

Juliette Gordon Low Birthday Bash

OPENING: Sing Juliette Gordon Low (tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)

Chorus: Juliette, Juliette Gordon Low
Founded the Girl Scouts long ago
She Founded the Girl Scouts in 1912,
Served her country, served it well
(Chorus)
From Savannah she did roam
But she loved that place called home
(Chorus)
On My honor, I will try
To do my duty until I die
(Chorus)

ACTIVITY #1 – PLAY THE JULIETTE LOW AND GIRL SCOUTING GAME

(An Action Story) As the story is read, players do the following actions when certain words are said.

Practice the motion first so everyone understands. This is easier to play standing up.

“JULIETTE LOW” - Join hands with persons on right and left

“SCOUT’ OR SCOUTING”- Smile and salute

“WORLD” - Spin around once

“FUND” - Punch a button with one finger and say “cha-ching”

In 1912 Juliette Low became interested in scouting while visiting her friends, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, who lived in England and who started Boy Scouting and Girl Guiding in their part of the world. When Juliette Low came back to America, she thought scouting was so wonderful that she decided to start the first Girl Scout Troop in her own home town of Savannah, Georgia. This she did on March 12, 1912 and this first little troop of eight girls was the first Girl Scout troop in this part of the world. This first Girl Scout troop was so successful that Juliette Low wanted to see Girl Scout troops all over the world. She knew that Girl Scouting would help girls all over the world become friends and to help build world peace and good will.

Girl Scouting grew and grew until now you are not only a member of your own little troop, but also a member of the Girl Scouts of the USA and the world Association of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Juliette Low died in 1927 and her friends wanted to pay her a great tribute. They knew that her greatest dream was of world friendship and of world peace and that she hoped to accomplish this

Your contributions to this Fund will travel to all parts of the world and help Girl Scouts in many ways; maybe it will help to send older Girl Scouts from our country to Our Chalet in Switzerland, where Girl Scouts from all over the world get together to exchange ideas and to help build world peace. We have no way of knowing how far our contribution may travel; we have no way of knowing what ways it may be returned to us in new friendships and world peace. But we do know that the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund is doing a lot of good. We do know that we are helping the fund to spread Girl Scouting around the world when we make our contribution to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

ACTIVITY #2: Juliette Low Birthday Party

The girls can bring “gifts” to their troop in honor of Juliette’s birthday. A great way to start your troop supplies or replenish used items. Ideas for gifts might include crayons, construction paper, glue, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, etc.

The list can be modified to your particular needs. Have the girls wrap their gifts and share them with their troop/group. Everyone brings a gift and opens a gift.

Have a birthday cake or cupcakes and punch! Play some fun party games, such as pin the “Petal on the Daisy”, “Juliette Says”, etc. Just have fun!

For those in their Daisy year, a full-fledged birthday party for Juliette complete with gifts that could be given to a local children’s hospital or charity would be a good way to introduce the youngest Girl Scouts to Juliette Low and would qualify for their “to make the world a better place” petal.

ACTIVITY #3 – SERVICE PROJECT

Participate in a service project to honor Juliette Low. Appropriate “Juliette-themed” gifts for such an event would be art supplies in that Juliette loved to paint and sculpt. If a charity, hospital, or school for disabled children exists in your area, donating to any of these choices would be doubly appropriate. When Juliette founded Girl Scouting, girls with disabilities were welcomed, whereas they were often excluded elsewhere.

SNACKS

Cookies & S’Mores - Learn the history of Girl Scout cookies & S’Mores. Hint try looking up Some More. Create a recipe using at least one type of Girl Scout cookie (if available) .

CRAFTS

FORK DAISIES - Create a bouquet of fork daisies in various colors. Place in a vase or pin to yourself as a corsage.

Needed: Fork for each girl to use as a loom – heavy duty forks work best, various colors of yarn, scissors

Cut a piece of yarn 6 inches long and place between the middle tines of a fork so that both ends hang down. Hold fork handle and yarn together in one hand. This will become the stem of the flower after being used to tie the weaving together. Cut a piece of yarn 12-18 inches. Hold one end of this piece of yarn in same hand along with fork and stem piece. Begin weaving yarn in and out of the tines of the fork, weaving under one, over the next. Go around the end and continue weaving until the yarn is all used or the fork is full. Have a buddy help by holding the fork so you can lift the ends of the stem pieces and tie around the weaving using a half knot in the center tine. Gently pull weaving off the fork, tightening the knot as you pull. When knot is off the fork, tighten fully and finish the knot as a square knot. Trim ends even, leaving stem longer. Make a Daisy magnet. Use yellow poster board and glue or tie a yarn fork daisy in the center. Glue a magnet to the back.

JULIETTE LOW PAPER BAG PUPPET - Using one paper bag per girl, girls can decorate their puppets with google eyes, yarn hair, felt mouths, etc. Or use markers and crayons to make the craft simpler.

Design the puppets attire by finding out what kind of Girl Scout uniforms were worn during Juliette Low's time. Use old scraps of fabric, felt, or construction paper to make these uniforms. Or again you can use markers and crayons to make the craft simpler. Use your imagination!

TISSUE PAPER DAISIES - Make a bouquet of tissue paper daisies using white and yellow paper. Stack 3 white and 1 yellow pieces of tissue paper. Trim the ends more deeply before you open up the flower so that the petals separate better. Trim the top of the yellow center if desired.

Needed: 2 white and 1 yellow colored tissue paper, chenille stem, scissors, ruler

Directions: Cut tissue paper into rectangles of desired size (preferably 5"x7") Stack 4 pieces of tissue paper. Accordion pleat the tissue paper working from the long side. Wind one end of the chenille stem around the middle of the accordion pleated tissue paper. Gently separate each layer pulling upwards toward the middle of the flower

CLOSING: DAISY SONG (tune: Bicycle Built For Two)

Daisy, Daisy, We honor your memory true.

