



Virtual Founder's Day Celebration for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors

VIRTUAL FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATION FOR DBJ

Founder's Day takes place on October 31st each year to honor and recognize Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, who was born on that day back in 1860. However, these celebrations can take place at any time around that date.

Founder's Day is an opportunity for girls to learn about Juliette Gordon Low and the world-changing impact she had by starting Girl Scouting in the United States. We recommend including a variety of activities based on the targeted age group for your event. These activities should include ones that help the girls:

- ◆ Learn about Juliette Gordon Low (A.K.A. Daisy) and the history of Girl Scouting
- ◆ Celebrate Daisy with some birthday fun
- ◆ Honor Daisy's legacy and commitment to making the world a better place
- ◆ Share Girl Scout traditions through ceremonies

Below are suggested activities that would work well virtually. Select the activities that make the most sense for your event and interest of the girls attending. For more information on planning a virtual event, please refer to Planning Your Virtual Event, which can be found here: <https://www.girlscoutsofmaine.org/content/dam/girlscouts-girlscoutsofmaine/documents/Planning-Your-Virtual-Event.pdf>

Activities to Learn About Juliette Gordon Low

Kim's Game – Juliette Low Edition

This is a classic Girl Scout game that can easily be adapted to run virtually by either simply taping the items to a wall or board facing the camera and cover the camera when you remove an item or tilting the camera so it faces the table. See appendix for more information.

Did you know you can set up an separate camera to connect to your computer or set up another device using a different Zoom log-in so you can use multiple camera angles? <https://keepingiteasyandsimple.files.wordpress.com/2012/09/kims-game-brownies-and-juniors.pdf>

Juliette Gordon Low Scavenger Hunt

Girls will learn about Juliette Gordon Low through a fast-paced scavenger hunt. This activity does require each girl to have printouts of the specific items and for her family to hide them nearby prior to the meeting. (Alternatively, you can have the printouts on the table in front of each girl, but it doesn't provide as much movement – a key factor missing in many virtual activities.)

For this activity, each girl will need:

- ◆ Printouts of the following which can be found in the appendix: pumpkin, daisy, telephone, rope, birthday cake
- ◆ Pens, crayons, markers, or colored pencils

Explain to the girls that you will give them a clue for an image they need to find that is hidden nearby. Once you find the item, bring it back to the screen and hold it up. Try to go as quickly as possible. If you want, you can make it like an escape room where the girls only have a certain amount of time to find all the clues.

1. Juliette Gordon Low was born on Halloween. What is something orange that we typically see around Halloween? Find that item to get the next clue.
2. Juliette loved to draw and paint pictures. Decorate your pumpkin by drawing a nose, mouth, and eyes to make a jack-o-lantern.
3. Juliette's nickname was _____ (have the girls guess). That's right, Daisy! Find the daisy and bring it back.
4. Juliette, AKA Daisy, started Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia in 1912 by telephoning a friend. Find this item and bring it back (telephone).
5. The first Girl Scout handbook had instructions on how to tie up a bugler with 8 inches of rope. Find the rope.
6. Learn to tie an overhand knot, or practice tying one if you already know how.
7. The Girl Scout movement grew and grew. Now there are Girl Scouts all over the United States as well as the world. We honor her life and work by starting Girl Scouting every year by celebrating Founder's Day. Find a symbol representing birthday celebrations.

GS Pictionary

Girls will be given a Girl Scout/Founder's Day themed item to draw. The rest of the girls have 60 seconds to try to guess what she is drawing. Some options include: paint brush, pumpkin, book, rice, necklace, fishing pole, daisy or flower, rope, telephone, horse, tree, tent, wedding ring, bandaid. After the girls guess the item correctly give a little information about each item and how it is related to Founder's Day. See the descriptions in the GS Kim's Game or Scavenger Hunt directions. If you have a large event, this is a great opportunity to use breakout rooms. You can also use the whiteboard feature on Zoom if everyone feels comfortable doing so. If not, regular pen and paper works just fine.

Juliette Low Bingo

After the girls register, you can send them the link to print off their own Bingo card or mail them/have available for pick up in an event packet. If printing, remind the parents that they only need to select ONE Bingo card, not all of them.

