one or more Birthday Bags. This project is a way of showing that Girl Scouts care and Girl Scouting is an important part of your community. It is also a wonderful tribute to Juliette Low, founder of Girl Scouting, during the 100th year anniversary. ****Leaders can purchase Juliette Low Birthday fun patches online for girls that participate.****

What items make up a Birthday-in-a-bag? Fill a large gift bag with: Cake mix, frosting, foil cake pan, cake decorations, candles, balloons, plates, napkins. Additional items that can be included are: birthday banner, party invites, wrapping paper and ribbon, crepe paper, party hats, noise makers, small goodie bags items, table cloth, or small unisex toy or present (unwrapped). ****Don't forget Dollar Tree is a great place to shop for party items that are just \$1 each!****



Troop 40710 would like to keep track of which troops participate, where they are from, and the number of Birthday-in-a-bags completed. They would also LOVE to see photos of girls shopping or delivering the bags. Please contact their leader Amanda Chastain with troop # and totals. Email amanda_chastain@yahoo.com

Girl Scouts Forever Green

To mark the 100 year milestone and to honor the founder Juliette Gordon Low, who loved nature and the outdoors, Girl Scouts of all ages, volunteers, and alumnae are taking part in the Girl Scouts Forever Green. This nationwide, take-action project offers a meaningful leadership experience that makes a huge positive impact on the environment and increases the visibility of Girl Scouts in every community.



Projects



Girls can complete one or more of the following month-long, council wide-projects.



Reduce Plastic Waste happens in February, March or April. Description: Use reusable water bottles and bags



Earth Hour happens in March. Description: Install Energy Star® - qualified light bulbs in homes, schools, and businesses; participate in Earth Hour by turning off lights between 8:30 and 9:30pm Eastern on the last Saturday in March to save energy.

Rain Gardens happen in February, March or April. Description: Plant and maintain rain gardens at schools, homes, and other sites to minimize water pollution and soil erosion and increases green space.

Pledge

Girl Scouts and the community at large are invited to take the online Girl Scouts Forever Green Pledge. Those who make the pledge commit to a year of taking daily actions to protect the environment.

Project Resources

Find how-to information, promotional materials, patch, products and other resources for girls and volunteers at the [Girl Scouts Forever Green website](#).

Leadership Development

As with all Girl Scout activities, Girl Scouts Forever Green gives girls the opportunity to develop leadership skills they can use now and through out their lives. The Girl Scouts Forever Green projects and goals also are well aligned with the *It's Your Planet - Love It!* leadership journey series. In addition to creating positive change for the environment, girl who take part in Girl Scouts Forever Green as part of their journey experience can climb the Girl Scout leadership ladder and earn journey awards along the way. The Girl Scouts Forever Green hosts specific ideas for incorporating Girl Scouts Forever Green into leadership journey experiences.

- Girls at all grade levels discover what is meaningful to them and realize how their own values relate to the environment and what they can do to protect it.
- When Girl Scouts team together and implement Girl Scouts Forever Green in their schools and communities, they connect with others.
- Annually, during the months of February, March and April, Girl Scouts take action and inspire others to join the effort.

Girl Scouts of the USA

Blogger Day: The Call to a New Century

March 12, 2012

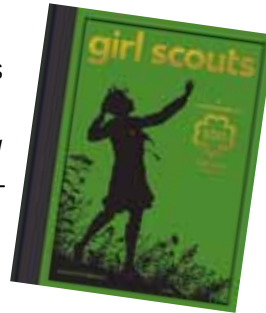
In a distinctly modern version of Juliette Gordon Low's historic call that launched the movement, Girl Scouts and a broad-based coalition of like-minded individuals will mark our 100th anniversary by saturating the blogosphere on March 12, 2012 with messaging that shines a light on issues facing today's girls and makes the case for investing in girls.

100th Anniversary U.S. Mint Coin

In 2013 the U.S. Mint will issue an official Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Coin. The mint plans to issue 350,000 coins and they anticipate a high demand. There will be a maximum number of coins that any one customer can order. Coins are expected to go on sale in early 2013. Watch for details. While the cost has not been set, commemorative silver coins currently sell for around \$50.

