



## **FOREVER GREEN: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING** **100 WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE 100<sup>th</sup>**

This is a list of creative and fun ideas and ways to help celebrate the centennial anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States. In this list you will find fun activities divided into 10 categories with 10 items in each for your celebration. Try as many as you would like. This is not a patch program. Have fun, good luck and enjoy the activities!

### **PARTICIPATE**

1. Earn the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Centennial of Girl Scouting [patch](#).
2. Attend a Council centennial [event](#).
3. Attend a Service Unit centennial event.
4. Sell 100 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.
5. Have the troop sell 100 items in the fall product sale.
6. Work with another troop, at a different program level, to do a centennial activity.
7. Be an active member of your Service Unit by participating in a Service Unit meeting or event.
8. Plan and run a bring-a-friend activity for your troop to increase interest among non-Girl Scouts.
9. Learn about opportunities for you in older program levels and how you can stay involved once you graduate from high school and make your personal plan on how you will stay involved.
10. Attend a session of summer camp or plan a summer gathering for your troop.

### **HAVE FUN**

1. Hold a hula-hoop, yo-yo, bubble blowing or other funny competition to see if you can reach 100 turns, 100 seconds or something similar without making a mistake. Award prizes.
2. Go bowling and have each girl try to knock down 100 pins.
3. Develop a troop 100th special handshake and use it at every meeting.
4. Do a fun activity from an outdated Girl Scout handbook.
5. Play some new games outside for 100 minutes.
6. Collect signatures of 100 Girl Scouts (past or current members).
7. Sing 100 Girl Scout songs.
8. Choose a community 100 miles away, research it and explore it in person or virtually.
9. Using photographs of Girl Scouts in action (current or historical), create a banner or picture montage to display at your town hall/community center commemorating 100 years of Girl Scouting.
10. What else was happening in 1912? Learn about historical events or inventions that share our centennial. (Hint: two states, a popular candy and a Massachusetts entertainment venue all came to be in 1912.) Celebrate one of these events with your troop or others.

### **BE CREATIVE**

1. Write a poem about Girl Scouting.
2. Draw a picture representing a favorite time or activity in Girl Scouting.
3. Make a trefoil or centennial piñata and break it at a centennial celebration.
4. Create a centennial quilt where each square highlights a Girl Scout activity.
5. Design and make a centennial t-shirt to wear at your meetings this year.
6. Make up a story about Girl Scouting 100 years from now.
7. Create 100th bookmarks and distribute to the school library.
8. Create a math puzzle based on the number 100.
9. Make your own Girl Scout cookies using a recipe from the 1920s.
10. Create your own activity to recognize the centennial.

## EXPLORE THE OUT-OF-DOORS

1. Go camping with your troop for 100 hours over the course of a year or attend the [100th Camporee](#) if you are old enough.
2. Collect or create 100 outdoor recipes and make a troop cookbook.
3. Over the course of the centennial year, walk 100 miles.
4. Attend a vacation week [camp](#).
5. Learn about the stars and spend an evening studying the skies. See how many constellations you can find. Can you find 100 stars?
6. *The Girl Scout Handbook* Intermediate Program (1947) states: "A Girl Scout should be able at least to tie her own parcels, rope her own blanket-roll, tie up her boat, put together a broken string, hitch an animal" (p. 324). Practice tying at least three different knots. Have a knot tying relay race with other Girl Scouts.
7. In *How Girls Can Help Their Country*, the first Girl Scout handbook, Juliette Gordon Low wrote: "There are too, things of the night well worth study. It is too bad that there is such a senseless prejudice against the night air..." (p. 45). Take a night hike, do some activities outside at night or lead younger girls in exploring outdoors at night.
8. Identify local birds and take a birding hike or go the extra mile and complete the first step of the "Bird Hunter" test in the 1920 Girl Scout Handbook *Scouting for Girls*, "Give a list of 20 wild birds personally observed and identified in the open and show field notes including at least the date seen, field marks, food habits, nesting habits if known, and immigration if any" (p. 501).
9. *The Girl Scout Handbook* Intermediate Program (1947) describes a rambler as "a person who explores around, not sticking to the beaten paths, and who takes the time to enjoy things as he goes along" (p. 240). Take a ramble through an area near your meeting place or in your community. Be open-minded about your ramble location or what you might find and keep track of what captures your interest. Record your findings with words, sketches, photos or other media. Share what you discovered.
10. *The Girl Scout Handbook* Intermediate Program (1953) says, "In the out-of-doors when nails and hammers are not handy, knowledge of lashing is useful" (p. 274). Find out about the three types of lashing (square, round, continuous). Try one of the types. For a further challenge, make something using your lashing skills.

## DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL

1. Make a list of "100 acts of kindness" that a person can do throughout the day to bring joy to others. See how many the troop can complete in a time period.
2. Design a "girl growth" plan. List a characteristic for the letters of Girl Scout (e.g. G=generosity, good grades / I=interest, inventions, ingenuity, independence / R=real friendship / L=loyalty, leadership / S=sincerity, stewardship, strength of convictions / C= courage, confidence, character / OUT=outdoor experiences, outdoor knowledge). Ask the girls to choose the characteristic for each letter, decide how to develop the characteristic, how to measure growth, chart progress and celebrate when all the letters are completed.
3. Research what has changed in the lives of girls and women in the past 100 years. Make a poster.
4. As a troop, read 100 books.
5. Go 100 hours without electricity/cell phone/texting/computers.
6. Advocate for the implementation of a recycling program where one does not exist.
7. Practice Leave No Trace camping on your next camping trip.
8. Log 100 hours in a new physical challenge: bike/walk/swim/dribble a basketball/jump rope, etc.
9. Learn a new activity such as a craft, hobby, musical instrument or learning a new language. Practice it for 100 hours.
10. The Girl Scout Promise directs us to "live by the Girl Scout Law". Pick one of the laws and make an extra effort to put that law into practice in your daily life. After one month, share your experience with your troop.

## MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

1. Have your troop collect 100 items for donation (canned goods, socks, books, etc).
2. Pick up litter in an area around your meeting place, local park, beach or other area for 100 minutes.
3. Have your troop complete 100 hours of community service over the year.
4. Make 100 special treats for the kids at a soup kitchen or a senior center/nursing home for a special holiday (e.g. candy cane reindeer at Christmas, "boo" pops at Halloween, flag-shaped treats for 4th of July, Memorial Day, or Veterans Day).
5. Create a centennial rain garden at your school or meeting place.
6. Do 100 good deeds.
7. Plant 100 trees or flowers.
8. Conduct a blood drive and aim for 100 donors.
9. Create a birthday box for a local food pantry. The box would contain all items necessary for a child's birthday party (cake mix, frosting, decorations, paper plates, etc.).
10. *The Girl Scout Handbook* (1940) says, "No matter who you are or where you live, you can have a share in the satisfying experiences to be found in reading and writing" (p. 370). Spend 100 minutes reading to younger children or senior citizens, make books-on-tape for a preschool or child care center, or organize a story time at a local library.

## BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY

1. Participate in a parade carrying a 100th banner.
2. Work with your Service Unit to have March 12th be declared "Girl Scout Day" in your town.
3. Wear your Girl Scout uniform or pins on March 12th.
4. Write an article for your local paper about a family with several generations of Girl Scouts in it.
5. Stand in the shape of "100", take a picture and submit to the town newspaper.
6. Help plan and attend your house of worship on Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath.
7. Tell 100 people about the 100th Girl Scout anniversary.
8. Write a letter about why Girl Scouting is important to you and send it to your local newspaper.
9. Plan an event that highlights Girl Scout activities and invite the community.
10. Make a trefoil using green construction paper and write the number 100 in the center. Display it in the window of your home or meeting place during Girl Scout week (March 11-17, 2012). Or, tie green ribbons around your mailbox or trees during Girl Scout week.

## EXPLORE THE WORLD OF GIRL SCOUTING

1. Connect with a troop over 100 miles away.
2. Early handbooks included information on Morse code and semaphore. Learn about these ways of communicating and try sending a friend a message in one of them.
3. Research and plan a meeting where all the activities are those from 1912.
4. Learn about a Girl Scout who is older than 100.
5. Make a list of 100 famous Girl Scouts (past or present).
6. Explore another community in the council that you don't know much about or have never visited by attending a council program there or by visiting a local landmark or picnic area.
7. What is Empress Eugenie's Circle? Why would you do it? Get a group together and make one! (Hint: It's discussed in *How Girls Can Help Their Country*.)
8. Plan and hold a flag ceremony after you have learned proper flag etiquette and how to fold the American flag.
9. Collect 100 memories of Girl Scouting. Ask current or former Girl Scouts to share their stories and record each on an index card. Make the stories into a booklet.
10. How many words can you create from the letters in "Juliette Gordon Low"? Can your troop make 100 different words?

## CELEBRATE OUR FOUNDER, JULIETTE GORDON LOW

1. Juliette was born in Savannah, Georgia. Cook a meal using foods Georgia is known for (peaches, pecans, peanuts, Vidalia onions).
2. From birth, Juliette's nickname was "Daisy". Create a flower arrangement that includes daisies and use it as a centerpiece for a special troop or town event.
3. 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 letters or holding a drive to collect needed items.
4. Daisy loved animals. Plan and carry out a service or Take Action project that benefits animals.
5. Juliette was a notoriously bad speller. Host a spelling bee in your troop or community.
6. Juliette was almost completely deaf by the age of 26. Learn about other famous women who have had physical challenges such as Marla Runyan (marathoner), Bethany Hamilton (surfer), Jean Driscoll (marathoner), Marlee Matlin (actress) or Frida Kahlo (artist).
7. Juliette traveled to England where she met the Baden-Powells who inspired her to start the Girl Scouts in the USA. Find five places in England you would like to visit.
8. 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 media.
9. Juliette sold her pearls to finance Girl Scout activities. Make a piece of jewelry using a technique or materials of your choice.
10. Juliette died of breast cancer. Plan and carry out a service or Take Action project that benefits a group involved in fighting cancer or cancer awareness. Alternatively, attend and participate in the service project as part of Scouting for a Cure.

## GLOBAL GIRL SCOUTING

1. Learn about the [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts \(WAGGGS\)](#), and discover and try one of the centennial activities.
2. Take a virtual trip to 100 WAGGGS member countries. Make a passport and stamp it each time you learn about a new country.
3. Learn at least one of the songs celebrating the world centers: the *Our Cabaña Song*, the *Our Chalet Song*, the *Pax Lodge Song*, or *Come in to Sangam*.
4. Learn the words to the *World Song*.
5. Learn about global travel, the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and more through [Girl Scouts of the USA Global Girl Scouting](#).
6. Learn about and plan a celebration for World Thinking Day.
7. Learn the symbolism behind the World Trefoil and the World Flag.
8. Learn about people important to international Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting. What role did the Baden-Powells (Robert, Agnes and Olave) play? Or, find out about the founders of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting in another country such as Olga Malkowska (Poland), Antionette Butte (France) or Leang Meng Ho (Cambodia).
9. Not all WAGGGS countries use Daisy, Brownie, Junior, etc. to name their age levels. Find out what your age group would be called in at least five other countries. At least three should be different than what we use in the USA.
10. Girl Scouting in the USA began on March 12, 1912. Find out when another WAGGGS country celebrates its founding.