

Service Unit 52-8
Leader Guide

1998-1999

Dear Leaders,

Whether you are new to Girl Scouting or are an experienced leader, we hope this guide will help you.

The Washington area is abundant with enrichment activities and opportunities for growth and learning. Through Service Unit meetings, we will keep you informed every month of activities your troop can enjoy and take part in.

Because we value your time and appreciate the contribution you make, we have developed this guide to help you get started, and as a reference once your troop is underway. Please read it carefully and note any questions you may have. Note: this guide is written with the assumption that you have been through Orientation (001), Nuts and Bolts (002) and your basic level training (Brownie, Daisy, Junior, etc.). Thus, we have omitted some things we know you got during that training, such as basic flag ceremonies, etc. You may want to consider putting the training materials you received at those trainings in this notebook as other references.

We want to thank you for sharing your time, energy and talents with a Girl Scout Troop. Best wishes for an eventful, exciting and rewarding year with your troop.

Sincerely,

Your Service Unit Team

Credit and thanks to

Kathleen Greco, outgoing SUM of SU 80-9, Woodbridge, VA, for much of this material!

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What is Service Unit 52-8?

The Girl Scout organizational structure is broken into geographical areas, the smallest of which is the Service Unit. At the top is World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The national headquarters for the Girl Scouts is the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). The next level consists of the Girl Scout Councils. We belong to Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC), based in Washington, D.C. The Council is so densely populated that we are broken up into areas - we are Area D. Within each area are several associations. Association 52 is called Masons Crossroads, and covers the southern areas of Fairfax County. Within the associations are the service units. We are Service Unit 8, consisting 26 troops with approximately 350 registered girls and 200 adults. Geographically, our Service Unit consists of the school boundaries for Silverbrook and Halley Elementary Schools.

GSCNC employs several Field Directors who are assigned to assist the service units. Our Field Director is Mary Smith, and she can be reached at the Council office in Washington, DC at 1-800-XXX-XXXX or 1-202-XXX-XXXX. Check your Green Pages for directions to the Council office.

The Service Unit is governed by Service Unit Managers and the Service Unit Team. The Service Unit Managers (SUM) are volunteers who attend Manager and Council meetings to keep the troops informed of upcoming activities, programs, policies and procedures. They support national (GSUSA) and council (GSCNC) structure, goals, policies and procedures, events, opportunities and encourages participation in the programs offered. They provide guidance and help to organize events for Service Unit troops and assist in association sponsored events.

The Service Unit Team consists of the other volunteers necessary to keep the Service Unit operating smoothly. This includes organizers, consultants, registrar, treasurer, secretary, orientation specialist, fund development representatives, and event chairpersons, to name a few.

Organizers recruit adults and girls, and organize them into troops. The troops may or may not be organized by the local school boundaries. Your organizer is your first contact and is your source of information until after your parent meeting. If you or a parent has a question concerning the organization of a troop, please have them call the appropriate organizer.

Consultants serve a specific program level. They consult, advise and help leaders develop quality programs. They serve as a liaison between the troops and the Service Unit Team. Your consultant may attend your parent meeting. Consultants serve as your primary source to answer questions concerning your age level of Girl Scouting. Your consultant's name should be given to parents in case they have a question concerning Girl Scouting policies.

The remainder of the Service Unit Team positions are described later in the guide.

Monthly Service Unit Meetings are held for all troop leaders to receive information about or

Provides registration assistance to troop leaders. Sees that all troops and girls are registered. Keeps registration forms and records for girls and adults. Is trained and appointed by Field Director.

Treasurer Marcie Moneybags, XXX-XXXX (****@nsm.com)
Keeps an account of Service Unit funds, provides support for troop checking accounts. Liaison between bank and troop for financial purposes. Is appointed by Service Unit Manager.

Secretary Beth Write, XXX-XXXX (****@aol.com)
Provides minutes and keeps records of service unit meetings, types newsletter and initiates correspondence for Service Unit. Is appointed by Service Unit Manager.

Fund Development

SHARE	Sue Share
Cookies	Ginger Snap
Cookie Booths	Chip Chocolate
QSP	Brenda Magazine

Responsible for council-sponsored product sales or other fund support in the service unit. Trains troop fund development representatives, distributes materials and maintains records. Is trained by GSCNC and appointed by Service Unit Manager. (SHARE is a program that solicits donations from families for GSCNC, the products include the cookie sale and QSP magazines.)

Event Chairpersons

Juliette Low's Birthday	Senior Troop 5002
Thinking Day	Cadette Troop 123
Service Unit Encampment	Mountain Momma
Bridging Ceremony	Sarah Flyup
Brownie Square Dance (or other event)	Brownie Troop 2
Junior Sock Hop	Junior Troop 3

Organizes an activity to provide program support for the service unit. Uses the guidelines provided later in this publication to ensure a successful event. (The events listed above are those currently being planned or included in the service unit's goals. Any interested person or troop may plan one of these events or another of their own choosing. See the Service Unit Manager if you are interested in planning a service unit event.

Service Unit Newsletter Lois Lane, XXX-XXXX (*****@aol.com)
Prepares and publishes a newsletter for all troops to help the flow of communications. Accepts input for articles from all sources! Is appointed by the Service Unit Manager.

Press Representative Diane Sawyer, XXX-XXXX
Ensures visibility and identity with the community. Is appointed by the Service Unit Manager.

Recognitions Goldie Oscar, XXX-XXXX
Encourages others to nominate leaders who "go beyond the call of duty" to the Association

Recognitions Committee. Serves on the Association Committee to choose, from among the nominees throughout the Association, who will receive the awards given that year.

Nominations

Susan Voter, XXX-XXXX

Serves on the Association Committee to nominate representatives to Association positions and review nominations for eligibility.

GSCNC Delegates

Carol Green and Joan Brown

Attends GSCNC Annual Meeting and Fall and Spring Association Meetings.

Service Unit Librarian

Vacant - need a volunteer!

Keeps resources that are available for checkout. Ensures that leaders are aware of available resources.

**Insert Roster of each troop
number, troop level, leaders,
phone numbers, meeting times,
etc. here.**

How Do I Get My Troop Started?

1. Meet with your organizer, fill out the volunteer personnel application and return it to the organizer for approval. Get the name of the other volunteer leader for your troop. Your organizer will give you a rough draft roster of the girls assigned to your troop when you are ready.
2. Meet with your other leader/co-leader. Decide on a time, day and place to meet. Discuss options for collecting dues and the direction you want to take in the Girl Scout Program. Set a date and place for your initial parent meeting. If you will meet in a public building, make the necessary arrangements with the building supervisor. If you plan on using one of the Fairfax County schools, you will need a school use form and include a check for \$5.00. Coordinate this with your school organizer who may be able to help with you a list of available times. Because of the growth in our Service Unit, troops may have to share cafeteria space with other troops. Use the Site Safety Checklist to determine if the site is appropriate for your use.
3. Call the parents of the girls. Check the information given to you by the organizer (including each girl's former troop number, if applicable). Check that the meeting time, date and place are agreeable to the parents. (Call the organizer with the names of any girls who decide not to join your troop.) Remind parents to bring a checkbook to the parents' meeting. It is also helpful to remind the parents to bring emergency contact phone numbers and addresses, as well as immunization records.
4. Make an appointment with the Service Unit Registrar to pick up registration forms and receive instructions on completion.
5. Before you hold the parent meeting, be sure to have sufficient supplies of the following forms. Examples of these forms can be found in the appendix of this guide.

Registration Forms - Computer printed forms for returning girls, blank forms for new girls.

Health History/Authorization for Medical Treatment - Actually two forms that are frequently printed back-to-back to save paper on field trips. No one, including an adult, can attend a field trip without these completed forms. It may be helpful to you later to have any adults who will helping throughout the year complete the forms now. Please note, that on the leaders' disk, there is a new adult health history form.

Permission Slip for Troop Meeting Place - A basic permission slip to cover all meetings held in the regular meeting place. Some leaders include a second paragraph to cover small field trips held within 5 miles of the regular meeting place. Leader disk now includes a multiple permission slip.

Troop Transportation Form - Information about vehicles to be filled out by any parent who will help drive the girls on a field trip.

Parent Resource Survey - An aid to soliciting support from the parents for your troop activities.

Behavior Agreement - A document explaining the type of behavior you expect from the girls at all activities, and the consequences of not following the agreement. To be signed by the parents and the girls. (You may want two copies, one for troop records and one for the parents.)

Financial Aid Form - Parents or Troop Leaders can apply directly to GSCNC for financial aid if they need to. They do not need to turn the form in through the troop or service unit. This form should be given out to all parents so no one has to ask for it.

Information on uniform and handbooks. Let parents know that the only mandatory uniform is the pin; however, you may request that each girl have at least a sash or vest on which to keep their recognitions. Sashes and handbooks are provided by Council for those that cannot afford them. Fill out the form and send to Council. You may have families that may be embarrassed about receiving these. You might consider giving it to the girl and telling them that you had some extras from before that someone didn't need and turned in and that she may have them if she wants them.

6. Hold the parent meeting. You may wish to invite your level consultant to attend so they can help answer any questions your parents may have.

7. Open a troop checking account and deposit the checks from the parents into the troop checking account. Write one troop check for registration. Record the names of the girls and adults who registered. It is also helpful to record the membership number of anyone who is re-registering. (Note: the signature of either a Service Unit Manager or Service Unit Treasurer must be on your troop account).

8. Compile a new roster and return it to the Registrar with the registration forms, registration check, training already received by the leader/co-leader and the names of your troop representatives for SHARE, Cookies and QSP. (See the sample roster in the appendix. If your troop gains or loses members throughout the year, please be sure to update the roster and turn it in to the Registrar. This is especially helpful when we are preparing for the next year.)

Suggested Parent Meeting Agenda

All parents must attend the meeting or set up another time with you to register their daughter. A girl cannot attend a troop meeting or any other activity unless all forms have been signed and she is registered with the registrar.

1. Welcome the parents and introduce your leaders and representatives. You might consider a parent/daughter meeting. Play a name game or start the meeting with a welcoming ceremony.
2. Explain the purpose of the Girl Scout Program, the benefits their daughter will derive from Girl Scouting, the Promise and Law, Investiture and Rededication, and the program framework for the age level. Provide names and phone numbers of your organizer, consultant and GSCNC for the parents to contact if they have questions or concerns about the Girl Scout Program.
3. Provide facts about your troop, such as:
 - the number of girls
 - the meeting place and time
 - the structure of a routine meeting, Kaper charts and troop government, Girl/Adult Planning (GAP)
 - dues to be collected and the availability and confidentiality of financial aid
 - whether or not snacks will be served and how they will be provided
 - the role and availability of the Girl Scout Uniform
 - how funds will be raised for troop events, field trips, etc., and why cookie and other sales are important
 - the "ABC's ... not just "Cs" of scouting (more than cookies, crafts and camping)
4. Describe the general troop goals for the year:
 - Try Its, Proficiency Badges or other patches to be earned
(and how you'll handle "make ups" for missed meetings, or independent work on badges)
 - Service Unit Events that may be attended (Thinking Day, Bridging, Encampment, etc)
5. Discuss methods of communication with parents
 - telephone tree
 - informal notes or newsletter
 - the necessity of returning completed permission slips (explain the health and safety standards we observe - see Safety-Wise, pages 11-12) Emphasize you MUST live within the guides of Safety-Wise!
6. Recruit troop committee members. The most successful troops have strong parental

support. It may help to have a poster-sized sign up sheet in a visible place available for parents to use. Make sure that parents understand that you and your co-leaders are volunteers and that their help is essential to make the troop work well. Every troop is what the parents make it and it's important for all of them to be involved. Possible volunteer positions include:

- Troop Cookie Manager* Calendar Sales Chair*
- Money Manager* Thinking Day Chair QSP Chair*
- Trip Chaperones/Drivers* SHARE Chair Craft Chair
- First Aider* Camp Qualified Adults* Snack Chair
- Telephone Tree Callers Bridging Program Chair
- "Shopping Mom" (to go to council to pick up badges, etc.)
- Additional help for special activities or ceremonies
- Try It/Proficiency Badge Sponsors (get them to sign up to lead a Try-It)

*It is strongly advised that any adult in these positions become a registered Girl Scout

7. Explain council-sponsored fund raising events (SHARE, Cookies, QSP: see Green Pages)
8. Other miscellaneous information you need to share. Allow a Question and Answer period.
9. Pass out the forms to be completed. Collect the registration fee and any start-up dues you may require with the completed forms.