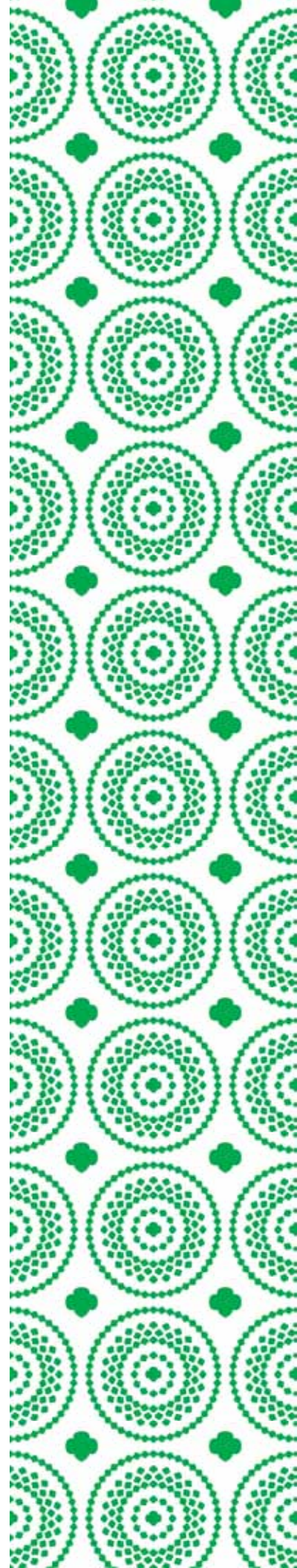
GSUSA's Anniversary Book

GSUSA has culled iconic photographs, documents and letters from its cast archives that honor the unique sisterhood of Girl Scouts to create *Girl Scouts: A Celebration of 100 Trailblazing Years*, the official "coffee table" book of the anniversary. Organized by decade, this book is the essential keepsake and gift for Girl Scout members, alumnae, volunteers and supporters. Cover price \$29.95. Releases October 1, 2011.



Merchandise

A range of 100th Anniversary merchandise is now on sale at council stores. There will be much more to come as our anniversary approaches. The product line will include contemporary and vintage items as well as collectables. Items can be purchased at and Girl Scouts - Diamonds council shops.



Travel Opportunities

2011 National Council Session/52nd Convention

Houston, TX November 8-13, 2011

Renewing the Promise - Girl Scouts in a New Century is the theme for the new triennium which begins at the Girl Scouts' national convention. Events include: Girl Scout Leadership Institute, Girl Scouts University, National Council Session, Conversations of Consequence, Girl Scouts Forever Green, History Conference, Swaps Lounge, Speakers and entertainers, and Celebrations. For more information, visit www.girlscouts.org/convention.



Tournament of Roses Parade

Pasadena, CA January 2, 2012

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles are excited to have a Girl Scout float in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on January 2, 2012. Participation in this prestigious event will prove to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Girl Scouts while showcasing our programs and values to the world. To support the Girl Scout float, help decorate floats, tour Pasadena and the Los Angeles area, earn patches, participate in the float rally and experience the Rose Parade. For more information click on the Tournament of Roses icon.



100th Anniversary Trip to Savannah, GA

Girl Scouts of Colorado is hosting a trip to Savannah, GA, in June 2012 as part of the 100th Anniversary celebration. With a visit to the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, a ghost tour, dolphin cruise, a visit to the first Girl Scouts Headquarters and more, this will be a fantastic Girl Scout experience! *NOTE: Registration deadline has passed.

Girl Scouts: Rock the Mall

Washington, DC June 9, 2012

That is what memories are made of - good Girl Scout fun singing and celebrating the strengths of the Girl Scout movement.



