

## Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana has shared this Anniversary Celebration idea.



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Girl Scout Promise Circle

With our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary approaching fast, we have a powerful opportunity to connect with Girl Scouts of ALL ages in our communities—Promise Circles to be hosted at 19:12 military time (7:12 P.M.) on Monday, March 12, 2012.

These moving celebrations will be a time to remind Girl Scouts—young and young at heart—of the ongoing strength of Juliette Gordon Low’s dream to empower girls everywhere. As we join hands with today’s Daisies and yesterday’s Mariners, we’re reminded of the great sisterhood that each of us are, and always will be, included.

### Things to think about as you plan:

- Recruit volunteers (girls and adults) to plan your service unit/troop’s Promise Circle event.
- Choose a location for your Promise Circle.
- Meet with the location’s personnel to obtain permission for event.
- Decide on your event activities.
- Send specifics on your Promise Circle to GSNI’s communications department at [ckocol@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:ckocol@girlscoutsni.org).
- Contact your Mayor or Village President for an Official Proclamation for that day (This is available from GSNI’s communications department.) We are opening this up to area troops to contact their own town’s officials to arrange mayoral proclamation presentations at city council meetings in their home towns. Please notify Kari Hennekin ([khennekin@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:khennekin@girlscoutsni.org) or 847-741-5521, Ext. 7136) of any proclamation presentations you have arranged in other towns within GSNI’s 16-county jurisdiction. **NOTE: GSNI’s Communications department is working with Girl Scout Emissaries to take Girl Scout Anniversary proclamations to the Mayor or Village President during the month of March in the following communities: Aurora, Belvidere, Crystal Lake, DeKalb, Freeport, and Savanna. Additionally, a troop has already expressed an interest in the town of Oregon.**
- Invite local important people like the Mayor, elected officials, service unit volunteers, troops and alumnae (See the Promise Circle bookmark invites on GSNI’s website).
- Make fliers and put up around town.
- Contact your local newspapers and radio stations for announcements about your Promise Circle.
- Take lots of pictures and post on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social media. Be sure that you have photo permission for any girls and adults in the pictures.

## Basic Activities for March 12 Promise Circle

At 7:12 central P.M. (1912 military time) the actual ceremony begins, so ask participants to be assembled by 7 P.M. You might want to do a countdown to the exact time. (Remember, Daylight Savings Times starts the day before.)

- Together all Girl Scouts say the Girl Scout Promise and Law (hand out printed copies to alumnae who may not know the current versions).
- Sing "Make New Friends."
- Entire group performs the Friendship Circle/Squeeze.

## Additional Activities:

Make your event even more of a celebration by adding some activities. Consider your venue and the ages and skills of the participating Girl Scouts as you make your plans.

- Flag Ceremony
- SWAPS
- Songs
- Performances
- Skits (See the "Historic Phone Call" skit on GSNI's website)
- Make a giant "light circle" outside around park or building using flashlights
- Storytelling
- Recruitment area/table
- 100<sup>th</sup> year or Juliette Low craft
- Juliette Low impersonator
- Historical display
- Vintage uniform fashion show
- Troops have a table with a craft or activity to share
- Official Proclamation by Mayor
- Create a time capsule

## Suggested Locations:

- Local library
- Park District building or park
- Community Center
- Local Mall
- Troop meeting place
- SU meeting place
- Local church
- Concert venue
- Museum or Historical Society
- School or college
- Local restaurant
- School stadium
- Hotel
- VFW/American Legion/Moose/Elks Lodge



Looking for a patch to commemorate your Promise Circle? GSNI Girl Scout Shops have this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patch available for \$1.50 per patch.