Checklist for New Leaders

Girl Scout Leader Basics

Girl Scout Level Leader's Book
Safety-Wise*
GSUSA Insignia Book*
GSUSA Digest*
Troop Packet
Binder [for troop packet]
Container for Troop Supplies
First Aid Kit

Suggested Craft Supplies

Crayons
Scissors
Glue
Plain Paper
Construction Paper
Paper Clips

Leader's Uniform

GSUSA Pin
WAGGGS Pin
Leader Bar *
Tab [optional]
Uniform [optional]
GSUSA ID Tag [name tag] [optional]

Getting Started

Have parents meeting
Have Investiture or Rededication
Plan first meeting

Training

Orientation (001)#
Nuts and Bolts (002)#
Program Level Training#
Cookout (212) ^
Campout (214) ^
First Aid/CPR ^
Other Council Training

Optional Training

(Check hand outs from Service Unit
for periodic training opportunities)

* Provided by your Service Unit

Required training for leaders

^ A volunteer per troop must have this training before camping and /or field trips.

Insert here job descriptions of a Leader, Co-Leader, Assistant Leader, Troop Program Assistant, Troop Committee Member, and any other descriptions provided by your Council

Ice Breakers, Quick Games, and Ways to Divide Up Your Troop...

Ways to group your troop (or break up cliques!!!)

"Group with other people who have the same favorite color as you."

After in these groups, go to the next one...

"Now group with other people born in the same season as you."

Can go on...

"Now group with other people who have the same kind of pet."

You can use any other type of question, using personal or GS stuff. When the groups look even, tell them those are the groups for the next session.

If you are only breaking into groups once or twice, you can color/symbol code your name tags...

"Look at the color line across the top of your name tag, if it's blue, go here, red go there..."

OR

"Check out the sticker on the cover of your handout. Smiley faces gather by the door, flowers by the table, stars by me..."

Silly / Fun Ice Breaker / Get Acquainted

Equipment: balloons and string.

Blow up balloons and tie string around them so you have about 12-18 inches left. Each participant ties the balloon around their ankle.

Object: stomp on someone else's balloon but try to "protect" yours. Whenever a balloon breaks, everyone has to stop. If it's a get-acquainted game, the person who lost their balloon tells the group who they are. You can also do this with trivia - put a trivia (GS or other) inside the balloon before it's blown up, and the group has to stop and answer that question ("What's a Service Unit?" "What does "WAGGGS" stand for?" or whatever is right for your group). Everyone keeps playing until the last balloon is broken (you can give a prize if you choose for the last person).

Troop Groupings

There are various ways to line up, then the group can count off by 4 or 5 or what ever number of groups you want. Fun getting-to-know you line-ups include:

Alphabetically by first name, if the participants don't know each other

Alphabetically by middle name, if the participants do know each other

Date order by birthdates (months and days only for tact)

By height, by length of hair, by foot size, etc.

This is good if you want to form groups a few different ways in one session, as they will learn more about each other, each time they line up.

Barnyard Mayhem -

Make cards with animal names on them (or pictures if you want to get fancy).

Pick animals that make easy but funny sounds. (Cows, ducks, cats, dogs, monkeys, pigs, donkeys, lions, etc.) Use enough of the same animal to form the size groups you want. Pass out the cards, telling each person NOT to show their card to anyone.

Then have them make the sound of their animal AND see how fast they can find all the rest of their group by sounds alone. Can be done with eyes closed or blindfolds too.

Shake Up

Players count off by the number of groups needed (e.g., five groups, they count off by five).

They then walk around and without speaking shake hands with players they meet. "One" shake hands with once, "twos" shake hands twice, and so on. As they meet others shaking the same number of times, they link arms until they've found their whole "handshaking group".

Humdingers

Write on separate strips of paper the same number of nursery songs as the number of groups you need. e.g. "Twinkle, Twinkle", "Mary had a Lamb" etc. Give each player a strip of paper.

Players walk around the room humming their songs. As one "humdinger" hears another humming the same tune, they link arms. The search goes on until all the players have found their own little song group.

Comic Frame Up

Cut out several different newspaper comic strips into their individual frames. Let each participant draw a frame from a hat and give players a chance to mingle and match up their strip. So you could have a 'Peanuts' group, a 'Phantom' group etc.

Cooperative Gadgets

Each group will have about 12 or so people. Each group must come up with an appliance, gadget, or machine that they will portray WITHOUT WORDS.

("Machinery noises" are permitted. Example: whirring, humming, etc.) Everyone in the group must be a part of the portrayal, so no one gets left out. For instance, our group portrayed an electric can opener. The two tallest people in the group stood next to each other with their arms up together forming the lever of the can opener. The rest of us formed a tight circle in front of them. When it was our turn to portray, the two "levers" moved their arms down together like when you push the lever down on an electric can opener and started making a whirring noise. Those of us in the tight circle then moved around in a circle, like the can does while the lid is being removed. I hope you get the visual idea here!

This game was lots of fun. Groups portrayed popcorn poppers, toasters, typewriters, and lots of other things.

Hershey Kiss Ice-Breaker

This game is to warm up a discussion about cooperation, and is called "Win the Kisses"

Materials: Large bag of Hershey Kisses (or other small wrapped favorites); tables and chairs are valuable.

Explain to everyone that they will be playing a game, where they will be trying to win as many kisses as possible. Give the following instructions:

Everyone select a partner. Once selected, you may not talk to your partner. Have a seat beside your partner at the table. Clasp right hands with your partner. Place your right elbows on the table. When I say "go" you will have 1 minute to play this game. Every time the back of your partner's hand touches the table, you will receive a kiss--so you must count the number of times.

DO NOT take any questions!!! If a person has not understood, you may repeat an instruction, but not clarify.

Say "go" and time the minute. Some people will (mistakenly) believe that they are arm-wrestling and battle each other. You will notice that the instructions call the other a "partner" (you could say "buddy"), not "opponent." Good cooperators will get it right off--they will swing the arms back and forth as quickly as possible. By not fighting, and by the give-and-take method, they will be able to get a LOT of kisses in a minute. Others who have been fighting will quickly join in.

At the end of the minute, you can discuss why the most successful people were the earliest to work together. If you are learning names, you can have people introduce themselves from the person with the fewest kisses to the one(s) with the most.

This has been a great way to illustrate quickly how we are more successful when we agree to give and take.

Winifred McGee, Leader, Cadette GS Troop 1957, Experienced Trainer, Hemlock GSC
Hershey PA (Where else, with a game like this?????)

The Basics

The Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Law

I will do my best to be:
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

4 Program Emphasis

The four program emphasis is the goal of the Girl Scout program and the ways girls may benefit from their Girl Scout experience.

- *Developing Self-Potential - developing self to achieve one's full individual potential.
- *Developing Values - developing values to guide her actions & to provide the foundation for sound decision-making.
- *Relating to Others - relating to others with increasing understanding, skill, & respect.
- *Contributing to Society - contributing to the improvement to society through the use of her abilities & leadership skills, working in cooperation with others.

5 World of Interests

For Brownies and Junior Girl Scouts, activities are divided into five Worlds of Interest to provide a balanced programs.

The World of Well-Being - activities on physical and emotional health, nutrition & exercise, interpersonal relationships, home , safety, work, & leisure.

The World of Today & Tomorrow - activities on discovering the how & why of things, exploring many present technologies, & looking to future events, roles & responsibilities.

The World of People - activities on developing awareness of various cultures & on building pride in one's own heritage while respecting the heritage of others.

The World of The Arts - activities on visual, performing & literary arts, expressing one's self through various art forms & appreciating artistic talents & contributions of others.

The World of The Out-Of-Doors - activities on enjoyment & appreciation of the out-of-doors, living in & caring for our natural environment, understanding & respecting the interdependence of all living things.

Girl Scouts - The Traditions

Special Days

October 31 - Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday [also known as Founder's Day]

February 22 - Thinking Day - is the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. This is the day to "think about" Girl Guides and Girl Scouts everywhere.

March 12 - Girl Scout Birthday, the date in 1912 when the first 18 Girl Scout members were officially registered. The week in which March 12 falls is know as Girl Scout Week.

April 22 - Girl Scout Leader's Day, a day to honor Girl Scout leaders all over the world.

Types of Ceremonies

Flag - used at the beginning & end of troop meeting and/or ceremonies.

Investiture - a ceremony in which the girl becomes an official Girl Scout.

Rededication - a ceremony in which the girl rededicates herself to the Girl Scout Promise & Law.

Bridging - moving from one level to another by completing the patch work [optional].

Flying Up - moving from Brownies to Juniors [no patch work is required].

Court of Awards - awarding of try-its, badges, or patches to girl as earned [can be done anytime of the year and as often as the troop decides.]

Scouts Own - a ceremony that can be about anything that the girls decide.

Other Traditions

The Girl Scout Motto - "Be Prepared"

The Girl Scout Slogan - "Do a good turn daily"

Girl Scout Sign - the three raised fingers stand for the three parts of the Promise.

Girl Scout Handshake - with the right hand do the Girl Scout Sign & with the left hand shake.

Quiet Sign - raising your right hand and as people notice you are raising the right hand they raise theirs and be quite.

Friendship Circle - everyone forms a circle and crosses right hand over left holding hands with the person standing next to you.

Friendship Squeeze - standing in the Friendship Circle everyone is silent as one person squeezes another hand gently after another until the person that starts it receives a squeeze.

Brownie Girl Scout Ring - Brownie Girl Scouts get together to make their group decisions.

Daisy Circle - Simplest form of troop government, designed to allow Daisies to explore decisions.

Patrols, Executive Steering Committee and Town Hall - Forms of Troop government fundamental to Girl Scouting and Girl/Adult Planning

Levels

Daisy Girl Scout -	ages 5-6, or grades K, 1	[GSCNC - grade K]
Brownie Girl Scout -	ages 6-8 or grades 1-3	[GSCNC - grade 1-3]
Junior Girl Scout -	ages 8-11 or grades 3-6	[GSCNC - grade 4-6]
Cadette Girls Scout -	ages 11-14 or grades 6-9	[GSCNC - grade 7-9]
Senior Girl Scout -	ages 14-17 or grades 9-12	[GSCNC - grade 9-12]

Girl Scout History

October 31, 1860 - Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA, was born in Savannah, Georgia. Juliette's was better known as Daisy by family and friends.

December 21, 1886 - Juliette married William Mackay Low, a wealthy Englishman. They lived in England and she divided her time between England and America.

1905 - Juliette's husband died. She spent several years drifting looking for something.

1911 - Juliette met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and became interested in the new youth movement.

1912 - Juliette returned to the United States and called a friend saying, "I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight."

March 2, 1912 - Juliette gathered 18 girls together to organize the first two American Girl Guide troops. The first Girl Scout uniform was blue. Daisy Gordon, Juliette's niece, is registered as the first Girl Scout in the United States.

1912 - Girl Scouts started their cookie tradition by selling home baked cookie.

1913 - American Girl Guides was changed to Girl Scouts. The first handbook was published called How Girls Can Help Their Country.

1914 - Trefoil design for membership badge is patented. The Girl Scout uniform was changed to Khaki.

1915 - First national Council meeting is held in Washington, DC. Girl Scout Constitution and bylaws are adopted. Juliette Low is elected President.

