

# The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

## Troop Birthday Party Launch

**C**elebrating Juliette Gordon Low's birthday is the perfect way to launch the 100th Anniversary edition of *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*! Over the past 100 years, the handbooks have been continuously updated to stay relevant. Today's girls are part of a historic time in Girl Scouting as Journeys combined with *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* provide girls with even more wonderful opportunities . . . one worth a party!

*Celebrate on or near Juliette's October 31st birthday. Some party suggestions include:*

- Invitations:** The party can be held during your regular meeting, but do consider making a special party invitation for girls to take home from a previous meeting.
- Theme:** Come up with an exciting "hook" for the party. For example, you could put on a red carpet event to celebrate the premiere of *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. You might ask older Girl Scouts to help come up with decorations that match the theme.
- Gifts:** On the invitation, ask girls to bring a wrapped gift for the troop to build up the troop's art supplies, first aid kit, or any other common resource.
- Surprise Gift!** In celebration of the 100th Anniversary, each girl could unwrap her own copy of her Girl's Guide, paid for from troop funds. They could then take time to explore their new books and attach their own 100th Anniversary edition bookplate.
- Activities:** Girls could do activities from the new badges. For example, based on the Artist badges, Daisies could make origami butterflies, Brownies could paint their favorite water activity and Juniors could draw animals in their natural settings. The Girl Scout Way badges offer activities that are tied to our traditions, such as sing-alongs. Or you could pick one of the historical activities from Girl Scout history which are highlighted throughout the Girl's Guides. Finally, come up with your own games—how about Pin the Badge on Juliette?
- Party Pictures:** Invite teen Girl Scouts to be roving reporters and take photos or videos. You could also have a camera available for each girl to shoot a few pictures to put into her own Girl's Guide. Be sure to get a group shot to share with newspapers marking this 100th Anniversary edition party. (Remember to get photo permissions for all!)
- Let Them Eat Cake:** Sing "Happy Birthday" to Juliette and to Girl Scouting. Girls may select a troop gift to open (not the one they brought).

For a successful party, remember...

### Think PB & J!

Proficiency Badges and Journeys always go together and are more fun for girls. It's not okay to focus solely on badges, without developing girls' leadership ability through Journeys.



Make memories with a book for every girl. No photocopying...no exceptions—ever!