



GIRL SCOUT HISTORY

Juliette Gordon Low envisioned an organization that would prepare girls to meet their world with courage, confidence, and character.

In 1912, in the midst of the Progressive Era—and at a time when women in the United States couldn't yet vote—this nearly deaf 51-year-old sparked a worldwide-movement inspiring girls to embrace, together, their individuality, strength, and intellect.

Juliette, affectionately known as “Daisy” by her family and close friends, gathered 18 girls in her hometown of Savannah, Georgia, to share what she had learned abroad about a new outdoor and educational program for youth, and with this, the Girl Scout Movement was born. Along with Juliette, these first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves and for girls everywhere.

PURPOSE

The Arizona Girl Scout History Patch program is to provide an opportunity to learn about the evolution of Girl Scouting in the USA and Arizona in the past 100+ years.

This patch can be earned by an adult volunteer or girl at any level. Complete at least one activity in each step. Connect with the Girl Scout Heritage Center at museum@girlscoutsaz.org to check out a program box as well other resources to help your troop earn this patch. \$50 refundable deposit and \$10 use fee.

STEPS

STEP 1: Find out about Juliette Low & the start of GSUSA

1. **What was Juliette Low's childhood like?** Who named her? What were her hobbies? When is Juliette Low's Birthday? What else was going on in history when Juliette Low was a child – what do you think that was like? Create something to show what you have learned: a video, design a scrapbook about Juliette Low to share with younger girls.
2. **Who inspired Juliette Low to start the Girl Scouts?** When and in what city was the birthplace of the organization? What is considered the birthday of GSUSA? What was the world like for girls/ women in that time? Watch the silent movie “The Golden Eaglet” available on YOUTUBE or check-out a VHS copy from the Heritage Center, discuss how has Girl Scouting changed?
3. **Visit GSACPC History Museum** at the Parsons Leadership Center for Girls and Women at Camp South Mountain.



STEP 2: How fashions change – consider the Girl Scout Uniform

1. When was your program level added to the Girl Scouts of the USA? Review the different uniforms through the years for your program level. How are the past uniforms different from yours? How many times has the uniform changed? What differences are there in fabric and color to the uniforms of today? Try drawing sketches of the different styles.
2. Plan a fashion show of uniforms through the years. Invite family members or other Girl Scouts.
3. Describe the outfit and share the era of the uniform. Consider writing a script for the Emcee and selecting music to accompany each outfit.
4. Design the Girl Scout Uniform of the future? Sketch your design. What elements from past uniforms will you keep or change?

STEP 3: Girl Scout program through the years

1. Compare your Girl Scout Level Handbook with earlier handbooks for your level. How is your handbook different or the same? Try an activity from an old handbook.
2. Compare how Girl Scout badges and patches have changed through the years. Find three badge topics from the old handbooks that are no longer in the current books. What topics are included in today's badges - why do you think they were not included in past books?
3. Review the activities from the very first Girl Scout Handbook, "How Girls Can Help Their Country" learn a skill from that book that is new to you. You will find samples like semaphore, how to secure a burglar, or stop a runaway horse.

STEP 4: Cookies & More

1. Find out about the start of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale, when did the commercial bakery come into play? What were the first cookies offered? How much did the cookies sell for, how much money did the troop earn? Using the recipe for an original cookie, bake some to share with your troop.
2. Interview someone who was a Girl Scout at least 25 years ago. Make a video to post on YouTube of the interview and/or donate a copy to the GSACPC Heritage Center. Sample interview questions:
 - When was she a Girl Scout?
 - What was special about Girl Scouting to her?
 - What were some of the things she did?
 - What did she do when she went camping?
 - How did she celebrate Thinking Day, Juliette's Birthday, Girl Scout Week or any other Girl Scout event?
 - What songs does she remember?
 - Did she take any special trips?
 - What was her fondest memory?
 - Did she save any of her Girl Scout things? What were they?
3. What was the highest award in Girl Scouts in 1919? Who was the first girl in Arizona to earn the highest award? What is the highest Girl Scout award called today? How many Arizona girls have earned the highest award What types of projects have girls done to earn this award?

STEP 5: Arizona Girl Scout History:

1. Find out where and when the first Girl Scout troop was formed in Arizona. Locate this town on a map. Why do you think the first troop was located here? Where was the second troop? What do you think life was like in Arizona in that time?
2. Name five original “Lone” Councils in Arizona. How many Girl Scout Councils are there in Arizona today? When were they formed? How many Girl Scouts are there in the state today?
3. Discover where some of the earliest Girl Scout troops in the Council jurisdiction were formed by exploring the diversity of the region. Choose at least one of the following:
 - Who were the Buffalo Soldiers? Where were they located? Who was in their Girl Scout troop?
 - What ethnic group was imprisoned in Arizona? Where did they come from and why were they there? Who started this troop?
 - What Indian Reservation was the first Native American Girl Scout troop formed? What Girl Scout camp is located on historic Indian land?

Now that I have earned this badge, I can give service by.....

- » Connecting with my town's History Society and share what I have learned.
- » Create a Girl Scout History workshop for my Service Unit or younger troop.
- » Decorate a bulletin board at your school, library or community center about Girl Scout History.

RESOURCES

Here are some fun facts about places you won't want to miss on your Road Trip!

- » www.vintagegirlscout.org
- » www.ebay.com/str/girlscoutingwithannelies
- » azmemory.azlibrary.gov
- » Girl Scouts–Arizona Cactus-Pine Heritage Center
119 E Coronado Rd, Phoenix, AZ | museum@girlscouts.org
- » Barbara Anderson GS Museum at Parsons Leadership Center
1611 E Dobbins Rd, Phoenix, AZ | museum@girlscouts.org
- » gshistory.com/author/arobertson66/