1916 - The Girl Scout national headquarters was moved from Washington DC to New York City. The First troop of girls aged 7-10 is organized as "Junior Scouts" in Marblehead, Massachusetts. Also the first Girl Scout council charter was issued to Toledo, Ohio.

1917 - troops were founded for girls with physical disabilities.

1917-1979 - Girl Scouts published a magazine for girls call The American Girl [called The Rally from 1917-1920.] Currently G*I*R*L started publication in 1995 in cooperation with Scholastic, Inc.

1918 - a film produced by the Girl Scouts called "The Golden Eaglet," the first Girl Scout film, is shot on location at Central Valley Camp in upstate New York & was shown in movie theaters in the United States.

1919 - First nationwide celebration of Girl Scout Week is held in November.

1920 - Juliette Gordon Low's birthday, October 31, is officially designated as Founder's Day.

1922 - Brownie Book, a manual for leaders, is released as experimental material, looking toward development of a standardized Brownie program for the United States.

1923 - Field News becomes the Girl Scout Leader.

World War I and II - Girl Scouts served their country on the homefront by collecting waste fat and scrap iron, growing Victory Gardens, & selling defense bonds.

1920's - African-American Girl Scout troops were formed in New York.

1925 - Campsite at Briarcliff Manor, New York, is presented to the Girl Scouts in memory of Edith Carpenter Macy by her husband.

January 17, 1927 - Juliette Gordon Low died.

1927 - Thinking Day was established at the Fourth International Conference.

1928 - World Association of Girl Guides and girl Scouts (WAGGGS) is formed at Fifth International Conference.

1929 - Our chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland, is announced as gift to the World Association

from Mrs. James J. Storrow of Boston.

1930's & 40's- American Indian & Asian troops were founded

1930 - World Flag, designed by Karl Aas of Norway is adopted.

1930 - Olave is appointed World Chief Guide.

1931 - B-P and Olave went on a world tour.

1932 - March 12th is designated as official Girl Scout birthday.

1934 - Mariner program, a sailing program, is launched.

1935 - Brownie Girl Scout Handbook is issued.

1936 - the first commercially-baked Girl Scout Cookie took place in Philadelphia council

1937 - Silver Jubilee Encampment, first international gather of girls in the United States if held at Camp Andree Clark (Macy property) in New York.

1938 - Three age levels were established in Girl Scouts; Brownies, ages 7-9; Intermediates, aged 10-13; and Seniors, aged 14-17. Over 18,000 girls register for the first time in Senior Girl Scout troops.

1939 - because of failing health B-P and Olave moved to Kenya. Our Ark, the second World Center opens in London. Our Ark offered refuge to many members of the Girl Guide and Girl Scout movement forced to abandon their homes during the Second World War.

1940 - First Girl Scout troops from institutions for people with mental and social disabilities are registered.

January 8, 1941- Lord Baden-Powell dies in Nairobi, Kenya at his home "Paxtu" (Swahili for "complete peace") and is buried in Nairobi.

1942 - First course in Wing Scout program, for 29 leaders from 15 states is held in Philadelphia.

1943 - First Girl Scout calendar, dated 1944, is produced by the national organization for council fund raising.

1947 - Name of national organization is changed from Girl Scouts to Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

1948 - The national organization begins a plan to establish councils throughout the United States, reaching every part of the country.

1950 - Girl Scouts of the United States of America is reincorporated under Congressional charter on March 16.

1951 - "Be Prepared" is adopted as the Girl Scout motto.

1954 - Annual Girl Scout Week is changed from October 31 to the week that include March 12.

1956 - Juliette Gordon Low birthplace is restored to the period of the 1870s and is dedicated as a national program center for Girl Scouts.

1956 - Our Cabana in Mexico is dedicated by the World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell, as an international center for girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

1957 - Our Cabana, the third World Centre opens in Cuernavaca, Mexico. "Our Ark" in London moves to a bigger building and is renamed Olave House in honor of Lady Baden-Powell.

1960 - Celebrations are held all over the United States for the 100th anniversary of Juliette Low's birth.

1962 - Fiftieth anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA. the Golden Blossoms project beautified homes and communities by planting yellow flowers of all kinds. During the project a yellow floribunda rose was dedicated as the Girl Scout Rose, and the Brownies gained the Brownie Girl Scouts Marigold.

1963 - the biggest organizational change took place with four separate age levels for ages 7-17 - Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors.

1964 - Girl Scout handbooks in Braille are published by the American Printing House for the Blind.

1965 - Juliette Gordon Low's childhood home, now known as the Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center, was designated as a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service. It is the first building in Savannah to receive landmark status. Safety-Wise, a book on health and safety principles, Girl Scout program standards and standards for Girl Scout camping is published.

1966 - Sangram, WAGGGS fourth World Centre opened in Pune, Indian. The Centre was named Sangram, which means "coming together" (as of small rivers which flow into one main stream).

1968 - Campus Girl Scouts, comprised of young women college students, is officially recognized.

1969 - U.S. Secretary of Interior Walter J. Hickel deeds 640 acres of federally owned land to Girl Scouts National Center West in Wyoming.

1970 - Olave retired from the movement due to ill health.

June 25, 1977 - Olave died.

1973 - Juliette Gordon Low portrait, a gift from the Girl Scouts of the USA, is presented to the Smithsonian Institution's National Portrait Gallery.

1974 - Portrait bus of Juliette Gordon Low is accepted by Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter and placed in Georgia's Hall of Fame in the State Capitol at a special ceremony on October 31st.

1978 - a redesigned Girl Scout Trefoil was officially launched.

1982 - Girl Scouts celebrate their 70th anniversary with "Gift of Water" service projects to their communities. First annual Girl Scout Leader's Day.

1983 - President Ronald Reagan signs into law a bill naming a new federal office complex in Savannah for Juliette Low. It is the second federal building in history to be named for a woman.

1984 - Daisy Girl Scouting was started

1987 - Girl Scouting's 75th anniversary is celebrated, "Tradition with a Future" is the theme. A 75th anniversary Girl Scout Commemorative stamp is issued by the U.S. Postal Service.

1991 - After closing in 1989, National Center West is closed and sold.

1991 - Pax Lodge, the newest World Centre, opens in London, England. This replaces Olave House, but is part of what is now called Olave Center. The World Bureau is also found at this center.

1994 - Junior Girl Scouts have a new look in their uniforms, handbooks and badge books.

1995 - Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts have new, separate handbooks as well as new uniforms.

1997 - Nearly 90,000 Girl Scouts gather on the mall in Washington D.C. to celebrate Scouting's 85th anniversary. Billed as the largest Sing-Along ever.

In developing the Girl Scout movement in the United States, Juliette brought girls of all race, creed, and ability were welcome in Girl Scouting. Girl Scouting gave girls the ability to learn about nature, develop self-reliance, resourcefulness, and prepare them not only for traditional homemaking roles, but for possible future roles as professional women.

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the USA is one of 129 member countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts [WAGGGS].

Brief History

February 22, 1857 - Lord Robert Baden-Powell [B-P] was born in London.

February 22, 1889 - Olave St. Clair Soames was born.

1908 - B-P founded the Boy Scout Movement

1909 - B-P founded the Girl Guide Movement.

1910 - B-P resigned from the army to devote his life to Boy Scouts & Girl Guides.

1912 - Olave and Robert met & was married the same year. Olave became active in the Boy Scout & Girl Guide movement.

1917 - Olave began to organize the Girl Guide movement in Sussex, England.

1918 - Olave was appointed UK Chief Guide.

1927 - the first Thinking Day was celebrated.

1930 - Olave as appointed World Chief Guide.

1931 - B-P and Olave went on a world tour.

1939 - because of failing health B-P and Olave moved to Kenya.

January 8, 1941- B-P died.

1970 - Olave retired from the movement due to ill health.

June 25, 1977 - Olave died.

WAGGGS Info

WAGGGS is divided into four regions and a regional group:

The Western Hemisphere Region

The Asia-Pacific Region

The Africa Region

The Arab Regional Group

The Europe Region

Each national organization must:

1. adhere to the fundamental principles of the original Promise & Law.
2. have membership which is voluntary & open to all girls & women without distinction of creed, race, nationality, or any other circumstance.
3. be self-governing with the freedom to formulate its policy & put it into practice.
4. be independent of any political organization & any political policy.

Four World Centers:

Our Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland - focuses on the outdoors.

Pax Lodge in London, England - focuses on the history of Girl Guide & Girl Scouts

Our Cabana in Cuernavaca, Mexico - focuses on community service projects, folk arts and local history.

Sangam in Pune, India - focuses on Indian culture, family lifestyle, religious and the arts as well as service projects in nearby rural and urban communities.

Insert here an information sheet about your Council. In GSCNC, we got it off the web page and it's called "What You Should Know About Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital". This would include size of the council, boundaries, programs, product sales, major events, size of the professional (paid) staff, important phone numbers, etc.

Following page is a graphic of concentric circles, called "Where Do You Fit In?" In the center circle (the "bulls eye"), it says "The Girl". Circles after that read Troop, Service Unit, Association, Area, Council, GSUSA, and WAGGGS. There is also a one-sentence description of each (e.g., under "Council", it has the name of our Council and a sentence that says "one of 331 Councils in Girl Scouting in the USA". Under WAGGGS, it spells out what WAGGGS is and says "The 136 member countries, with over 10 million girls, around the world".

Troop Money Management

GSCNC has an agreement with specific banks in Maryland, Virginia and D.C. for troop accounts to be held without the usual banking fees. In return, we will not be excessive in opening and closing accounts, will not have a negative balance or be overdrawn.

In Service Unit 52-8, the SUM's or Treasurer's signature will be included on all account signature cards.

As a troop leader and/or money manager for the troop, you will sign and agree upon the terms listed in the money management agreement in order to secure the troop checking account. It is recommended that at least two registered adults from your troop be included on the account signature card. While it is not necessary to have two signatures on every check written for the troop, you may wish to have two signatures whenever there is a possibility of misinterpretation of troop expenditures.

You will receive a blank Money Management Report at the September Service Unit meeting (also included in the Appendix of this book). This will allow you to review it and be prepared to complete it later in the year. We encourage you to keep good records of your troop's transactions. Keep all receipts: it may be helpful to jot down on the back what activity they were used for. The Annual Troop Income and Expenditures is helpful for record-keeping, but it is not required (also included in the Appendix). The completed Money Management Report is due at the May Service Unit meeting. Because the troop may not have completed all activities when the report is due, end-of-the-year expenses may be estimated.

There are many ways a troop can supplement their funds. The first and most obvious way is from the parents and girls themselves, in the form of dues, or by asking parents to pay any fees required to attend activities. The cookie sale is a major fund raiser for most troops, but this money is not available until late spring. Troops are permitted to raise funds in other ways, but they may not sell any commercial product, only products and services produced by the troop members (see Green Pages, pages 35-36 for a complete explanation). Before a troop undertakes a money making activity, a Request for Approval for Troop Money Earning Event must be submitted to the Service Unit Manager, who will forward it to the Field Director for signature (copy at the Appendix). The Field Director will return a copy to the troop. Troops may request short term loans, to be repaid within 6 months, from Council to fund programs that occur prior to cookie sales. The form is included in Green Pages.

Troops are reminded that any money earned by a troop member for the troop becomes troop property as a whole. The only exceptions are for Daisy troops, who may not handle any money at all; and Cadette/Senior troops who elect to use the Individual Accounting method. (Note: Daisy Troops must STILL complete a Money Manager Report!) Again, please refer to the above section in Green Pages for a detailed explanation.

In order for the Service Unit to track assets held by the troops, you will be asked to complete and return the Troop Inventory (sample form at the Appendix). Property held by the troop remains

with the troop when the girls and leaders move on. This inventory form will help the Service Unit Team pass property from one leader to the next.

If you have any questions at all concerning troop money management, or if you need help completing the report please call the Service Unit Treasurer.

Insert a job description of the Troop Money Manager here.