National Centennial Camporee

Fort Stewart, GA (Near Savannah) June 24-29, 2012

Girls from across the USA will gather for a wide range of STEM educational experiences such as geocaching, astronomy, robotics, engineering and photography. There will also be opportunities to experience the traditional activities that Girl Scouts have honed and enjoyed for nearly 100 years; archery, compass skills, signal, semaphore, Morse code, map reading, outdoor cooking, crafts making, song shares, campfires, swaps, nature studies, and more. For more information visit the council website at www.gshg.org.

New Jersey State Park Event

Liberty State Park, NJ June 23-24, 2012

A State Wide event at Liberty State Park hosted by four New Jersey Girl Scout councils is expected to draw 25,000 girls and adults. Highlights of the two-day even include a Saturday night concert where crowds could reach up to 40,000, fireworks, and sleep overs in the Liberty Park Science Center and Ferry Terminal. More information [here](#).



What's Your Everest? Rocky Mountain National Park

Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colorado Mid July 2012

The Global Explorers (an educational youth travel organization out of Fort Collins, CO) What's Your Everest? Retreat will teach girls to discover the leaders within themselves. Girls will focus on building a shared vision, encouraging independence and teamwork, promoting trust, thinking about the big picture, and embracing adversity. The GSCO *What's Your Everest Retreat* is designed to highlight female leaders and guest speakers from the National Park Service and other partner organizations. More information [here](#).

State of Girls Summit

September 2012

The Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary year will culminate with the State of Girls Summit, an externally driven Conversation of Consequence. The goal of the summit is to bring focus and a sense of urgency to achieving a generational lead in leadership opportunities for girls.

Alumnae Roundup Reunion

Basin Harbor Club in Lake Champlain, VT September 23-28, 2012

Between 1956 and 1965, thousands of Girl Scouts from across the country attended Roundups focused on leadership and global citizenship. Nominated by their councils, attendees were role models to other girls and to this day represent some of Girl Scouts' most accomplished, passionate, and loyal members. In September 2012, 300 Roundup alumnae will gather for one week in Vermont. More information [here](#).

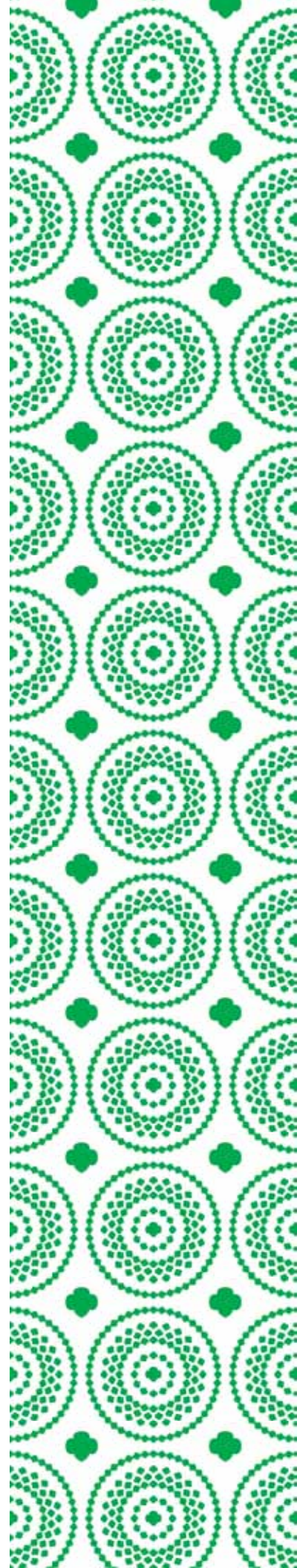
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The Great State Fair of Texas Spectacular Girl Scout Centennial Celebration

Dallas, TX September 28 - October 21, 2012

The Girl Scouts' Centennial Celebration will run concurrently with the Texas State Fair, the largest and longest running state fair in the country, attracting five million visitors over the 24 days. During the fair the featured exhibit will be the Girl Scouts' Centennial Women's Museum. Also, Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana Girl Scout troops will lead the state fair parade every evening. On the last day of the fair, Girl Scouts will host a jubilant pageant of music, culture, live performances, and fireworks at the Cotton Bowl for up to 90,000 leaders, alumnae and supporters from across the country.





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