

SEPTEMBER

GIRL SCOUT PEP SONG

Hooray for Girl Scouts
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Someone in the stands is yelling.
Hooray for Girl Scouts
1,2,3,4, who you going to yell for?
Girl scouts that's us!!!

She wears a "G" for generosity She wears a "I" for interest too, for interest too.

She wears a "R" for real life sportmanship

She wears a "L" for loyalty, for loyalty She wears a "S" for her sincerity She wears a "C" for courtesy She wears a "O,U,T" for outdoor life outdoor life

and that Girl Scout is me!!

Indoor S'mores

8 cups Golden Grahams Cereal (1 13-ounce box)

1 1/2 cups Nestle' Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels

6 cups miniature marshmallows (1 10 ounce bag)

5 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 cup light corn syrup

Warm dutch oven and smear butter along sides to prevent sticking. Melt butter completely. Add 5 cups marshmallows(save 1 cup for later), Nestle Toll House Morsels and corn syrup in 3 quart saucepan over low heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Butter 13"x9"x2" pan.

Pour Golden Grahams cereal into a large bowl. Pour marshmallow mixture over cereal; stir until evenly coated. Stir in remaining marshmallows.

Press mixture into pan with buttered back of spoon. Cool at least 1 hour or until firm. Cut into 24 bars.

Scout Magnets

Stick one to the refrigerator for all your scout reminders.

You need:

- Wood Cutouts Small
- Clothespin
- Star or Heart Woodsie
- Magnetic Strip
- Paint
- Tacky Glue or Low Temp Hot Glue

Instructions:

Paint wood cut out, woodsies, and clothespins. (Hanging clothespins from a string will make it easier). Glue woodsie to wood cut out and glue wood cut out to clothespin. Cut a piece of magnet to fit on the other side of the clothespin. Glue in place.

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB ...

Scouting Web - http://www.scoutingweb.com

Online Scouting resources for Leaders of Girls – Lots of great links. LOOK HERE FIRST FOR EVERYTHING SCOUTING!

BASIC FLAG CEREMONY

The purpose of the Color Guard of Honor is to protect the flag. Because this requires full attention, the members do not participate in any part of the flag ceremony (singing, speaking, etc.), but stand silently "At Attention". The Color Guard may consist of any number. Ideally there should be at least two Color Guards for each flag. The minimum is one Color (Flag) Bearer and one Color Guard

<u>Color (or Flag) Bearer</u> - One per flag, if more than one flag is present. Hold staff (pole) at 30° angle in front of body, or hold folded flag (with point away from body) in front of body at waist level. Is responsible for putting flag in, or taking flag from, stand, or raising/lowering flag from flagpole

<u>Color Guards</u> - Stand on each side of the Color Bearer. Watch to see that the flag does not touch the ground. One or more members may assist flag bearer in posting/retrieving the flag from the stand/pole.

Caller - Only member of Color Guard to speak. Gives directions to audience and commands to Color Guard.

<u>Line Leaders</u> - Usually part of an outdoor Color Guard. Lead the audience into/out of the desired formation (usually a horseshoe in GS).

"Would you all please stand for the presentation of the flag"

If you have an "audience", such as at an Investiture/Rededication Ceremony (parents, invited guests, etc.), this is the signal that the ceremony is about to start.

"Girl Scouts (or Horseshoe) Attention"

This is the signal that the girls should be ready to start.

"Color Guard Attention"

If the Color Guard has been standing "At Ease", it comes to "Attention". It is also a signal to be ready to start.

"Color Guard Advance"

(indoors) The Color Guard carries the flag(s) toward the front of the room and stands in front of the flag stands. (outdoors) The Color Guard carries the flag to the flagpole

"Color Guard, Post the Colors"

(indoors) The Color Guard places the flags in the stands, the American Flag last. (outdoors) The Flag Bearer attaches the flag to the rope and quickly hoists the flag, the American flag is raised first.

"Color Guard, Honor your Colors"

The Color Guard salutes the Flag and then returns to "Attention"

"Would you all please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance"

The Pledge of Allegiance, songs, poems, GS Promise, are done now.

"Color Guard Dismissed"

The Color Guard walks to the back of the room, or away from the flag pole.





OCTOBER

THREE LITTLE ANGELS

Three little angels all dressed in white trying to get to heaven on the end of a kite but the kite broke and down they all fell, instead of going to heaven they all went to... (repeat with two, then one)

Three little devils all dressed in red trying to get to heaven on the end of a thread but the thread broke and down they all fell instead of going to heaven they all went to (repeat with two, then one)

Three little witches all dressed in black trying to get to heaven in a pink Cadillac but the car broke and down they all fell instead of going to heaven they all went to... (repeat with two, then one)

Three little Girl Scouts all dressed in green trying to get to heaven on the end of a string but the string broke and down they all fell instead of going to heaven they all went to (repeat with two, then one)

Don't get excited, Don't lose you head instead of going to heaven they all went to bed!