Girl Scout Training

The Girl Scout motto is "Be Prepared." What better to be prepared than to have the tools you'll need right at your fingertips, as well as some good ideas up your sleeves?! Girl Scout training can provide you with these tools and ideas, helping you to provide a safe and exciting program for your troop.

There are three courses that are considered essential for all Girl Scout leaders, and you should complete them at your earliest opportunity, and definitely within your first year.

001	Orientation	}	all leaders take these
002	Nuts and Bolts	}	available in traditional classes or self-study version
102	Daisy Level	}	take the appropriate course for
103	Brownie Level	}	your level and if you change levels
104	Junior Level	}	
105	Cadette/Senior Level	}	

Girl Scout training is offered throughout the Council. See your training calendar and the monthly updates for the dates and locations of the courses being offered. You may take training at any location. The trainers are volunteers, just like you. If you register for training and cannot attend, please call and cancel so others can register. Courses are offered free or at a minimal charge.

Once you have completed the basic training, please consider First Aid training and/or Outdoor Certification. Many field trips and outdoor activities will require one or both of these certifications, as set forth by Safety-Wise and/or Green Pages. Please be aware that if both certifications are necessary for an activity, they must be held by two different people. It is not necessary, however, for a certified person to be a troop leader. If you have parents who are interested in the out-of-doors, you may suggest they become camp certified. Similarly, another adult may be your First Aider. Any American Red Cross First Aid class may be taken, although it is often more inexpensive when taken through GSCNC. All First Aid and Outdoor Certifications must be renewed every three years to remain valid.

Training is also offered for enrichment and for leader development - songs, games, ceremonies, arts and crafts, contemporary issues and more. Special training days, such as the Outdoor Odyssey, are held at various times throughout the year. Check your training calendar updates or call the training hotline, GSCNC extension 430, for courses that have been added throughout the season.

Leadership Development Pin

To encourage leadership development, GSUSA has developed a recognition for those leaders who complete training. Once a leader has completed the three required courses, has participated in two activities beyond the troop level, and has secured a First Aider for the troop, he/she may apply for the leadership development pin, also called the Owl pin. (See the appendix for the appropriate form.) Thereafter, for each 10 additional hours of training received, the leader can apply to receive a green leaf to add to the pin. Five green leaves can be turned in for one silver leaf, and five silver leaves can be turned in for one gold leaf.

Please note that in order to keep Service Unit expenses down, SU 52-8 asks for each leader to cover the expense of his/her Owl pin. The leaves are provided by the Service Unit. Please include \$4.65 for the pin with your leadership development application when you turn it in to the Service Unit Manager.

Green Angel Program

The Green Angel Program is a process through which an experienced leader helps a new leader through her first year. The Green Angel answers questions about troop activities, how to get parent support, registration paperwork, and council activities-basically everything a leader needs to know! To ensure consistency within the program, all mentors must have completed the required leadership training courses: 001, 002 and level training (for the level they are mentoring). The program will consist of the Green Angel calling the new leader at least once a month throughout the year to answer questions, and chat about Girl Scouting. And, during the first two months when the new leader is forming her troop, the Green Angel will provide suggestions to the new leader for planning the activities for the first few meetings. Our active Green Angels will receive special recognition at the end of the year. The following list provides some of the basic areas an Angel should try to discuss with the leader being mentored. See the Service Unit Manager if you are interested in participating in this program.

Anytime Appropriate: Safety-Wise, Green Pages, 001, 002, level training, SU events, Mosaic programs

August- September: SU Meeting routine, registration process, parent meeting, first troop meetings.

October: SHARE campaign, investiture/rededication ceremony, Juliette Low's birthday.

November: Troop government, Troop Cookie Manager training

December: Holiday service project

January: Cookie sale

February: Thinking Day

March: Girl Scout Week, Cookie booth sales

April: Service Unit encampment, QSP sale

May-June: Bridging, Court of Awards, Early Bird registration, year-end paperwork

Green Angel Hints:

- Contact your "new" leader within 5 days of assignment
- Call your new leader within 3 days of a SU meeting. Be sure she's aware of the time and place.

Offer to sit with her.

- At the SU Meeting, sit with the new leader. Introduce her to SU Team members. Answer questions, help her to get involved with the Service Unit.
- Offer to help / attend her first parents' meeting to assist her in getting off on the right foot. Help her form her troop committee, if needed.
- Be sure she gets signed up for appropriate training during the year. Help her meet the requirements for her Leadership Development Pin.
- Schedule at least one sister troop activity between your troop and her new troop during the year (Service Unit events don't count!)
- Help the new leader with ceremonies, if needed, e.g., Investiture, Court of Awards, etc.
- Help explain different fund raising programs from council. Be sure she understands them!
- Attend one of her troop meetings during the year to make sure she's on track

For You Are Interested in Being a Green Angel or
If You Would Like a Green Angel

Please complete the applicable category following and turn it in to a Service Unit manager. We will match up Green Angels and New Leaders as quickly as possible.

Green Angel: I have completed basic leadership training and I promise to call my new leader once a month during the school year to help her establish a quality troop program. I realize that time is valuable and know that the minutes I spend on the phone will help her make a stronger troop.

New leader contract: I realize that time is valuable and agree to ask questions efficiently.

Name
Phone
Level
School

Green Angel Signature _____

New Leader Signature _____

Service Unit Calendar

August

SU Welcome Back

September

10 SU Meeting

8 School starts

SHARE Kick-off

October

3-4 Leader/Daughter Weekend

Outdoor Odyssey

8 SU Meeting

12 School holiday

Fall Association Meeting

29 SU Party for Juliette Low's Birthday

31 Juliette Low's Birthday

November

7 Local Leader Training Blitz

12,13 Teacher Work days - no school

Veteran's Day - no school

12 SU Meeting

26,27 School holiday

December

10 SU Meeting

10 Cookie Training for TCMs

23 Winter Break

January

3 Winter Break over; school begins

Cookie Sale begins

8 Leader Training Day

14 SU Meeting

18 ML King Day - no school

February

5 Teacher Work Day - no school

11 SU Meeting

15 Holiday

Thinking Day

March

- Cookie Booth Sales begin
- Girl Scout Sunday
- 11 SU Meeting
- 12 Girl Scout Birthday
- Cookie Sale ends
- 29 Spring Break Begins

April

- 2 Spring Break ends
- 16 Teacher Work Day - no school
- QSP Sale begins
- 8 SU Meeting
- 22 Leader Appreciation Day
- Take Our Daughters to Work Day

May

- 13 SU Meeting
- QSP Sale ends
- Spring Association Meeting
- SU Bridging Ceremony
- Early Bird Registration
- 31 School Holiday

June

- 10 SU Meeting / End of Year Party!
- 23 Last day of school

Terms, Definitions, Explanations!

Below is an alphabetical list of words and terms you'll hear at Service Unit meetings. Some are unique to our Service Unit; some are broad Girl Scout Terms...

Association / Association Meeting

Anywhere from 4 to 10 Service Units like ours make up an Association. We're part of Association 52, Masons Crossroads, and it includes Service Units from our area, Annandale, Baileys Crossroads, Fall Church (Fairfax County portion), Fairfax Station, Lorton, Mason Neck, Springfield, and West Springfield. There are meetings twice a year, and it's a great place to see what happens with Girl Scouting beyond the Silverbrook / Halley area.

Bridging / Flying Up

A traditional ceremony, sometimes combined with a Court of Awards, celebrating a girl's graduation from one level of scouting to another. In our Service Unit, we traditionally have a mass bridging ceremony to recognize all girls at once. Girls who complete a specific set of requirements designed to make the transition easier for her receives a bridging patch to wear on her uniform. Flying Up specifically refers to Brownies moving to the Junior level of Girl Scouting. Only Brownies receive wings when they move up to Junior Scouts (there are no other requirements for Brownie wings). A "picture perfect" opportunity to invite family members.

Calendar Sales

Troops earn money for sale of calendars. The campaign runs in Oct/Nov. There is not a lot of pressure for calendar sales, but you can pick up some much-needed dollars for your troop!

Capital Notes

A newsletter published monthly by GSCNC and distributed to troop leaders at Service Unit meetings.

Cookie Sales

Start recruiting a good Troop Cookie Manager (TCM) right away. The Service Unit will train them in December; the campaign runs from the first part of January through the end of March. Troops can earn several hundred to over a thousand dollars in a well-run cookie sale.

Encampment

Normally in April or May; it's a chance for the entire Service Unit to camp together. For the past 2 years, we've gone to Prince William Forest Park (south of Potomac Mills). It's a 2 night, 3 day structured camp entirely put on by troop leaders. Daisies normally only attend on Saturday during the day. Most of the meals are provided cafeteria-style with the troop preparing its own Saturday lunch. This is the ideal environment for troops who have not built up their confidence in the out-of-doors!

Girl Scout Birthday

Happens the week surrounding March 12th, and includes "Girl Scout Sunday" and "Girl

Scout Sabbath", when girls are encouraged to wear their uniform to their house of worship. In the past, there have been activities at Springfield Mall.

Girl Scout Shop/Mobile Van

All official recognitions (Try Its, Proficiency Badges, etc.), as well as uniforms, Girl Scout publications and other Girl Scout related items may be purchased at the Girl Scout Shop, located at GSCNC headquarters in Washington, D.C. (See Green Pages for information on hours and directions.) As a convenience to those of us who live in the outlying areas, a Mobile Van travels around the areas, full of Girl Scout items. You may have your catalog order ready for you by calling in advance, or you may choose from among the items stocked in the van. You must pay by check, not cash. Watch for the Mobile Van schedule, distributed in troop packing early in the scouting year. Phone orders can also be sent to the Manassas Out-based Office for pick up.

Gold Award

The highest award a Senior Girl Scout can earn. This award requires a Senior to earn 4 "IPs" (interest project patches at the senior level), the Career Exploration pin, complete the Senior Challenge, learn about leadership and earn leadership hours and design and plan a major service project which benefits her school, community, or religious institution. Many compare it to the Eagle award in Boy Scouting. For those who were in scouting as a girl, it was previously called "First Class" or "Curved Bar".

Green Angel

An experienced leader who pledges to help a new leader get through the first year. See full explanation of this program in this book.

Green Pages

Guidelines published by GSCNC concerning their policies and procedures. If you can't find the answer to your question in here or in Safety-Wise, call your Green Angel or consultant!

Honor Troop

In order to encourage a well-rounded Girl Scout program, GSCNC offers the Honor Troop Program. Look for the program requirements, distributed early in the scouting year. Each girl whose troop completes the requirements will receive an honor troop patch and year bar the first year it is earned, and the year bar alone in subsequent years. (Don't forget to indicate both the number of patches and year bars required by your troop!)

Investiture/Rededication

A traditional scout ceremony, normally held in September or October. A girl or adult is invested, and receives her Girl Scout pin, the first year she becomes a Scout. Each year after that, she is rededicated. Check out the Service Unit Library for ceremonies you can use, or troop can make up their own ceremony. This is an excellent time to invite family members to a troop activity.

Juliette Low's Birthday

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting in the US in March of 1912. She was quite a

fascinating woman, and we celebrate her birthday, which falls on October 31st (yes, Halloween!). Sometimes the Service Unit will have a birthday celebration, sometimes you can just do this in your troop. (See the Brownie Handbook for information on this). One suggestion: a birthday party for Juliette - have the girls bring "birthday gifts" for the troop based on a list you give the parents of stuff you may need for troop crafts or camping (e.g., glue, scissors, dishwashing buckets, etc).

Leader-in-Training

A Senior Girl Scout who has received training from Council as well as a number of hours of observing different troops. She receives her LIT pin and is ready to work with a leader in assisting in planning meetings, field trips and camp outs. After 50 hours with a troop, she receives her LIT patch. This program provides not only invaluable leadership training for the Senior Girl Scout, but also much needed help to leaders.