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Daisy Tea Party

If just for Daisies, hold a Daisy tea party and have each girl decorate a cookie and then eat it while you read, *Here Come the Girl Scouts* by Shana Corey.

The Story of Juliette Low

In this activity, the girls will help act out the story of Juliette Gordon Low and how she started Girl Scouts. It can be done as a whole group or in smaller groups based on the size of your event. You will want at least 8 girls in the group.

You can divide up the roles in a variety of different ways based on what makes the most sense for your event. It does not matter if the groups are even. Here are the roles:

- ◆ JULIETTE LOW: Make a muscle and say, "Together we can make a difference!"
- ◆ GEORGIA: In your best southern accent, say "Hey y'all!"
- ◆ HORSES: Say "Neigh!"
- ◆ LONDON: Sing "London Bridge is Falling Down..." (that line only)
- ◆ LORD BADEN POWELL: In your best English accent say, "How do you do?"
- ◆ BOY SCOUTS: Make the Boy Scout sign and say: "Be Prepared!"
- ◆ GIRLS: Jump up and down and shout, "We want to have fun too!"
- ◆ GIRL SCOUT or GIRL SCOUTS: Sing "Make new friends" (that line only)

Explain to the girls that as you read the story they should make the motion/action/saying for their part. After you assign the roles, run through them all so girls can practice.

- ◆ Juliette Low
- ◆ Georgia
- ◆ Horses
- ◆ London
- ◆ Lord Baden Powell
- ◆ Boy Scouts
- ◆ Girls
- ◆ Girl Scout or Girl Scouts

Now, let's read the story!



The Story of Juliette Gordon Low

During the early 1900's, there lived a woman named **JULIETTE LOW** in Savannah, **GEORGIA**, who loved **HORSES** and loved to travel.

JULIETTE LOW traveled to **LONDON** where she met **LORD BADEN POWELL**, the founder of **BOY SCOUTS**. When **JULIETTE LOW** saw what great things **LORD BADEN POWELL** was doing for boys through the **BOY SCOUTS**, she decided that she could start an organization like the **BOY SCOUTS** for **GIRLS**. Her organization would later become the **GIRL SCOUTS** of the **USA**.

After learning all she could from **LORD BADEN POWELL** in **LONDON**, she returned to Savannah, **GEORGIA**, where she started the **GIRL SCOUTS**. This was an organization where **GIRLS** could learn new skills and become independent during a time in history where **GIRLS** were supposed to be seen and not heard, where women could not vote, where women only wore dresses and stayed home most of the time.

JULIETTE LOW had **GIRLS** in a kind of trousers called pantaloons doing exciting activities indoors and outdoors! Her first **GIRL SCOUT** troop even rode **HORSES** regular style and not side saddle – which was the “proper” way for **GIRLS** to ride a **HORSE!**

Aren't you glad that a strong, independent, kind woman like **JULIETTE LOW**, went to **LONDON**, met **LORD BADEN POWELL**, learned about **BOY SCOUTS**, got excited for America's **GIRLS**, went back to **GEORGIA** and founded the first **GIRL SCOUT** troop with **HORSE** saddles blazing so we could all be here today!

Birthday Bash

Juliette Gordon Low loved breaking gender stereotypes and having fun. Play a quick game or activity to get moving and have fun like Juliette would have done.

- ◆ Try to stand on your head like Juliette did. One of Juliette Gordon Low's skills was standing on her head. She would stand on her head every birthday to prove that she still could. She even stood on her head in the board room at National Headquarters once to show off the new Girl Scout shoes.
- ◆ Play a game of Flip the Pancake like Juliette would have done. The rules are simple – see how many times you can flip a pancake in a row without it falling. Each girl would need a small pan or plastic plate and an overly cooked pancake or slice of bread. The girls place the pancake/bread on their pan/plate and on the count of three gently flip the pancake with a light toss up and try to catch it again in their pan/plate. This was a common game when Juliette was alive.
- ◆ Decorate pumpkin cookies as a birthday treat.

Honoring Juliette Gordon Low's Legacy

Juliette Gordon Low believed that Girl Scouts should work to make the world a better place. To honor her legacy, work on a simple community service project from the list below, or create your own based on the needs in your community.

