

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting— Celebrate History in Honor of the 100th



Celebration of the rich history of Girl Scouting is woven throughout *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. In the handbook, girls can read the story of Juliette Gordon Low and the history of Girl Scouting. In the Badge Section, girls will find activities straight from the pages of our historic handbooks, and activities showcasing fun and wisdom from the past. Girls can also choose to complete their new badge requirements with an activity or project that commemorates our 100 trailblazing years.

History is highlighted in *The Girl's Guide* in the following ways:

Quotes: Bits of Girl Scout wisdom from eras past are sprinkled in badge activity pages.

More to Explore/For More Fun: These additional activities are often taken straight from badges of the past. The historic “More to Explore” is differentiated from other “More to Explore” activities by its sepia tint and, often, an image of the historic badge.

Page from the Past: These sidebars are picked up from past Girl Scout handbooks, and share activities and information that is still fun and relevant today.

Engaging Girls in the Past

Here are some ways you might use selected activities from our Legacy badges to engage girls in Girl Scout history:

Girl Scout Daisy

Daisies earning their ***Tula petal*** can complete step 2 by making an art gallery of courageous and strong women in the past 100 years of Girl Scouting, nationally, and in their family and community.

Daisies earning their ***Gloria petal*** can talk about all the Girl Scout traditions that demonstrate respect for yourself and others as part of step 1.

Daisies earning their ***Rosie petal*** can complete step 3 by finding three ways people can reduce trash and sharing it in a presentation for friends and family. They could include some other ways that Girl Scouts have been making the world a better place for 100 years—and share how they want to keep the tradition going in the future!

Girl Scout Brownie

Brownies earning their ***Painter badge*** could complete step 5 by painting a mural that tells the story of Girl Scouting or of Juliette Gordon Low. They'll also find a sidebar about the painted paper dolls Daisy loved to make—and could try making their own.

Brownies earning their ***Fair Play badge*** could complete step 5 by having a field day that combines difference favorite games from the Girl Scout past.

Brownies earning their ***Celebrating Community badge*** could complete step 5 by creating a special ceremony that commemorates the Girl Scout 100th anniversary.

Brownies earning their ***Girl Scout Way badge*** will find a sidebar that tells how to make a sit-upon—an activity that first appeared in the 1963 Brownie Girl Scout Handbook.

Girl Scout Junior

Juniors earning their ***Practice with Purpose badge*** can try starting some fun athletic activities with “setting-up exercises” like those suggested in our 1930 handbook, which they'll find in the Page from the Past section.

Juniors earning their ***Inside Government badge*** can complete step 1 by listing 10 things that make an active citizen. The For More Fun section asks them to compare the list with the Girl Scout Law, and see what their lists have in common. This would be a great activity to bring together Girl Scout alumnae and new Girl Scouts—to find what strong values have made an active Girl Scout over the past 100 years.

Juniors earning their ***Simple Meals badge*** can try the More to Explore activities that suggest learning to bake a cake and frost it, as Juniors did to earn their Cook badge in 1963.

Juniors earning their ***Flowers badge*** will find a sidebar about the Girl Scout Rose that was part of our 50th anniversary celebration. They might find another flower they think represents our 100th anniversary and plant it in the community in honor of the Girl Scout centennial. (This could also fulfill step 1, where girls can choose to grow a flower.)

Juniors earning their ***Girl Scout Way badge*** can try a More to Explore activity that celebrates our global sisterhood, like planning a group meeting or campfire that might be typical of Girl Guides or Girl Scouts in another country, as girls did to earn their World Trefoil badge in 1947. They might also complete step 5 by taking a walking tour of their community that showcases important places in the local Girl Scout past—perhaps where action has been taken, or where a famous alumna works. They can also find all the directions to play a Wide Game from the 1963 Junior Girl Scout Handbook.

Girl Scout Cadette

Cadettes earning their **Digital Movie Maker badge** could choose to make a movie about the history of Girl Scouting in their area, in their family, or to create their own update of *The Golden Eaglet*, featuring a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient or Young Woman of Distinction in their community.

Cadettes earning their **Good Sportsmanship badge** can complete step 2 by creating an illustrated quote book of motivation for being a good competitor. They could ask athletic Girl Scout alumnae for their words of wisdom—and see how (or if) the spirit of competition has changed over the years.

Cadettes earning their **New Cuisines badge** can try the More to Explore activity from 1963: Following a “heritage trail” in their community to collect favorite recipes from older residents. They could focus on Girl Scout alumnae, and create a cookbook of Girl Scout camp recipes or favorite meeting snacks from through the years.

Cadettes earning their **Tree badge** will find a Page from the Past that shares the requirements for earning the 1930 Tree Finder badge. They could try one, such as knowing when twenty-five trees and shrubs are in leaf or planting a tree they raise from seed. To complete step 3, they can create a “tree legend”—they might write a legendary tale of how trees and Girl Scouts became so important to one another.

Cadettes earning their **Girl Scout Way badge** can complete step 5 by creating a tradition “to-do” list. They can reach out to Girl Scout alumnae about their favorite traditions, and add those to their lists . . . or bring one back to life for a 100th celebration.

Girl Scout Senior

Seniors earning their **Collage Artist badge** could complete step 2 by creating a collage full of Girl Scout photos, memorabilia, or images from old handbooks to share at a 100th celebration. Or, the collage could focus on one Girl Scout tradition—s’mores, singing, the outdoors—and chronicle the tradition in the last 100 years.

Seniors earning their **Locavore badge** will find Pages from the Past that might inspire them to try activities girls did to complete all sorts of “local” badges in history—from Farmer to Beekeeper to Dairy Maid.

Seniors earning their **Girl Scout Way badge** could try the More to Explore activities from the 1963 Senior Project: People-to-People at Home, such as offering to serve as hostesses or guides to international visitors who need language help while in their communities. They might share a favorite Girl Scouting activity as well.

Seniors earning their ***Sky badge*** will find information about the Wing Scouts program that began in 1945 and continued through the 1960s. They might decide to organize an aviation field trip for younger girls to a local airport or airfield, and learn some of the skills girls used to acquire in the program.

Girl Scout Ambassador

Ambassadors earning their ***Photographer badge*** shoot five portraits to complete step 3. These portraits could be of Girl Scout alumnae in their communities. They also “tell a photographic story that means something to them,” so they might find a Girl Scout alumna who wants to share her photos and splice together a “Girl Scouting Then and Now” digital slide show to share at a 100th celebration.

Ambassadors earning their ***Public Policy badge*** can interview a policy maker to complete step 5. They might interview a local, state, or national policy maker who was one a Girl Scout, and share her story about how our legacy shaped her past, and how it’s helping her shape the future.

Ambassadors earning their ***Dinner Party badge*** will see the complete requirements for the very first Girl Scout Cook badge. They might try some of the activities—such as cleaning and dressing a fowl or mixing dough and baking bread.

Ambassadors earning their ***Girl Scout Way badge*** can organize a songfest for younger girls full of favorite songs that Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world have been singing for 100 years.