

# Girl Scouting in the USA

There's always something new to learn about Girl Scouting. Become a Girl Scout expert when you work on this badge.

1) **On my Honor** – *complete at home*

The Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law are the foundations of all the activities you do as a Girl Scout. Learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law and then complete the activities about them in the Girl Scout Basics” chapter of the *Junior Girl Scout Handbook*. (pg 6&7)

2) **Daisy’s Life** – *Complete at home*

“Daisy” was the nickname for Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States. You can read about her on the “Girls Only” section of the Girl Scout Web site [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org) or in your handbook (pg 3)

Discover:

The type of person she was. Can you think of three or four words that describe her personality?

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What were her interests? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Why did she found Girl Scouts in the USA? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What was she trying to do for the girls of her era? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Her Legacy: What do you do as a Girl Scout today that Girl Scouts in Juliette Low’s time also did? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) **Ceremonies: A Girl scout Tradition:** *We will be planning the 10/14 opening and closing ceremonies during our 9/23 meeting.*

One of the special things about Girl Scouting is it’s ceremonies. A ceremony may celebrate an event, an achievement, or a Girl Scout holiday. Take a leadership role in planning and conducting a Girl Scout ceremony. You can find information on planning a ceremony on the Girl Scout web site [www.girlscouts.org/girls](http://www.girlscouts.org/girls), in your handbook, or in the book *Ceremonies in Girl Scouting*.

Use the following worksheet to plan a ceremony. (handbook pg 12, 13)



# Ceremony Worksheet

Use this as a guide for planning your own ceremonies.

Name of ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose \_\_\_\_\_

Theme \_\_\_\_\_

Date of ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ Time: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Place of ceremony \_\_\_\_\_

Who will attend? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the ceremony begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What songs, poems, quotations will be included? \_\_\_\_\_

What activities will be included in the main part of the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

What badges or other awards will be given? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the ceremony end? \_\_\_\_\_

When will a rehearsal be scheduled for the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will do each part? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will record the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

What decorations or props are needed? \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Who will bring them? \_\_\_\_\_

What refreshments will be served? \_\_\_\_\_

Item(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Who will bring them? \_\_\_\_\_

What will the ceremony cost? \_\_\_\_\_

What funds will we use? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is responsible for sending thank you's? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Signs, Mottos, and Handshakes:** *Learn at home and demonstrate at meetings*  
 Girl Scouting has unique traditions that Girl Scouts and Girls Guides experience around the world. As a Junior Girl Scout, you will share: (handbook pg 8&9)

GS sign	GS slogan
GS handshake	Friendship circle
Quiet sign	Friendship squeeze
GS Mottos:	Special GS song

Show that you know all the above.

- 4) Girl Scouting Close to Home:** *participate in the Christmas parade, Project Linus, Skate for food, Thinking Day or Mother Daughter or Father Daughter event.*  
 Find out more about your local Girl Scouts Council by taking part in a council-wide event or Service Unit event

- 5) Check Out Other GS Books** *complete at home*  
 As a Junior Girl Scout, you are able to do activities from many different program resources written just for you. Your Junior Girl Scout Handbook and Girl Scout Badge Book are just two of the books available to you. Do activities in two Girl Scout books other than your handbook and Badge book. See your troop leader to sign out other books.

Book: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Activity/What I learned: \_\_\_\_\_

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Book: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Activity/What I learned: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 6) More About Junior Girl Scouting:** *work on during meetings and complete at home if necessary.*  
 Read about the meaning behind the Girl Scout Membership pin and the World Trefoil Pin in your handbook and do one of the following activities:

Plan and participate in a fashion show about the Girl Scouts. If you can, include old and new uniforms for the various age levels. You can use a doll, paper doll models, or virtual models on a computer display.

Start earning an award other than a badge. Some to try are the junior Girl Scout Leadership Award, the Junior Aide Award, one of the Signs, or a religious award. Read about them in your Junior Girl Scout Handbook.

7) **Careers in Girl Scouting:** *Complete at home*

Girl Scout adults can participate in Girl Scouting as volunteers and as staff members. Find out more about a Girl Scout job (volunteer or paid) that you think you might like to do one day. (Hint: your leader Mrs. Caryn Coyne is a Service Unit Director of GS for Coweta County – her phone number is 770-252-9280 or you can call the GSPVC Council office at 770-227-2524 to talk to a staff member)

Who I interviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Do an interview with an adult asking:

What does she do? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What skills or education does she need to do this job? \_\_\_\_\_

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How does the job support Girl Scouting? \_\_\_\_\_

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8) **Girl Scout History:** *Complete at home*

You can find out a lot about the history of Girl Scouts right in your hometown. Talk to women of different ages who are or have been part of Girls Scouting. If you can, find out about some of the books Girl Scouts used in the past and some of the activities that were popular.

I talked to: \_\_\_\_\_

She was a Girl Scout in: \_\_\_\_\_

She was a girl scout for how many years? \_\_\_\_\_

What were her favorite activities in GS? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What were her least favorite activities in GS? \_\_\_\_\_

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9) **Helping Others:** *Complete at home*

What is the Girl Scout Motto? \_\_\_\_\_

Think of some ways you could live the Girl Scout motto in your daily routines. Then follow them through.

I Could...	I did...