



GIRL SCOUT TRADITIONS

Before completing this charm, girls should have completed the Wild Wonders Patch.

PART 1

Learn about Juliette Gordon Low.

What interesting or funny things did she do? What were some of her hobbies? Do you have anything in common with her? Work with your troop or a sister troop to find out information. Check in your Service Unit if there are any older Girl Scouts that can share their knowledge with you.

PART 2

Participate in a Girl Scout holiday.

With your troop celebrate one of the Girl Scout holidays. Check with other troops or your Service Unit to see if anyone else holds events on these days. If not, maybe you can start one! Use the internet to see how troops and councils from around the country celebrate. Start your own traditions.

- » Founders Day (Oct 31)
- » World Thinking Day (Feb 22)
- » Girl Scout Birthday (March 12)
- » Girl Scout Week (the week of March 12)
- » Leadership Day (April 22)

PART 3

Leave a place better than you found it.

A big part of Girl Scouts is making the world a better place. One way to practice that is to leave it better than you found it. You can practice this by helping to clean up a local areathat has been littered or altered. You can keep the space your troop meets neat and tidy. You can also practice this in your everyday life at home and school.

- » Clean up a school, park, or local woodland area.
 - be aware of dangers or hazards in the area
 - wear gloves
 - always have an adult nearby
 - use the buddy system
- » Be sure that the space you use for your meetings is left clean and tidy.
 - pick all paper, scraps, etc. off the floor
 - tuck in chairs (or stack them)
 - wipe down tables
 - turn off lights
 - remove garbage



WILD WONDERS

PART 4

Practice Girl Scout sisterhood.

Part of the Girl Scout Law is to be a sister to every Girl Scout. This means sharing your ideas and learning from other Girl Scouts. Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout. Find out about adults in your life who were Girl Scouts; your mom, grandmother, a neighbor.

- » Share a troop meeting with another Girl Scout troop
 - Invite a sister troop or a friend's troop to a meeting. Teach them something and have them teach you something.
- » Learn about a former Girl Scouts' experience. What were her favorite memories? What did she enjoy doing with her troop? How do your experiences compare?
- » Learn to make a friendship bracelet and gift it to a special friend in your life.
- » Learn about friendship circle and the importance in Girl Scouts.

PART 5

Sing everywhere!

Girl Scouts have songs for hiking, camping, troop meetings, and almost every other experience! Songs get handed down from generation to generation. Sometimes they change depending on who taught them and where they were taught. How many songs have you learned? How many have you taught?

- » With your troop or family, talk about where you learned the Girl Scout songs you already know. Which songs are used at each troop meetings? Which are used for camps?
- » Learn a new Girl Scout song. You may need to ask an older Girl Scout or Girl Scout alum to teach one to you.
- » After you've learned a new song, teach one to another girl and/or troop. Keep the tradition of singing alive!

PART 6

Civic Engagement

Being courageous and strong, considerate and caring is at the core of every Girl Scout. We wish to make the world a better place – whether it's for ourselves or our loved ones, the planet, or society at large.

- » What does courageous and strong, considerate and caring mean to you? Discuss with your troop, family or friends. As you grow, do you think this definition will change?
- » Practice a good deed every day. How does this make you feel? How do you think the person, group, or organization you helped feels after your good deed? What is the value of making a good deed.
- » How can your troop or family make a good deed? Brainstorm different ideas you can do as a group and challenge yourselves to as many possible.
- » Discuss with a teacher, friend, family or your troop what civic engagement means. Learn about how other sister Girl Scouts have participated in civic engagement. What are ways you can participate in civic engagement in your community?

RESOURCES

The following resources will help in the completion of this charm.

- » Girl Scout Traditions – girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/traditions.html
- » Friendship Bracelets – youtube.com/watch?v=Zg5QeL8ZRU0
- » Civic Engagement – girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/girl-scouts-and-civic-engagement.html

BADGE CONNECTIONS

By participating and completing this Charms program, you are also on your way to earning Girl Scout badges. Purchase specific badge requirement packets at girlscoutshop.com/ARIZONA-CACTUS-PINE-COUNCIL.

- » Daisy = Good Neighbor

- » Brownie = Celebrating Community
- » Juniors = Inside Government
- » Cadettes = Finding Common Ground
- » Seniors = Behind the ballot
- » Ambassadors = Public Policy
- » Adults trainings available = Girl Scout Ceremonies, Bronze and Silver Awards guidelines

RECOMMENDED NEXT CHARMS:

- SWAPS
- Leave No Trace
- Sense of Place

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