DID YOU KNOW...

Oriental Trading has affordable & cute craft kits?

Girls 11-17 can join the GSWR ADVENTURES Group. Registration forms are available by calling Cindy Wilmoth at 330.351.3134 or by email at gscindy@wadsnet.com.?

Handy Halloween Treat

Easy, inexpensive, and fun! This project is rated VERY EASY to do.

What You Need

Clear plastic gloves Popcorn

Orange and black ribbon Plastic spider rings

Candy corn or Hot Tamales candy

How To Make It

- Stuff a piece of candy corn in each finger of the clear plastic glove to resemble fingernails. If you wish, you can use the hot tamales candy instead to resemble painted fingernails.
- 2. Fill it with popcorn (no butter!)
- 3. Tie it at the wrist with orange and black ribbon.
- 4. Place a plastic spider ring on the ring finger.

Halloween Spider Cookies

Oreo cookies frosting mix chocolate chips or red hots

Split the cookies and put three lengths of red rope licorice across the frosting, letting about 2 inches hang out both sides for legs. Add a little canned frosting and put the cookies back together. Put two small dollops of frosting on edge of cookie and add two chips or red hots for eyes.

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB ...

Kaboose – Kids Domain - http://www.kidsdomain.com/craft/ Instruction for all kinds of crafts, some Girl Scout specific.

INVESTITURE/REDEDICATION CEREMONY Brownie's Gold Walk

Room setting: Room should resemble woods with a "golden" trail marking the way to the Brownie Woods. In the woods is a wise old owl (paper) in a tree. The trail may be made of construction paper, cardboard, or crepe paper. Be creative. Girls to be invested proceed down "path" accompanied by other members of the troop, girls from sister troop, or the leader may lead the girls. At each obstacle, girls tell about Brownie Scouting, earning their way to the Brownie Woods. The leader or girls may help with the answer.

GS Member or Leader:

Come along and take my hand We'll follow the path to Brownie Land To find the woods, we'll walk the golden mile But first, sing a song about a Brownie smile (Girls sing "The Brownie Smile Song") Obstacle may be a chair to climb over, etc.

GS member or leader:

Becoming a Brownie is a special thing
We do our business in a Brownie
(New girls answer "Ring")
Obstacle should resemble a door
(strips hung from the ceiling will work)

GS member or leader:

This is the door to the Brownie woods Knock, then answer the way you should. (new girls "knock" on the door)

Leader: "Who comes to the Brownie woods?"

Brownies-to-be: "We do"
Leader: "What do you want?"

Brownies-to-be: "We want to be Brownie GSs"

Leader: Then enter the magic woods

New scouts enter the woods. Leader takes each girl to the pond, one by one. All Brownies in the woods repeat as she is twisted:

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf
I looked in the water and saw ______

Girl: Myself!

Leader: Now is the time your Promise to make But first give me the Sign and Shake *All new girls give the leader the the GS Sign and handshake.*

The new GSs say the GS Promise together Leader pins the girls' Brownie pins on her upside down and says:

Leader: Now your a special Brownie Scout With your first good deed, turn your pin about.



NOVEMBER

EDELWEISS GRACE

TUNE: Edelweiss

Bless our friends, bless our food, Come, oh, Lord and be with us. May our words glow with peace, May your love surround us.

Friendship and love, may it bloom and grow.

Bloom and grow, forever. Bless our friends, bless our food, Come, oh, Lord and be with us.

JOHNNY APPLESEED

Oh, the Lord's been good to me. So now I thank the lord For giving me the things I need The sun, the rain and the apple seed; Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

ADAMS FAMILY GRACE

TUNE: The Old Addams Family Theme Da da da da(snap snap) repeat x5

We thank you Lord for givin'
The Food we need for livin'
Our bodies really need it
And we like to Eat!
Ah-ah-amen (snap-snap) *
Ah-ah-amen (snap-snap) *
Ah—ah—amen, Ah—ah—amen,
Ah-ah-amen (snap—snap)
Dig in!

GORP BALLS

This healthy recipe is a nice snack for hiking trips or as an after-school snack.

- 1/3 cup each raisins, apples, apricots, dates and coconut
- 1/2 cup sesame seeds
- 1/3 cup walnuts
- 2 cups peanuts
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/2 cup peanut butter

Mix dry ingredients. For the "glue", use 1 cup chocolate chips, 1/3 cup honey and 1/2 cup peanut butter. Shape into balls; nice snack for hiking trips or as an after-school snack

I substituted granola cereal for the sesame seeds & peanuts. I also added M&M's.