Mascots

Sometimes troops select a small stuffed animal to be their "mascot" and then send it to other troops in the area or around the country with a journal so the mascot can learn about other scout troops. To learn more about mascots, visit the website <http://www.geocities.com/enchantedforest/8481/mascot1.html>

Mosaic

A booklet of GSCNC-sponsored events, published several times a year. Note: popular events fill up quickly. Many events have limited seating / room, so call early if you want to go to a certain event!

Packing

The materials a troop gets every month during the school year from Council, through the Service Unit Managers (SUMs). The SUMs go to an association meeting, where they pick up all these materials and then break them down / divide them up for the appropriate numbers for each troop. Packings are distributed at the end of SU meetings.

Program Aides

A wonderful help for troops - especially to young troop or to new leaders! Some guidelines: Aides are Cadettes or Seniors who have been trained to help with GS events and/or troops. They should NOT be left alone with the girls while the leaders are off doing something else. They can help in planning games, songs or program for troop and then present what they have planned. Some Aides have taken additional training and can also 'teach' outdoor skills, science activities, etc. Aides are NOT maids! Don't take them to camp and use them as 'gophers' or to do the kapers the scouts should be doing. This is not why they are there! Leaders need to be careful when using Aides and keep in mind that they are GIRLS - not short adults! Sometimes, they will make mistakes (Don't we all!!!) But keep in mind that Aides are at an age when 'words' can be especially harmful! Aides and Leaders can work together to plan - they still need some guidance. As a rule here, Aides DO NOT pay to accompany troops at meeting or camping trips - they are there to help you out. Brownies especially love having an Aide around - it's an older girl to look up to. It's important for Juniors to see Aides helping, too. It's a great retention tool -- a lot of girls will stay in Scouts because they want to become an Aide, too.

QSP

QSP is a magazine-sales program that happens in the spring. Our council gets 50% of the price of any magazine subscription, and the girls are offered incentives (patches, stuffed animals, etc.) depending on how many they sell. Council does NOT want people selling magazines door-to-door, like we do with cookies, but instead, encourages scouting families to use this program to renew magazine subscriptions they were going to get anyway. The money is used for upkeep and additions to our camping properties.

Safety-Wise

Guidelines published by GSUSA concerning safety and program standards. Should be your constant companion, and first point of reference when planning any and all Girl Scout activities!

Scouts' Own

A ceremony, most often associated with the end of a camping event, where they girls design the ceremony, say a poem or something that ties in with the weekend, and often each scout shares what she has gained. Always conducted with quiet dignity; almost always a moving ceremony.

Service Unit Team

The "team" is made up of those troop leaders and adults who have raised their hand (or otherwise been begged) to serve in a leadership role in the Service Unit. We always have room for more...please volunteer! The Team normally includes the SU manager, registrar, treasurer, secretary, newsletter editor, orientation specialist, troop level consultants, encampment coordinator, school organizers, and fund raising chairs. (Note: some of our leaders hold 2 or more of these jobs, so there really are plenty to go around!)

Service Project

An integral part of the Girl Scout Program, service to the community can take many forms: local to global, simple to complex. Choose projects that suit your troop's interests and abilities. Service opportunities are published at the service unit meetings and troops are encouraged to develop their own service projects. We normally also have one to two Service Unit Service Projects each year.

SHARE Campaign

Run in the September/October timeframe. Stands for "Share Her Actual Real Expenses". Every troop needs to at least make a pitch to parents about this; no one is required to donate, but we like to think of \$25 per family as a "respectable" donation. This money pays for you, the leader, to get all the stuff you get at your trainings and other information. The cost per girl of scouting in the D.C. are is about \$98 (remember, we operate 5 resident camp properties, etc.), and you pay much more per year to put your daughter in dance, gymnastics, or some sports classes.

Silver Award

The highest award a Cadette scout can earn. She must earn three Interest Project (IP) patches related to the project she'll do for the Silver Award, earn the Dreams to Reality Patch

OR complete any five career activities, in any IP. She must also earn the Cadette Girl Scout Leadership Award or the Leadership IP, earn the Cadette Girl Scout Challenge, and then design and carry out a Girl Scout Silver Award Project (requiring a minimum of 30 hours.)

Silver Trefoil

The Silver Trefoil is unique to GSCNC and is the highest recognition presented to a Senior Girl Scout in our Council. It is awarded to girls that complete 100 hours of service: 25 hours of service in the international community, 25 hours in government service, and 50 hours of service to GSCNC, the Association and Service Unit.

SWAPS

A Girl Scout tradition, some say it stands for "Share With A Pal". They are small items you trade with or give to other scouts. Sometimes they are theme-based, sometimes it's just whatever you have on hand. They almost always have a safety pin or jewelry pin so they can be attached to a hat or shirt. The idea is that they should be VERY inexpensive, and made by the girls where possible. (Often made from felt, fun foam, stickers, pompoms, etc.) Learn more at <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/3810>

Thinking Day

A date close to February 22nd, the official Thinking Day around the world. Each troop chooses a country that has Girl Scouts and/or Girl Guides and we all meet as a Service Unit, giving girls a chance to show off what they've learned. Typically, a troop prepares a table or poster display and offers either food or swaps that represent that country. Brownie Leaders can easily tie this into several Try-it activities! Troops also normally make a flag of their selected country on a poster, try to learn a song or dance, and often come up with make shift costumes to represent their country.

Uniforms

A Girl Scout is considered to be in uniform if she is wearing her Girl Scout pin (over her heart). Complete uniforms may be purchased at the discretion of the parents. Uniforms can be purchased at Peebles in Woodbridge, through the JCPenney's catalog, or through the Girl Scout Shop or catalog. GSUSA asks that a whole uniform be worn in its entirety or not at all. Please see the Uniform Regulations booklet for information about placement of recognitions on the uniform.

WAGGGS

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. GSUSA is a member of WAGGGS, which is why we wear the WAGGGS pin as part of our uniform. Traditionally, a Scout receives her WAGGGS pin after she attends Thinking Day, which is a function that celebrates the international world of Girl Scouting.

The *REAL* Definitions of Girl Scout Terms

Troop Committee:

- Family Appeal Chairman - Calls parents to tell them the leader needs money to send in.
- Cookie Chairman - Parent with a garage and a pick up truck or van.
- Emergency Contact - Parent who is always home except when you need them.
- Telephone Chairman - Calls to tell parents what was in the note sent home.
- Transportation Chairman - Parent with station wagon or van.

Types of Troop Government:

- Brownie Ring - Circle of chairs that girls run around.
- Town Meeting - Chairs all face the same way but girls don't.
- Patrol System - Small groups of chairs - girls all in the bathroom.

Girl Scout Glossary:

- Badge - A small, round patch on a girl's sash that she can't remember what she did to get.
- Bridging - A ceremony in which girl is given her honorable discharge from the troop.
- Brownie - Short girl in brown dress which is either 2 sizes too big or 1 size too small.
- Buddy System - Pairing of girls which guarantees they will never be in the same place at the same time.
- Cadette - Tall girl who would rather be caught dead than seen in uniform.
- Candelighting - Ceremony in which a Girl Scout demonstrates that she cannot light a match.
- Color Guard - Group of Girl Scouts tripping over each other while banging flag poles into door jambs.
- Court of Awards - Ceremony parents attend to make sure their daughter got more badges than the neighbor's daughter.
- Court of Honor - Mythical part of the patrol system.
- Daisy - Very short girl with blue smock covering all food, paint, and grubby hand stains on regular clothes.
- Fly-Up - Brownie ceremony similar to Bridging ceremony, but girls are booted out of the nest as well.
- Friendship Circle - Girls standing in circle trying to out-squeeze each other's hands.
- Girl Scout Sign - Girl holding up 3 fingers so she has something to look at while saying her promise.
- Girl Scout Week - A week on the calendar, sometime in March, that overstressed leaders can't seem to think of anything special to do to celebrate it.
- Investiture - Ceremony in which girl forgets her promise after practicing it at least 25 times that afternoon.
- Junior - Medium size girl dressed in green with sash falling off shoulder.
- Juliette Low's Birthday - Usually called Halloween because that's more "fun".
- Kaper - Fancy name to trick the girls into cleaning the latrine.
- Kaper Chart - Poster board announcing, for all to see, who gets to clean the latrine.
- Motto - Be Prepared, but any experienced leader actually knows it's Be Flexible.
- Neighborhood/Service Unit - A geographical subdivision of a council with a fancy name to

confuse new leaders as to where they belong.

- Patrol - Group of 6 - 8 girls who used to be best friends.
- Quiet Sign - Handsignal invented by leader with laryngitis.
- Ranger - Man in charge of scout camp -- can see gum wrapper under a tent 50 yards away.
- Scout's Own - A ceremony where no-one contributes anything and everyone wonders what is coming next.
- Service Team - Group of adults that muddles along trying to convince everyone else they are great administrators.
- Sit-Upon - A mat or pad, usually somewhere else when you really need it.
- Thinking Day - Special Guiding and Scouting day when leaders worldwide wonder why they are spending more than an hour a week on somebody else's girls.
- Troop - Large group of girls dedicated to making leader insane.
- Try-It - Triangular piece of colored cloth on a girl's sash/vest that shows she's been showing up to meetings.
- WAGGGS - What leaders do with their index fingers to girls that are misbehaving.

Four Program Goals For Girls:

1. To Develop to Her Full Individual Potential.

Translation: You are a very small cog in a very big machine.

2. To Relate to Others With Increasing Understanding, Skill, and Respect.

Translation: You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours.

3. To Develop Values to Guide Her Actions and to Provide the Foundation for Sound Decision-making.

Translation: Never Miss a Meeting or a Deadline

4. To Contribute to the Improvement of Society Through the Use of Her Abilities and Leadership Skills, Working in Cooperation With Others.

Translation: Sell Cookies and collect for Family Appeal.

Source and thanks to: Mountain View Girl Scout Neighborhood in Vancouver, Washington.

You can find this and more information like it at:

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3209/terms.html>

Field Trips

Part 1: How to Go

Troop leaders are encouraged to expand their scouts' world by taking them on field trips. Certain things are required before you do so, however. For the girls' safety and for your own protection, please be sure to complete the following forms before moving beyond your regular meeting place.

- Parental Permission Slips
- Health History/Authorization for Medical Treatment
(Write the participant's GSUSA ID number on the form, if known.)
- Medication Request Forms, if necessary
- Troop Travel Information
- Troop Transportation Information
- GSCNC Insurance Claim Form

While not necessary for all field trips, one (never both) of the following may be required for some trips:

- Request for Approval of Activity/Event/Overnight Trip - necessary for any overnight troop (other than GSCNC campsites), trips that occur 50 miles beyond GSCNC's boundaries, or high-risk activities (as defined by Safety-Wise), or trips that involve chartered transportation.
- Request for Use of GSCNC Campsite - necessary when using a GSCNC campsite

Be sure to check the Safety-Wise Standards for your planned activity(ies) to see if First Aid, Outdoor, or other certifications are required. . Also, just as with camping with the girls, progression in field trips is equally important. Start with day trips and shorter length trips before taking girls on a trip to Savannah - and remember, many of the Junior troops in GSCNC do go to Savannah.

Additional items may be required for more complex trips. Please refer to Training Module 002, Nuts and Bolts, for more details.

Part 2: Where To Go?

