



Girl Scouts - Joshua Tree Council

The Story of Juliette Gordon Low

(This patch program will help you learn more about her personal and professional accomplishments.)

Who is Juliette Gordon Low? We all know she founded Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., but there are many interesting facts about her that Girl Scouts might find fun to learn about. Juliette Gordon Low will always be remembered for her strong determination in life and for the values and traditions she represents. Here are several guidelines to help you in your exploration of Juliette Gordon Low's life.

BROWNIES: Complete five of the following activities including the starred items.

- **1. Read the story of Juliette Gordon Low or have your leader read it to you. Discuss some of the things you read. Verbally answer the questions below during your discussion.
 - a. In what year was Juliette Gordon Low born?
 - b. In what city and state was she born? Find out something interesting about her birthplace (eg., the exact address, how many bedrooms it has) and share it with the troop.
 - c. Who did Juliette marry?
 - d. How old was Juliette when she first found out about Girl Scouting?
 - e. In what year was Girl Scouts first started?
 - f. What are the three recognized days in scouting? Why are they important?
 - g. Juliette had a physical disability. What was it and how did it happen?
 - h. Where was the first troop Juliette Gordon Low started? What kind of girls were in the troop?
 - i. In what year did Juliette Gordon Low die?
 - j. What does W.A.G.G.G.S. stand for? How does it relate to Girl Scouting?
 - k. How many troops are there in Joshua Tree Council? How many Councils are located in the United States? Based on your conclusions, try to estimate how many Girl Scouts there are all over the world.
2. What was Juliette's special nickname? Who gave her the nickname and why is it important to Girl Scouting? Plant daisies around your troop meeting place. Be sure each girl makes a conscious commitment to take care of the flowers. Keep in mind the strong commitment Juliette Gordon Low had for Girl Scouting.
- **3. Check out the "Golden Eaglet" movie from the local resource center near you. After viewing the movie, discuss how different things were then (eg. uniforms, Girl Scouting requirements, meeting places, etc.). Role play the very first Girl Scout meeting. Where would it be held? How many girls would participate? Reminder: the Girl Scout Promise has changed since then!
4. Draw pictures of Juliette Gordon Low as a Girl Scout or a Girl Scout Leader. Hang them at the troop-meeting place, a nearby school, or even at the Council office.
5. Who gave Juliette Gordon Low the idea to start Girl Scouts and how is he connected to scouting? Invite a Boy Scout troop to your next meeting or visit a Boy Scout troop meeting. Note the differences and similarities between the two organizations. Make a list and discuss your findings at your next troop meeting.
6. Discuss the physical disability of Juliette Gordon Low and talk about the many advantages of sign language to the deaf community. Learn to sign "Happy Birthday" or "Girl Scouts".
7. Hold a discussion about how Juliette Gordon Low's first Girl Scout troop learned a craft and sold their own merchandise in order to help others in time of need. Talk about the importance of helping others. Design a service project, which could be implemented within the troop year. Each girl can learn a special skill, which they could teach others.

8. Plan a birthday party for Juliette Gordon Low. Get together with a sister troop and have a special ceremony in her honor. Have a discussion about what Girl Scouting means to each individual girl.
9. Write a play about the history of Girl Scouts and present it to a neighboring Daisy troop.

JUNIORS: Complete the starred activities above along with four of the activities listed below.

1. After viewing the “Golden Eaglet”, try setting up exercise and marching routines. Discuss how physical exercise was an integral part of Daisy’s life and how it still plays an important role in our own lives.
2. Try communicating with each other “Girl Scout” style by using Morse code signaling. How difficult or easy is it to use a different means of communication?
3. Like many Victorian women, Daisy was an accomplished artist. Learn about nineteenth-century women artists and try your hand at Daisy’s favorite art form - sculpting. Try sculpting a trefoil, the Juliette Gordon Low birthday, or maybe even Juliette Gordon Low herself!
4. Explore the world of textiles like Juliette Gordon Low’s first Girl Guides. Try your hand at weaving and learning all about fibers. Design a service project to help others using your new skill. Think of as many different projects as you can and pick the one all the girls think will best serve others.
5. Visit an antique clothing store. Discuss the changes in fashion over the years. At your next troop meeting, make paper dolls and dress them in your favorite old-time fashions. Hold a paper doll fashion show to display the artwork.
6. In Victorian times, many young ladies went to finishing school to become accomplished in the arts, decorum and etiquette. Plan a Victorian tea party and learn a few of the characteristic mannerisms of that time period. Make fans out of paper and popsicle sticks. Take turns fanning each other in elegant style.

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