Edible Thanksgiving Turkeys

What You Need

- Microwave
- Bag of candy corn (beak and eyes)
- Bag of caramel candy squares (body)
- Bag of Dove chocolate (base/feet)
- Bag of striped chocolate cookies (tail and feathers)
- Thanksgiving cup cake liners
- Microwavable plate

How To Make It

- Unwrap a piece of Dove chocolate to use as the base of the turkey. Place on a microwavable plate.
- Unwrap a piece of caramel and stick on top of the Dove chocolate bar for the turkey's body.
- 3. Take a piece of candy corn and push down on top of the caramel (pointed end out). This makes the turkey's beak.
- 4. Take another piece of caramel and push down on top of the first caramel. This is the head of the turkey.
- 5. Break off the little white ends of 2 candy corns and push in the top caramel for the eyes. (see photo)
- 6. Take one striped chocolate cookie and apply to the back of the body to form the feathers.
- 7. Put the turkey in the microwave for a few seconds to about 8 seconds just so that the candy and cookie can fuse together. (Watch this! Not too much time, or it will melt.)
- 8. Place in freezer for a few minutes to help the turkey "set up" quicker.
- 9. Serve in a Thanksgiving cupcake paper.

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB...

Cosmos Song Book –

http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/5542/

Great site for the songs your girls love that you can never remember the words to...

BUILDING BRICKS – Team Building Game Equipment

Building bricks - such as Lego

Instructions:

You will need to prepare one ready built model in advance for the teams to copy (make sure they have the same bricks within the pile you give each of them.)

The model should be placed either in the hall way or behind a screen so that the players can not see it.

Divide the group into teams of between 4 and 6 ideally around a table with a piece of white paper on which to build. Each team must build a replica of your ready built model at their team bench. Only one member of the team at a time can leave to view the model. On their return they should advise their team mates of how to arrange/build the bricks to make a copy of the model before the next person from the team goes to view the model.

Notes

Make sure you have enough bricks for each team to build a copy of the model.

For members with visual impairment the model should be built onto a lego mat to hold the bricks in place, each team will need one of these to place their replica on. In this instance a one tier model using a variety of different sized bricks in different orientation is more appropriate, and color coded models should be avoided, To keep the game inclusive.





DECEMBER

IF I WEREN'T A GIRL SCOUT ...

[Tune: This is the Music Concert]
If I were'ta Girl Scout,
I wonder what I'd be
If I were't a Girl Scout, a

- 1. A bird watcher I'd be Hark a lark, flying through the park, SPLAT!
- 2. A plumber I would be Plunge it, flush it, look out below!
- 3. A gym teacher I'd be We must, we must, improve the bust!
- 4. A carpenter I'd be Two by four, nail it to the floor!
- 5. A Lifeguard I would be, Save yourself, Man. I'm working on my tan!
- 6. A teacher I would be Sit down, shut up, throw away your gum!
- 7. An airline attendant I'd be Coffee, tea, or me, sir; here's your little bag,BLEH!
- 8. A Leader I would be, Do this, do that, I'm gonna take a nap.
- 9. A Boy Scout I would be! NOT!!!

Greeting Card Puzzles

These simple-to-make puzzles will delight your little ones.

You need:

- Greeting Cards
- Tacky Glue
- Jumbo Craft Sticks
- Scissors
- Exacto-Knife with
- . Sharp Blade
- Tape

Instructions:

Cut off the front of the Christmas card and trim up or cut into a shape. Lay out enough craft sticks to fit the card. Use tape to hold them together on the back side. Spread a layer of tacky glue over the back of the card. Burnish down the card so all edges adhere. Wipe off any excess glue with a damp cloth. Let dry. Remove tape from back. Use a sharp exacto knife to slice through the card where the craft sticks meet

Miniature Gingerbread House

This is a craft project with food - yum!

Material Needed:

7 graham crackers Small empty milk carton (optional) Frosting for glue (recipe below) Assorted small candies for decorating

Frosting

1/2 pound confectioner's sugar 3 tbs. butter/margarine 1/2 tsp. Vanilla 1 1/2 - 2 tbs. Milk

Mix all the ingredients together until smooth and spreadable, not runny. Add more sugar if too runny.