The Washington D.C. area has so much to offer, it can almost be overwhelming! Here are some starter ideas for you and your troop

"Parktakes" - the Fairfax County Park Authority - offers a number of different Brownie Try-It and Junior Badge programs. Some are as close as South Run Recreation Center. As a resident, when you get your quarterly issue, look closely for the scout-specific classes. There is normally a fee associated, and the offerings fill up quickly. Below is a sample of Badge / Try-It programs that were offered in the past:

- Listening to the Past - available at Frying Pan Park and Colvin Run Mill
- Water Everywhere - Colvin Run Mill

- Earth and Sky - Hidden Pond Nature Center
- Outdoor Fun - Hidden Pond Nature Center
- Animals - Hidden Pond Nature Center and Frying Pan Park
- Horse Lover - Frying Pan Park
- Wildlife - Huntley Meadows Park, and Hidden Pond Nature Center
- Ecology - Green Springs Gardens Park
- Scout Orienteering - Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
- Junior Wildlife - Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Hidden Oaks
- Junior Plants and Animals - Huntley Meadows
- Junior Geology - Ellanor C. Lawrence Park
- South Run Rec Center has offered the following Scout programs: Water Badge and Small Craft Badge activities, Brownie Science Wonders, Brownie Puppets, Dolls, and Plays, Junior Science Sleuth

Along with the GSCNC Campsites, "Camp Wilson" at Pohick Bay has group camping (and flush toilets). Some leaders find this an ideal camping location during the height of soccer season, as it is close enough (10 minutes) for parents to pick up / drop off their kids and allow them to do both their sports and the camping. Call XXX-XXXXX to reserve a Camp Wilson campsite.

Smithsonian Museums...need we say more? (Note: The National Portrait Gallery, located at Gallery Place Metro Stop, has the oil painting of Juliette Low that most of you have seen).

Mosaic, published by Council twice a year, has numerous local offerings.

The "Limited, Too!" stores at the malls offer programs to help girls earn their Fashion Adventure project. The Limited, Too! has a corporate initiative to work with local troops. Typically, scouts get a workbook with activities - half of them go towards Art to Wear and half towards Looking your Best. The program, aimed at Juniors, often lets them try on trendy clothes, hair glitter and accessories, too. The staff are normally supposed to give a very soft sell - they'll talk about careers in fashion and what drives fashion trends. Scouts normally get certificates of completion and a 15% discount card.

Other great places to visit: Home Depot has supposedly begun a corporate program for Girl Scouts with basic information about home repair, tools, etc. The Wild Bird Center at Hechinger Plaza in Burke will come to your meeting (for a fee) and provide information, kits, booklets, etc. pertaining to wild birds, bats, etc. They have several programs to select from. Most Bagel Bakery chain stores seem to have thank you notes on the wall from troop visits - must be good. Fresh Fields does a great store tour that ties in nicely to the Good Food and Fun Food Try-its.

The Cookie Sale

While most of the responsibility for the cookie sale should rest on your Troop Cookie Manager's shoulders, the following list of information was developed to enhance communication between you and your TCM, and to avoid potential "trouble spots." Please remember that the information was compiled from previous years' cookie sales and may change in detail once this year's sale gets underway. Be sure to consult your TCM for current information after he/she has attended training. Questions that cannot be answered by your TCM should be referred to the Service Unit Cookie Manager (SUCM).

- ALL TCM's must be trained! Be sure to listen for the training date, usually in November, and ensure that your TCM attends. Problems concerning the training date should be referred to the SUCM.
- Watch for pertinent dates concerning the sale, to be published in November/December. These dates include the first day of the sale, the due date of the initial order, when the cookies must be picked up, booth sale possibilities, and the date(s) all deposit slips and reports must be turned in. Check with your TCM to ensure that he/she is able to comply with these dates.
- Please be sure to discuss the Girl Scout Laws pertaining to honesty and fairness with your girls before the sale. In past years, there have been hard feelings when individuals have begun selling before the agreed-upon date and time.
- TCM's will receive all supplies for initial order taking at the November training. Since the sale starts the first week after Christmas break, you may wish to hold your troop training before the holidays, although you may choose not to distribute order forms until closer to the sale to discourage "jumping the gun."
- All booth sales must be coordinated through the SU Booth Coordinator. TCM's will be given an opportunity to indicate your troop's interest in participating in booth sales at the training in November. If your troop is interested, check with your TCM to be sure he/she turned in the preference slip - keeping in mind that you must have additional parent volunteers to man the booth! Initial booth sale dates and places will be determined by the coordinator as fairly as possible. After all troops have one slot assigned, additional slots may be assigned as desired. Please don't arrange a booth sale on your own. GSCNC and SU 52-8 have worked hard to maintain friendly relations with the local stores who allow us on their property.
- One of the most troublesome areas with any product sale is the problem of bounced checks. The easiest way to deal with it is to avoid it altogether! Council will accept responsibility for bounced checks from the cookie sale **AS LONG AS THE FOLLOWING RULES ARE COMPLIED WITH!**
 1. Any girl or troop with an outstanding debt to GSCNC cannot participate in the cookie sale. They have provided us with one solution - call the SUCM if you have a problem in

your troop.

2. All checks should be made out to "GSCNC" and not to your troop.

3. Remind girls and parents that you cannot accept personal checks for over \$100, total, per family. This means that if a family writes a check for \$40 one week, the same family cannot write a check for \$70 the next week. This seems to occur most frequently with parents who want to write one check for all the cookies their daughter delivers. Money orders and cashier's checks will be accepted, however.

4. The same goes for troop checks! Don't be tempted to cover a girl's debt by writing a check from the troop account with promises from the parent that "they'll pay next week." If that parent doesn't come through, your troop is out the cash - not GSCNC!

- Check with your TCM occasionally to be sure she is not having trouble collecting from any of your girls.
- Also check to be sure your TCM is making weekly deposits and is not depositing troop profits. For each box sold (at \$3.00), \$2.50 should be deposited to GSCNC and \$.50 should be retained by the troop. In order for the troop to get credit for the deposit, the pink copy of the deposit slip must be turned into the SUCM.

Sponsoring A Service Unit Event

Congratulations and thanks to any leader or troop who decides to sponsor a Service Unit event! Without sponsors, the service unit would not have local opportunities to interact with other Scouts. While some events will require more planning than others, we have developed the following guidelines to help plan a safe and successful event. There is also a booklet called the Event Director's Manual that can be borrowed from the Service Unit library if you would like more details about planning an event. As part of the planning, we ask that you keep a notebook of your plans to assist those who may plan a similar event in the future.

Several months/weeks before the event:

- Develop a general plan for the event. Submit it to the Service Unit Team. Ask if there are records of a similar event from previous years. Review these records for information that may be of use.
- Secure a location for the event. (Note: if it is outside of our geographic Service Unit, Council permission is required.)
- Prepare and submit a preliminary budget to the Service Unit Team. While it is possible to obtain funds from the Service Unit budget to cover up-front costs, if necessary, it is expected that all events will be self-supporting.
- Begin advertising the event at the Service Unit meetings. Prepare a sign up/admission collection procedure.
- Secure additional help that may be necessary. (Guest speakers, troop volunteers, First Aiders, etc.) Be sure to check Safety-Wise for any certifications that may be required.
- If the event will earn money for the Service Unit or any troop, ensure that money making forms are filed.
- Decide upon and/or develop a participation patch. Order the patches after you have a general idea how many will be needed, but early enough to distribute in a timely manner. Generally, patches are sold for \$1.25 each, with the profit used to cover Service Unit expenses. (Some patches are in stock at the Council Scout Shop; vendors can easily make a patch for your event, too, at minimal cost.)

A week or two before the event:

- Continue to organize the event: purchase supplies, prepare craft materials, solicit additional help, confirm previously made commitments, process registration applications.
- Keep leaders informed of the details of the event, as necessary, at the Service Unit meetings.

- Complete last minute details.

At the event:

- Be sure to include an evaluation form for girls and/or leaders to complete. The form should invite constructive criticism: ways improve the event, not complaints against things you have no control over.
- Enjoy the thanks you will receive for sponsoring such a well-organized Girl Scout activity!

After the event:

- Prepare and submit the following items to the Service Unit Team:
 - final budget
 - evaluation of the event (include your own as the sponsor as well as those of the participants)
 - planning notebook

Service Unit Library

Service Unit 52-8 has the following resources available for leaders to borrow. See the Service Unit Manager.

GSCNC/GSUSA Publications

Safety-Wise

Green Pages

Mosaic

Uniforms, Insignia and Recognitions

Short 'n' Snappy

Bright Ideas

Kaleidoscope

Wider Ops - 1992, 1993, 1996

Grapevine (Collection)

Capital Notes (Collection)

Here Come the Brownies:

 Corrie's Secret Pal

 Make Up Your Mind, Marsha!

Daisy Level Training Module

Brownie/Junior Handbook - 1977

Brownie/Junior Leader Guide - 1977

Junior Leader Guide - 1986

Cadette/Senior Interest Projects - 1987

Cadette/Senior Handbook - 1987

The Story Of Juliette Low

Games for Girl Scouts

Ceremonies in Girl Scouting

Cooperation and Sharing

Contemporary Issues

 Right to Read

 Girls are Great

 Into the World of Today and Tomorrow

 Reaching Out (Youth Suicide)

 Decision for Your Life (Youth Pregnancy)

 Valuing Differences (Pluralism)

 Tune Into Well-Being, Say No to Drugs

 Staying Safe (Child Abuse)

 Caring and Coping (Family Crisis)

 Earth Matters

 Focus on Ability

 Be Your Best

Patch Programs

We Can Do It
Canoe - 1979
Non-Partisan Voter Awareness - 1980
The Arts - 1980
Conserve Energy - 1984
Consumer Education
Women Through Time - 1984, 1996
Hearing Awareness
Keeping the Pace - 1980's?, 1997
Ethnic Heritage - 1984
70th Anniversary
80th Anniversary
85th Anniversary
Be A Reader - 92/93, 94/95, 96/97
Sports Program - 1982
Your Own Sports Program
Brownie Friendmaker
Be Your Best
Roots and Shoots
Common Threads
Nation's Capital Sampler
Religious Program (pamphlet w/ contact info)

Other Resources

Stories for the Campfire
Art for Daisy and Younger Brownie Scouts
National Geographic Program Aid
3-2-1 Contact Science Kit
Brainstorm: Truth About the Brain on Drugs (video)

Notebooks of Pamphlets/Handouts

Service Unit Encampments
Ecology
Camping
Song Leading and Games
Health and Safety
Native Americans
Ceremonies and Crafts
New Leaders

SIMPLE CEREMONIES

Candle Ceremony (Rededication/Investitures)

Use 3 large white candles (one lit for each part of the promise)

Use 10 colored candles for the parts of the law (or white candles with a colored ribbon tied around each),

I will do my best to be: (all girls say together)

Honest and Fair, (light candle)

The purple candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of honesty and fairness. A Girl Scout works honestly and keeps her promise. She is fair in all she does and to those she meets.

Friendly and Helpful, (light candle)

The blue candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of friendship and thoughtfulness. A Girl Scout is amiable and loyal to her friends. She helps others whenever and wherever she can.

Considerate and Caring, (light candle)

The orange candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of kindness and warmth. A Girl Scout works well with others and looks out for the well-being of others.

Courageous and Strong (light candle)

The red candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of adventure and independence. a Girl Scout attempts new tasks and braves new endeavors. She is confident and self-assured in her actions.

Responsible for what I say and do, (light candle)

The gold candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of ownership and pride in her work. She readily admits her strengths and weakness and is aware of the consequences of her actions. A Girl Scout is up front with her intentions.

And to: (all the girls say together)

Respect myself and others, (light candle)

The white candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of integrity. A Girl Scout directs her thoughts and deeds to encompass her own beliefs and to be sensitive to, and respectful of the beliefs of those around her.

Respect authority, (light candle)

The yellow candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of regard for another's position. A Girl

Scout understands the importance of having a leader of a group make the final decisions. She works with that leader to make the best decisions for the good of the entire group.

Use resources wisely, (light candle)

The green candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of being careful with resources. She uses her materials, money, time, and energy wisely. A Girl Scout does not waste the Earth's resources.

Make the world a better place, (light candle)

The brown candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of improvement. A Girl Scout strives to be clean, conserve, and enrich the world around her. She believes it is important to leave a better place than when she found it.

Be a sister to every Girl Scout. (light candle)

The silver candle represents a Girl Scout's loyalty to sisters all over the worlds. A Girl Scout is always ready to accept more friends into her ever widening circle. She treats all of her sisters with kindness, acceptance and warmth.