- ◆ T-shirt dog toys: <https://safeyoutube.net/w/qf4M>
- ◆ DIY Dog Treats: <https://www.puppyleaks.com/simple-dog-treat-recipes/>
- ◆ Make cards for veterans, nursing homes, or other groups
- ◆ No-sew fleece blankets for Project Linus or local shelter
- ◆ Have a Secret Mission project for the girls. During the event the girls can make their own “calling card”: <https://www.melissaanddoug.com/blogpost?postId=the-secret-service-activity-a-lesson-in-kindness>

Closing Ceremony

As part of the closing for the event, hold a candle ceremony with the girls. This is a modified candle ceremony to fit the virtual format. Since families might not feel comfortable with the girls using real flames, they could use an LED candle or cut out a pretend candle stick and flame out of construction paper or card stock (to be attached at the ceremony).

You will need to have 4 people agree to help with this ceremony ahead of time by reciting one part of the ceremony and lighting a candle. Then, each girl will need their own candle or candle representative for the last part of the ceremony.

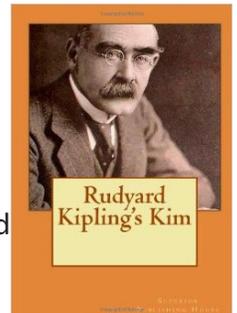
- ◆ **Speaker 1:** I light this candle for Juliette Low, our Girl Scout founder. Even though we lost the personal presence of our founder in 1927, her spirit has led us constantly to greater growth and fellowship. Today there are over three and a half million Girl Scouts in the United States. (light candle)
- ◆ **Speaker 2:** Juliette Low's heart's desire was to bring love and understanding to all girls in every land. Her dream is coming true, for today Girl Scouts and Girl Guides have members around the world. I light this candle to all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides the world over. (light candle)
- ◆ **Speaker 3:** When you became Girl Scouts, you made a Promise. Let us here rededicate ourselves by repeating our Girl Scout Promise. Hold Girl Scout sign and say the Girl Scout Promise together. (light candle)
- ◆ **Speaker 4:** Whenever we meet together, whether in person or virtually, we strengthen our friendship and sisterhood. Let us all light our candles together to a symbol of this sisterhood. (girls "light" their candles)

End by singing "Make New Friends" before everyone extinguishes their candles.

APPENDIX

Daisy Low Kim's Game

Kim's Game is an observation and memory game played by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. The name is derived from Rudyard Kipling's 1901 novel Kim, in which the hero, Kim, plays the game during his training as a spy. The training involved showing Kim a tray of stones and gems for one minute. After covering the tray, they would ask Kim how many stones he saw and what kind of stones they were. Rudyard Kipling was a good friend of both Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts (USA.)



Directions:

As you tell the story below, you will need the items in bold (or something similar) to hold up for the girls to see. You can use actual items or use the pictures. At the end of the story, lay all the items out on the table, or tape them on a wall or board and give the girls one minute to try to remember as many items as they can. Cover your camera as you remove one item, turn the camera back on, and see if the girls can identify which item you removed and what it stands for.

LEADER:

Juliette Gordon Low was the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States. I'd like to tell you a little about her life:

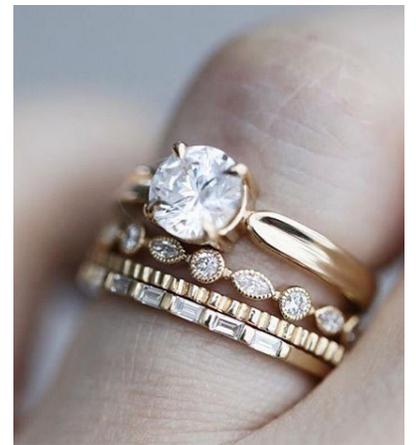
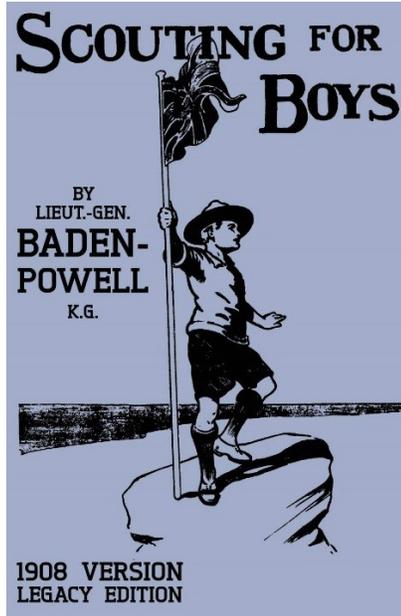
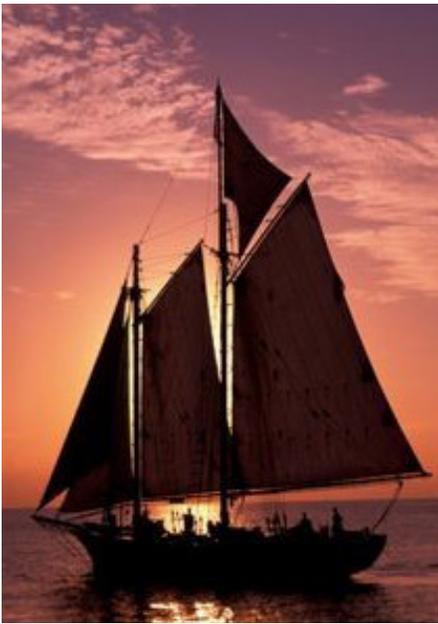
- ◆ Juliette Gordon was born in Savannah, Georgia, on October 31, 1860 – Halloween! (**toy or small pumpkin jack-o-lantern**)
- ◆ When her uncle saw baby Juliette, he said, "I bet she's going to be a daisy!" and the nickname stuck with her the rest of her life. (**artificial daisy**)
- ◆ Daisy loved to play outdoors, to run and swim and climb trees. And she always loved animals, especially dogs and horses. (**toy horse or dog**)
- ◆ She also loved to make up plays and to draw and paint pictures. (**water color paint brushes markers, or crayons**)
- ◆ After Daisy finished school, she traveled in Europe, where she met an Englishman named Willy Low. Daisy and Willy got married in Savannah in 1886. (**wedding rings or bell**)

- ◆ Some of the rice thrown at their wedding became lodged in Daisy's ear. It got infected and Daisy lost her hearing in that ear. Daisy had lost the hearing in her other ear as a teenager, and now she was almost totally deaf. (*bag of rice*)
- ◆ Daisy and Willie lived in England and Scotland for many years. After Willie died, Daisy traveled to other countries, taking her nieces and nephews and their friends with her. (*sail boat or cruise ship*)
- ◆ But Daisy wanted to do more with her life. Back in England, Daisy met Lord Baden-Powell and his sister, Agnes. They told her about the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides they had started. (*old book labeled Scouting*)
- ◆ Daisy wanted the girls in the United States to have the fun of being Guides too, so she returned to Savannah and made a famous phone call to a friend:
 - Come right over! I've got something for the girls of Savannah and all America, and we're going to start it tonight. (*telephone.*)
- ◆ On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low started the first American Girl Scout group with 18 girls. Today there are 2.5 million American Girl Scouts, and we celebrate March 12 as Girl Scout Birthday. (*calendar with March 12 circled or Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts sign*)
- ◆ It took a lot of money to get the Girl Scouts started, so Daisy sold the pearl necklace Willy had given to her as a wedding present. (*pearls*)
- ◆ The first American Girl Scout handbook showed girls how to tie up a burglar using 8 inches of rope! (*small piece of rope*)
- ◆ Daisy once said that Girl Scouting and Guiding could be the golden thread that linked the girls of the world together. (*gold thread or ribbon*)

When Daisy lived in England, she made friends with Rudyard Kipling, the author of The Jungle Books. Mr. Kipling taught the Scouts and Guides how to play an observation and memory game from another one of his books, Kim. We're going to play a Kim's Game about Daisy Low now.

- ◆ Give the girls a moment to try to remember as many items as they can with the camera pointing at them (either on the table or taped to a board/wall).
- ◆ Cover your camera while you remove one item.
- ◆ When you turn your item back on give the girls a moment to try to figure out which item you removed. You can have them use the reaction button when they know what the item is. Then, ask the girls to share what item they think you removed and share what it stands for.





Scavenger Hunt Items

