

Juliette Gordon Low Patch Program

A Program to Celebrate Girl Scouts of the USA's Founder

Juliette Gordon Low (1860-1927) envisioned an organization that would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence, and character. In the midst of the Progressive Era and at a time when women in the United States did not have the right of suffrage, the nearly-deaf 51-one year old sparked a worldwide movement in 1912 that inspired girls to embrace their individuality, strength, and intellect, together – when she gathered 18 in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia to share what she had learned abroad about a new outdoor and educational program for youth. Affectionately known as Daisy by her family and close friends, Juliette descended from a strong line of determined and adventurous women, growing up in a privileged family that straddled both the North and the South during the Civil War. She was educated and well-traveled, and after a disastrous marriage, eventually devoted her life to elevating girls through the Girl Scouts. Those first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves and for girls everywhere. They played basketball. They hiked, swam, and camped. They learned to read the world around them, by studying a foreign language to better communicate and by telling time gazing at the stars above. They shared a sense of curiosity and a belief that they could do anything. But most importantly, just like Girl Scouts across the country and around the world today, they offered a helping hand to those in need and worked together to make their corner of the world a better place. That small gathering of girls Juliette Gordon Low hosted over a century ago has grown to global movement that includes nearly 3 million Girls Scouts in 92 countries and more than 59 million alumnae—united across distance and decades by lifelong friendships, shared adventures, and the desire to do big things to make the world a better place.

COMPLETE 5 or MORE OF THE FOLLOWING STEPS

1. Read about Juliette Gordon Low in your Girl Scout handbook or another book.
2. Write a paragraph, poem, or skit about the story of Juliette Gordon Low. (Daisies may tell another Girl Scout what they learned.)
3. Attend or plan a special Girl Scout celebration – Juliette Gordon Low Birthday event, (October 31), Thinking Day, (February 22), or Girl Scout Birthday (March 12). Plan a tea party in honor of Juliette Gordon Low. Invite the community to participate.
4. Serve as a committee member for one of the events listed above.
5. Juliette Gordon Low always had pets. Find out what kind of pets she had. Visit a pet adoption center or a veterinary clinic and learn about how they take care of pets.
6. Create a Take Action Project pet adoption event in your local community. Raise awareness on the importance of vaccinations, spaying, & neutering.
7. Research information on the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. Plan a Take Action Project to make a donation to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.
9. Juliette Gordon Low was hearing impaired. Find out about other famous people who were also hearing impaired. Complete an activity that helps you understand what life would be like with a hearing impairment.
10. Learn how to spell Girl Scouts, or learn the Promise & Law or another phrase in sign language.

11. Plan a Take Action Project and carry it out to help the less fortunate.
12. Look at an old Girl Scout handbook and compare the differences to your own handbook of today.
13. Do a badge activity from any Girl Scout handbook from before 1970.
14. Look at an old Girl Scout uniform – how would you like to wear that uniform today? Design your own Girl Scout uniform.
15. Girl Scouts in the past have supported their country. Do a flag ceremony or Scouts Own ceremony. Plan a flag retirement ceremony.
Older girls teach younger Girl Scouts the flag ceremony.
16. Find out when and where the first Girl Scout troop meeting was held. Who was the first Girl Scout?
17. View the “Golden Eaglet” movie and make a list of differences in yesterday’s and today’s Girl Scouts. Recreate your own video of the “Golden Eaglet”.
19. Morse code was taught to the first Girl Scouts. Learn about Morse code. Send signals to others in your troop or group.
20. Juliette Gordon Low loved to make things. She was sculptor, welder, and loved textile arts. Learn about one of these arts. Interview a female professional that has an interest in these fields of art. Plan a STEArtM event that focuses on Art with these career fields.
21. Learn about Juliette Gordon Low’s home in Savannah, Georgia. Share what you learned with your troop or group.
22. Plan a Girl Scout trip to the birthplace of JGL. Take pictures or create a video and upload to social media sharing quotes and experiences with others on the FUN Girl Scouts experience. Be sure to hashtag #nmgirlscouts and tag us in your photos or video.
23. Make a picture book, bulletin board, or other display to celebrate the life of Juliette Gordon Low.

NOTE: This patch may be earned by all Girl Scouts both girls and adults.

(To purchase your patch, visit the La Tienda Girl Scout Shop.)