(Sing "Make New Friends")

courtesy of Jeanne Carnot, Leader Cadette/ Seniors, STC, Trainer

Flag Recipe

Props:	1 large pot	1 American flag folded in pot
	1 cup each red, white, blue poker chips or something acceptable	
	gold and silver stars	1 stir stick

Can be done with 6 girls - can split up lines and motions to accommodate more girls

Girls form semi circle around pot.

First Girl: We are going to fix for you a treat that is really grand, and make for you a recipe-the greatest in the land.

Second Girl: In first we will put a heaping cup of red for courage true.

Third Girl: And then we will add for loyalty a dash of heavenly blue.

Fourth Girl: For purity, we will now sift in a layer of snowy white.

Fifth Girl: We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right.

Sixth Girl: We will stir and stir and then you will see what we have made is (here all six girls

say "OLD GLORY", as two of them reach in and take from the bottom of pot and hold it above the pot for the pledge.)

All Girls: Our flag is the most beautiful flag in the world, let us always be loyal to it. Please join us in the pledge.

Brownie-Level Ceremony

Based on new Girl Scout Law

Props: 11 candles or battery-operated lights. If using candles, make sure you have drip guards.

Leader: At every meeting, we open by saying the pledge of allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.

Brownies, you know that each week we promise to "obey the Girl Scout Law". Each candle that you hold represents a part of that Law. When only one candle is lit, it is just a small, flickering light, but when every candle is lit, we have a bright light. It's the same with you. If you only obey one of the parts of the Girl Scout Law, you have a tiny flicker of being a good Brownie Girl Scout, but if you obey all parts of the Girl Scout Law, you become a bright and shining Brownie Girl Scout. (Co-Leader), will you please light my candle? (Lights it) I will pass this flame to each Brownie who will explain the Girl Scout Law. (Then turn and light candle of the next speaker.)

2nd speaker: I will do my best to be Honest and Fair -- This means I will never tell a lie, and that I will treat all people the same, even my brothers and sisters. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker or hand her the white candle)

3rd speaker: I will do my best to be Friendly and Helpful -- I will always help out at home, at school, in Girl Scouts or where ever I can. I will also have a smiling, friendly face when I help. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

4th speaker: I will do my best to be Considerate and Caring -- A good Brownie will notice when other people may be sad, lonely, or not feeling good. I will be kind to those people and care for them as best as I can. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

5th speaker: I will do my best to be Courageous and Strong -- When we do new things, sometimes we are scared, but Brownies learn to not be afraid. None of us are afraid to camp out in the woods! I will also stand up for what I believe, too. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

6th speaker: I will do my best to be Responsible for What I Say and Do -- You have to be careful what you say, because you can hurt people's feelings. If you are not responsible for what you do, you can break or damage things, too. A Brownie Girl Scout is responsible for everything she says and does. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

7th speaker: I will do my best to Respect Myself and Others -- Each of us are special people. I am proud of what I do. I also respect other people, even if they believe in different things than I do. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

8th speaker: I will do my best to Respect Authority -- Everyone in our Brownie Troop respects authority. We listen to our parents, our teachers and our leaders. We also respect people like police officers, our clergy, and other adults. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

9th speaker: I will do my best to Use Resources Wisely -- All Brownie Girl Scouts know it is important to recycle to protect our environment. When we go camping, or anywhere else, we always leave the area better than when we found it. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

10th speaker: I will do my best to Make the World a Better Place -- Even though we are small girls, each of us can do things to make the world better. For instance, we collected food to help people who are hungry. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker)

11th speaker: I will do my best to Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout -- All the Brownies in our troop are friends and we always make sure we take care of each other and treat each other with respect and friendship.

12th speaker: That is what the Girl Scout Law is all about. Would all Brownies please join me in the Girl Scout Promise: On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Scouting Resources on the Internet

The best resource I've found on the internet has been membership in the WAGGGS-L mailing list. Anyone who has e-mail access can join WAGGGS-L, a world wide guiding and scouting list service. Members receive frequent publicly posted messages. It's a great place to share program ideas, opinions, and travel information (just to name a few!). To join: Send an e-mail message to "listserv@iupui.edu" with only this line in the message: "subscribe WAGGGS-L YourFirstName YourLastName" (do not include the quotes in either case). You will receive a message asking for confirmation and containing everything else you need to know.

If you use America On Line, there is a fabulous exchange of resources and a "library" where you can download graphics and scouting information. This is only available to people who have an AoL account. To get there, go to the "keyword" button, and type in the word "scouting".

The following is a list of web sites of interest to scouts. This list was put together by a wagggs-l member and printed here for your benefit.

GSUSA - <http://www.gsusa.org> GSUSA has created a site to be proud of, packed with information for girls and adults. Be sure you check out the "Just for Girls" links on this site!!!

Animated Knots for Scouts - <http://www.mistral.co.uk/42brghtn/knots/42ktmenu.html>

Awards - <http://www.gscnc.org/su53-8/su53-8.htm> -- Gold Award, Silver Award and The Silver Trefoil (unique to the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, and it is the highest recognition to be presented to a Senior Girl Scout by GSCNC)

Best of the Web by Yahoo - <http://www.zdnet.com/yil/content/depts/useful/25mostuse.html>

Brownie Point, Click and Go Try-it -
<http://www.girlscouts.org/girls/GS/recognitions/Try-Its/pcg.htm>

Cadette & Senior Interest Patch Projects: (Computers in Everyday Life):
<http://www.girlscouts.org/girls/GS/recognitions/Patches/ciel.htm>); and (Exploring The Net)
<http://www.girlscouts.org/girls/GS/recognitions/Patches/etn.htm>

Camping Resources:

GS Resource Center - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/gsrc/>

MacScouter - <http://www.macscouter.com/>

Leave No Trace - <http://www.lnt.org/LNT.html>

"Outdoor Stuff" - <http://newt.blackboard.com/hamm/outdoor.htm>

Virtual Campsite- <http://power.cba.uni.edu/DJPHobbies/Scoutshome.html>

Campmor Discount Camping Supplies - <http://www.campmor.com>

Ceremonies - Table of Contents -

<http://www.fament.com/girlscouts/ceremonies/ceremonytoc.htm>

Clipart

Clipart Connection - <http://www.ClipArtConnection.com/>

Girl Scout Clipart - <http://www.azmetro.com/gscipart.html>

Graphmaster (Girl Scout) ClipArt - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/6073/girlscouts/>

Cooking

WAGGGS-L Cyber Cookbook - <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/5307/toc.html>

GS Resource Center - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/gsrc/>

Great Outdoor Recreation Pages (GORP) - <http://www.gorp.com/gorp/food/main.htm>

Homemade - Backpacking Stove - <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/3481>

Dutch Oven Recipes - <http://www.macscouter.com/Cooking/DutchOven.html>

MacScouter - <http://www.macscouter.com/>

Council's Own Patch Programs - <http://members.aol.com/GSMomJoann/councilown.html> - A listing of just about every patch program in all of GSUSA

Crafts

Aunt Annie's Crafts - <http://auntannie.com/>

Beadie Creatures - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Flats/1894/beadie.htm>

Craft Web - <http://www.craftweb.com/>

Craft Net - <http://www.craftnet.org/index.htm>

DMC Home Page - <http://www.dmc-usa.com/>

Family Internet - <http://www.familyinternet.com/>

Flora's Hideout - <http://www.deter.com/flora/index.html>

Free Stuff - <http://www.ppi-free.com/freestf2.htm>

The Gimp Page- <http://www.cam.com/gimp>

GS Resource Center - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/gsrc/>

The Guidezone - <http://www.guidezone.skl.com>

Hobby Lobby - <http://www.hobbylobby.com/>

Home Arts - <http://homearts.com/depts/fresh/newhome.htm>

Michael's - <http://www.michaels.com/main/mic-main.html>

National Craft Assoc. - <http://www.craftassoc.com/>

Pack-O-Fun Magazine - <http://www.pack-o-fun.com/>

Victoria's Way Craft Newsletter - <http://www.geocities.com/Hollywood/2306/>

Cyber Router - Maps and driving directions - <http://route.delorme.com/>

Dealing with the Death of a Scout - <http://www.win.net/~gws/gaelwolf/serious.htm>

Dutch Oven Cookbook - <http://www.macscouter.com/Cooking/DutchOven.html>

Event Directors Manual - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/plains/7745/EDMindex.htm>

General Girl Scout and Scouting Web Sites

GS Resource Center - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/gsrc/>

The Guidezone - <http://www.guidezone.skl.com>

US Scouting Service Project - <http://usscouts.org/>

Scouting Page - <http://w3.trib.com/~dont/scouting/scouting.html#Girl>

Scouting Penpal Page - <http://www.interlog.com/~asap/scouts/king/penpals.html>

Girl Guide Association - <http://www.guides.org.uk/> This is the initial official site for The Guide Association (chq@guides.org.uk), based in London, United Kingdom

Girl Scout's 320 different councils. Full list - <http://www.azmetro.com/923patchtrade.html>

Girl Guide/Girl Scout ICQ List - <http://www.fament.com/girlscouts/icq/icqinfo.htm>

Girl Scout Troops (just a small sampling)

Web page with links to MANY GS troops - <http://www.virtualquincy.com/trcgs/links.html>

Another page with links to troops - <http://www.emf.net/~troop24/scouting/gsus.html>

Brownie Troop 145, Arkansas - <http://www2.arkansas.net/~mom/scout.html>

Brownie Troop 2781, VA - <http://www.geocities.com/enchantedforest/8481/brownie.html>

Daisy through Sr Trps in Alexandria, VA - <http://www.gscnc.org/su53-8/su53-8.htm>

Cadette & Senior Girl Scout Group 3033 - <http://www.geocities.com/EnchantedForest/9092>

Cadette & Junior Girl Scout Troop 2099 - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/5658/>

Girl Scout Troop Pages - <http://www.emf.net/~troop24/scouting/gsus.html>

Troop 1082 - <http://www.azmetro.com/1082home.html>

Troop 289-LA - <http://www.prysm.net/~bhwhatley/index.htm>

Girl Scout Councils (just a small sampling)

Patriots' Trail GSC, Boston, MA - <http://www.ptgirlscouts.org>

Congaree GS Council, S.C. - <http://www.congaree.org/>

Farthest North GS Council, Alaska - <http://fairnet.org/agencies/gsa/gsa.html>

GS Council of the Nation's Capitol - <http://www.gscnc.org>

Girl Scout Council Sites - <http://www.gscnc.org/gscnc/gsc.htm>

Kaw Valley GS Council, Kansas - <http://www.girlscouts.net/>

Pioneer Valley GS Council - <http://www.pvgsc.org/>

San Francisco Bay GS Council, CA - <http://www.sfbgirlscouts.org/>

Tierra del Oro GSC, Sacramento, CA - <http://www.tdogs.org/>

Prairie Hills GSC, Nebraska - <http://www.phgsc.org>

El Camino Girl Scout Council (TX) - <http://home1.gte.net/ecgsc>

MMGSC Official Web Site, Michigan - <http://www.mmgsc.org>

Two Rivers Council-IL - <http://www.virtualquincy.com/trcgs>

Girl Scout Leader's Place - <http://members.aol.com/leadersplc/leadersplace.html>

Girl Scout Trivia - <http://www.voicenet.com/~edmelo/trivia.html>

Girl Scouting/Guiding Resource Center - The ultimate source for scouting information - over 1000 pages - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/gsrc/index.htm>

Girl Scouts - Wagon Wheel Council Forms for Download - <http://shell.rmi.net/~whiterab/gscouts/forms.htm> - Includes: Volunteer App, App for Vol Position, Scout Vol App, Prgm & Tng Forms, and many more.

Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital - A public thanks to GSCNC's webmaster, Teresa Calhoun, for her very information-intensive council web site! Form Download Page - <http://www.gscnc.org/forms/forms.htm> - Includes: Service Unit Manager Forms, Council Trainer Forms, Girl Scout Clipart, Mosaic Forms, Kalidoscope Forms, Shop Forms
Planning Trips with Girl Scouts - <http://www.gscnc.org/program/planning/plntrip.htm> - Includes: The Planning Process, Paying for the Trip, Travel Readiness, Planning Guide for Overnight Troop Activities, Guidelines For Overnight Experiences For Troops, Transportation For Girl Scout Troop Trips and Activities.

Girl Scouts -- We Change the World! "You're a Girl Scout??" I can't count the number of times I heard this growing up. Most people don't understand what it means to be a Girl Scout. It's hard to express it in words...An Essay on Girl Scouts I wrote a long time ago... (Copyright 1997, Anne Martin) - <http://www.personal.psu.edu/users/a/c/acm137/essay.htm>

Graces for Guides and Scouts- <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3209/>

Graphic Station- <http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/6603/>

Graphmaster - Juliana Halvorson's original GS artwork - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/6073/girlscouts/>

Green Angel Patch and Poem - <http://www.patchco.com/mc7826.htm>

G-Scoutmate v2.0 Information - <http://members.aol.com/kevinc1081/gsmate.htm>

(The) Guide Zone - <http://www.guidezone.skl.com/> - a fabulous new resource with over 1400 files. Similar to the GSRC (Chris Welch's home page). Has ceremonies, games, songs, etc .

Hello" in over 350 languages- <http://www.elite.net/~runner/jennifers/hello.htm>

Helping Your Child Learn Responsible Behavior, U.S. Dept. of Education- <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/Behavior/index.html>

Horse Fun: The Homepage for Horse Lovers - <http://www.horsefun.com/>

HTML Quick Reference - http://kuhttp.cc.ukans.edu/lynx_help/HTML_quick.html

Humorous Girl Scout Terms and Their Meanings -

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3209/terms.html>

Israel Hebrew Scouts Association - <http://jem.ascender.com/isn/> - Includes information about their uniform, emblem and the salute, etc.

Inspirational Thoughts and Ideas- http://www.guidezone.sk1.com/i_jm_inspirat.htm

International Time Calculator - <http://www.nmia.com/~nmcm/tz1.htm>

International Girl Guide Sites

Our Chalet website - <http://www.ourchalet.ch>

453rd Toronto Guide Company - <http://www.sk1.com/~453rd-GGC/>

Guides Austrailia - <http://www.guidesaus.org.au>

Girl Guides of Austria - http://fmatdds01.tu-raz.ac.at/guertl/scout/ppoe_eng.html

Northland Girl Guides, Wellington, NZ - <http://www.azmetro.com/northlan.html>

Girl Guides of Canada- <http://www.girlguides.ca/>

Girl Guides in Great Britain - <http://www.guides.org.uk>

InterNETional Scouting Page - <http://www.scoutwww.strw.leidenuniv.nl>

Scout Association of Australia- <http://www.fcollins.com.au/scouts/guiding.html>

Scout Net UK - <http://www.scoutnet.org.uk/home.html>

South African Girl Guides- <http://www.hardrive.co.za/guides/>

WAGGGS Web Page - <http://www.wagggsworld.org>

WOSM Web Page (World Organization of the Scout Movement) - <http://www.scout.org>

Internet Safety

Yahooligans: Staying Street Smart on the Web - <http://www.yahooligans.com/docs/safety/>

Lawrence Magid: Child Safety on the Information Highway -

http://www.larrysworld.com/child_safety.html

Internet Safety w/ other safety tips and links -

<http://http://www.childfind.ca/educate/infohwy.htm>

Internet Patch Programs for Girl Scouts

Plymouth Bay Council's "Girl Scouts on the Internet Virtual Patch Program -

<http://www.girlscouts-pb.org/jbadge.htm>

The Scouting Forum's "Online Patch Program"- <http://www.infi.net/~bvandyke/onlinep.html>

Internet Tours and Online Classes

A "user friendly, on line, just for girls internet tour" by Karen McNaughton of Troop 250, GSC of Greater St. Louis - <http://www.tcsys.com/troop250/tour.html>

Internet Scavenger Hunt by Barbara Van Dyke - <http://www.infi.net/~bvandyke/scavhunt.html>

For the leaders and older girls who have Internet access and want to learn how to use it to

enhance their scouting activities by Jo Paoletti, GSC of the Nation's Capitol -

<http://www.otal.umd.edu/~jpaolett/gs/ttt.htm>

Janet's Girl Scout Fun Page! - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3017> - Includes:

Council Patch Swap, Crafts, Files, Games, Links, and Songs with Midi

Juliette Gordon Low, BIO SavannahOnline - <http://catalog.com/savannah/attract/girlset.htm>

Jump into Juniors - info for Brownies bridging into Juniors -
<http://members.aol.com/DMMGS/jump.html>

Junior Girl Scout Technology Badge-
<http://www.girlscouts.org/girls/GS/recognitions/Badges/tech.htm>

Latrine Stories - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Hills/8784/lat.html>

Learn2 - A site full of "how to" instructions- <http://www.learn2.com/>

MapQuest- <http://www.mapquest.com>

Mascot Resource Page - Guide to mascots hosting -
<http://www.geocities.com/enchantedforest/8481/mascot1.html>

Mentors for Girl Scout Leaders - www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/2440/Mentors.html

MMGSC Neighborhood 45 - Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council -
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/7745> - Includes: West Bloomfield Girl Scout Pages,
Girl Scout Chat Room: *** Girl Talk, Too! ***, Cyberscouts, Cyber Girls Get On-line, and
much more!

Mountain View Neighborhood 2-4 - Columbia River Girl Scout Council -
<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3209/> - Includes: Graces for Guides and Scouts,
Songs Links for Guides and Scouts, Games Just For Fun, Numerous Games, WAGGGS and
International Games.

Nature and Science Activities For Young Children by Barbara Van Dyke, GSCNC -
<http://www.dc.infi.net/~bvandyke/nature.html>

Older Girl Activities -Senior Troop 2589 - <http://www.gscnc.org/su53-8/t2589/t2589.htm>

Orienteering Interest Project Patch Resource- <http://www.us.orienteering.org/>

Parents Guide to the Internet- U.S. Dept of Education, Ofc of Educational Research and
Improvement - <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/parents/internet/>

Patch Programs Sponsored by Councils-
<http://members.aol.com/GSMomJoann/councilown.html>

Patch Suppliers

Design-It, Inc.- <http://www.design-it.com>

Joycrest- <http://www.joycrest.com>

Welsh Industries - <http://www.welshind.com/>

Patch Connection- <http://www.patchco.com>

Professional Web Design- <http://junior.apk.net/~jbarta>

REI Camping Supplies Online Catalog - <http://www.rei.com/>

Resources for Teachers and Parents SEM World Wide Web Resources. Includes sites on the WWW helpful in planning activities in science, engineering, or math - <http://www.siu.edu/~sisemnet/resource.htm>

Role Model Project for Girls- <http://www.womenswork.org/girls/index.html> - Created to share the notion girls can grow up to be almost anything.

The Scout School - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/7038/ScoutSchool.html>- The Scout School is a wonderful link for homeschooled scouts (and any scouts!)

Scout Songs - <http://home.earthlink.net/~jmak/Music/Lyrics.html> (click on "scout songs")

Scout Village- <http://www.scout-village.com/> - Includes: Badge Kits, Craft Theme Stories, Craft Activity Kits, Free Clipart, free websites

Scout Zone- <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/9459/> - Camping Corner has recipe & campfire story every month. For Dec 97: "A Letter From Scout Camp... Dear Mom and Dad, We are having a great time here at Camp Typhoid. Mr. Sorensen is making all of us write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and got worried. We are okay..."

Scouter's Internet Compass - <http://compass.scouters.com> Though primarily a Boy Scout resource, still a great searchable site with info on camping, scouting information, and links to Girl Scout areas. Also has a link to the "Scouter" magazine. Get a free copy of the magazine from this link

Scouting Compilations by Neil Savage - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/neils/index.html>

Scouting Service Project- <http://usscouts.org> - Another primarily Boy Scout website, but has vast resources and is attempting to pull in Girl Scout info has well (has GS clip art and info of great value to Girl Scouting)

Still Singing After All These Years - <http://home.att.net/~gsphotoguy/sing97.htm>, WAGGGS-L Picnic photos - <http://home.att.net/~gsphotoguy/wagggs1.htm>

SWAPs - <http://www.geocities.com/heartland/3810>

Trainer Resources - <http://members.aol.com/ScottyGS/index.htm/scotty.htm> - Lots of great outlines to help trainers train better!

Trivia (Girl Scout) - <http://fament.com/girlscouts/trivia.htm>

WAGGGS Web Page (Great resources!) - <http://www.wagggsworld.org>

WAGGGS CHAT- <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/5359/> - #wagggsschat the irc chat channel for members of the WAGGGS-L mailing list ...

WAGGGS-L Cyber Cookbook - <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/5307/toc.html> - Great troop camping recipes compiled from members of the WAGGGS-L e-mail list group

WAGGGS-L Mailing List subscription information - 1039 members as of 12/9/97 - <http://www.hummsyst.com/cwelch/gsrc/maillist.htm>

WAGGGS Webring Homepage - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/3644/wagggshome.html>

Web Pages

Diane Hoag's step-by-step how to make a GS web page - <http://www.azmetro.com/1082home.html>

Scouting on the Internet- Jo Paoletti's site - <http://otal.umd.edu/~jpaolett/gsttt.htm>

Geocities - free home pages & instructions - <http://www.geocities.com/BH1/freehp.html>

Scout Village free web pages - <http://www.scout-village.com>

AOL Free webpages (for aol members only) - Keyword: personal publisher

AOL offers a home page tutorial - <http://member.blue.aol.com/tutorial/intro.html>

Copyright law info (good to know!) - <http://www.clari.net/brad/copymyths.html>

HTML Home page helps - Great "cheat sheet"! - <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/2090/>

Scouting Webmaster's Campsite Tools & Info Sources for Scouting Webmasters - <http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/9152/webmasters.html>

Color Cube- HTML color codes - <http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/9000/ex21-1.html>

A Beginner's Guide to Homepage Programming by Gregory Nussberger - <http://members.aol.com/teachemath/class.htm>

White House - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/Welcome.html> - White House Kid's Page - <http://www.whitehouse.gov/WH/kids/html/home.html>

Why I'm a Leader Poem - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/4566/whyleader.html>

World Christmas Calendar - <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/5359/>

You may be a green-neck (or a blue-neck) if . . . <http://www.tiac.net/users/bethk/green-neck.html>

Appendix: Forms, Forms, Forms!

Need a form? Here's where you can find them. A few have been included here in your book for your convenience (annotated with a "**")

GSUSA/GSCNC FORMS

From Green Pages, Forms Appendix or SUM:

Health History

Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment

Troop Transportation Information

GSUSA Insurance Claim Form

Parental Permission

*Site Safety Checklist

*Financial Aid Form

Request for Approval - Activity/Event/Overnight

Request for Use of GSCNC Campsite

Request for Rental Equipment

*Request for Approval for Troop Money Earning Event

*Troop Money Management Report

*Troop Income/Expenditures

*Troop Inventory

Leadership Development Pin Application

Behavior Contract

*Honor Troop Application

*SU Monthly Activity Report

*Troop Training Report

For Sale at the Council Shop:

Troop Attendance Record

Troop Dues Record

Work Sheet for badges

Summary Record of Completed Activities

Individual Girl Record

Service Unit Forms

Volunteer Personnel Application

Volunteer Appointment Form

Money Manager Agreement

*Troop Event Packet

Meeting Permission Slip

Scout Personal Survey

Parent Resource Survey

Many forms can also be found on the GSCNC Troop Leader Disk.

See the Service Unit Manager if the disk is not part of your troop property.