We are Girl Scouts, All because of you.

We follow the path you started and live the law you charted.

We grow & grow for Juliette Low, America's proud of you.

Story of Juliette Gordon Low

Juliette Gordon Low was born a long time ago in Savannah, Georgia. When she was a baby, her uncle said she was going to be a daisy. He knew she was special. So, everyone called her Daisy from then on.

When Daisy was young, she liked to play with her brothers, sisters, and cousins and climb trees, take care of animals, and go exploring.

She also liked to write stories and plays and act them out. She liked to draw pictures, tell jokes and start and run clubs. So, you see, Daisy could do many things.

Daisy loved animals so much that once she saved a kitten from drowning in a flood. Another time she placed her mother's quilt over a cow so it wouldn't get cold in the middle of the night. Well, her mother was not happy because the cow trampled the quilt! Daisy thought the cow needed the quilt to keep warm, but it really didn't. It was fine in the stable.

Daisy had animals around her whenever she could. She had dogs, birds, and other animals as pets throughout her life. They made her happy and she took good care of them.

As Daisy grew up, she had problems with her ears. She often got bad ear infections. When she got married to Willy Low, a piece of rice landed in her ear and made her hearing worse. Daisy never let her problems stop her from doing things and always kept trying.

Daisy and Willy never had any children. They lived in England and Scotland for many years. Daisy was always doing things. She even made her own iron gate for her house.

After Willy died, Daisy kept learning new things and meeting people. Her friends, Lord Baden-Powell and his sister Agnes, told her about the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides they had started. Daisy thought that was a great idea.

Daisy decided to start troops for girls in the United States. On March 12, 1912, the first Girl Scout troops were started in Savannah, Georgia. That's why March 12 is the Girl Scout birthday.

Soon there were Girl Scouts all over the country. Today, millions of girls ages 5 through 17 or in grades kindergarten through 12 who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law are Girl Scout members. Even though Daisy died a long time ago, in 1927, we still remember her. Daisy liked to have fun, to make things, to have adventures, to help people, and to take care of animals. Best of all, she started Girl Scouts in the United States. Daisy really was special. And so are you, because you're a Girl Scout Daisy too!

Wide Game to Celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday

Starting Point: Each group of girls receives a note saying Juliette Low started Girl Scouting in Savannah by telephoning a friend. The first clue will be by the telephone (real or play phone).

1st Station: The first clue directs them to find the person with a daisy. Tell the girls that Juliette Low was born on Halloween and do a pumpkin craft. (See ideas for crafts on the next page) Direct them to a trail marked with paper pumpkins and tell them to follow it.

2nd Station: Tell girls that Juliette Low liked to put on plays. Have note cards with Halloween characters such as witch, bat, goblin, trick or treaters, haunted house, ghost, etc.) Have girls choose a card and play a quick game of charades. Direct them to the trail sign to lead them to the next station. To make a trail sign, use leaves, twigs, etc. to make an arrow in the direction they need to go OR use a branch to mark in the dirt; have this ready, but perhaps covered up with a paper.

3rd Station: At this station, there will be an adult dressed as a Native American. Tell them that Juliette Low's grandmother was captured by Native Americans and lived with them. Her Indian name was Little-Ship-Under-Full-Sail. If the girls can tell you which way is north by looking at the sky (sun/moon), give them a sketch map to the next station.

4th Station: The map leads the patrol to a person with an American flag. That person will say that the first Girl Scout handbook was called "How Girls Can Help Their Country". And asks them to tell them two ways a Girl Scout can be a good citizen on a hike. Then ask them to fold the flag. Direct them to a trail marked with red ribbons.

5th Station: At the end of the red ribbon trail, meet the team and say that Juliette Low has friends all over the world. Ask the girls to show how they would greet a Girl Guide from another country, (use the Girl Scout handshake). Explain that Juliette Low camped with many girls and was a good storyteller.

1st Station Crafts

Pumpkin Crafts - These stuffed pumpkins are such a fun craft for kids to make - and they look really great in your Halloween display!

You will need:

- Paper bag
- Orange and green paint
- Black marker pen
- Old newspaper
- String

Instructions:

Lay the paper bag flat and paint the bottom orange and the top green. When dry, turn over and paint the other side the same.

Make 2 or 3 slits down the sides of the bag to the bottom of the green paint. Fold open carefully and paint the top of the inside of the bag green too.

Draw a pumpkin face on the bag with black markers.

Fill the bag with scrunched up newspaper and then tie a piece of string around the bag at the top of the orange paint. Simple, satisfying and very cute! Pumpkin Prints

Halloween Prints - This is a simple technique for making prints which children of all ages will be able to have a go at, and it is a good "quiet" activity for a Halloween party (although we wouldn't advise trying it with a large group of kids as things can get messy!)

The finished Halloween prints look great displayed around the room. Alternatively, older children could make smaller prints to use in handmade cards and invitations.

You will need:

- Wipe-clean surface (we used a plastic tablecloth but a tray would work too)
- Paint Black paper

Instructions:

Paint an area on the table slightly smaller than your paper. With your finger, draw a picture in the paint.

Carefully press down your paper on top of the paint, making sure that you don't move and smudge.

Lift up your print and leave to dry.

Pumpkin print detail - you get great texture with this technique! For the pumpkin we painted an orange oval on the table and with our finger drew the pumpkin face, before printing on to paper. Carefully press down your paper on top of the paint, making sure that you don't move and smudge.

Lift up your print and leave to dry.