If you have a pastry bag, place frosting in bag and use a small tip. If not you can use a zip lock bag cutting a small whole in the corner. Place one graham cracker flat on the table, squeeze a little frosting around all edges. Know you may need an extra pair of hands. Place the empty milk carton on top. Place one cracker on each side standing up, now looks like a box with no top. Carefully squeeze more frosting on all outside corner top to bottom and around the bottom of the box. Let stand for a short while to let frosting harden a little. This will make working with the roof a little easier. Now squeeze frosting on two of the top edges of the box and place the last two graham crackers in a V shape on as the roof. Looks like a triangle on a box now from the side. May over hang if you can get the frosting to hold for you. Squeeze frosting along the top of the roof where crackers join. Let stand again until frosting hardens a little. Now comes the fun part - with left over frosting cover the roof to look like snow. (two sides are left open) Then squeezing small amounts on candy place candy on the house to decorate. You can use the frosting to add things like doors and windows. Just use you imagination.

If you want to do this project with young children, you might want to make the base house ahead of time, gluing the corners from the inside - and let it harden. Then turn them loose with frosting and small candies to do the decorating. But even if the house falls apart it still tastes GREAT!

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB ...

Making Friends - http://makingfriends.com/

At Making Friends you'll find lots creative activities for kids ages 2 through 12.

Rudolph's Christmas Relay

Equipment

- cut out circles of red tissue paper or similar (at least one per girl) Or you can use cotton ball on the chin for "Santa's Beard"
- Vaseline
- Baby wipes (for clean-up)

Instructions

Line up patrols / teams for a relay race, with the circles & Vaseline at the other end of the room. The first girl runs, puts a dab or Vaseline on her nose then sticks the red circle to it and runs back to the team. If the "nose" falls off she must go back and get a "new nose"(!). Once she reaches the team the second girl does the same. First team to have all their members back with their Rudolph noses wins.

Gift Grab - I use this when we do a gift exchange.

Equipment

- 1 less bean bag than the number of players (or other small objects)
- Gift Exchange Items

Instructions

Place the bean bags in the middle of the room (or scattered if lots of players). Players move clockwise round the room keeping one hand on the wall at all times. When the whistle is blown, players run into the middle to 'grab' a bean bag. The person without one is out and get to choose the first present. Remove one more bean bag and repeat. Last person in wins an extra small present. This keeps the girls from trying to be the one "out".



Brunswick Girl Scout

JANUARY

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

(Chorus)
I'm singin' in the rain,
Just singin' in the rain.
What a glorious feeling,
I'm (clap) happy again.

Thumbs up Chi-chi-cha-cha Chi-chi-cha-cha Chi-chi-cha-cho (Chorus)

Repeat the above adding in the following on at a time:

Elbows back Knees together Knees bent Toes together Head up Tongue out Sit down!

Scouting Links Newsletter

The Scouting Links Newsletter goes out to 4,332 subscribers from all over the world.

To subscribe to the newsletter please send me a email with a subject at scoutinglinks@nac.net and I will take care of it.

The Scouting Links Newsletter archives can be found at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Scouting_Links_Newsletter/files. You will need to have a Yahoo! Id to join the group, but it's free. Just go to http://www.yahoo.com.

Just a reminder, all of the "special" issues can be found in the Scouting Links
Newsletter archives under the appropriate folder (not by year), including: Daisy,
Brownie, Junior, Girl Scout 11-17, Service Unit, Thinking Day, Camping, Special Needs, etc.

Potpourri Dough Heart

You need:

- Potpourri Dough
 - o 1 cup flour
 - o ½ cup salt
 - o 1 cup potpourri
 - Up to ½ cup water
- Cookie Cutters
- Ribbon (Optional)

Instructions:

Make Potpourri Dough by mixing flour, salt & potpourri. Gradually add water until dough holds together. Press dough into heart shaped cookie cutters. Pop out. Air dry for several days. Add ribbon if desired.

Chocolate Croissants

1 tube refrigerated crescent roles Cooking Spray Milk Chocolate chips (or your favorite candy bar) Pie Iron

Spray pie iron with cooking spray. Using packaged "crescent rolls", open package and remove two precut triangles of dough. Take one triangle and fill center with milk chocolate baking chips (or your favorite candy bar), place second triangle on top and press edges together to form a sealed turnover pastry. Cook until golden brown.

The Rock Game

Objective: The object of the game is to locate the rock hidden in the girls' hands, like Button Button Who'sGot the Button?

Materials:

- rock
- similar item if needed

Chant: Rock, rock, how I wonder
As it passes to another
Is it fair? Is it fair
To keep (name of girl in the middle) sitting there?

How it works:

- 1. Have everyone form a circle and have one girl sit in the middle of the circle
- 2. The girl in the middle shuts her eyes while you give a girl in the circle the rock.
- 3. The girl in the middle opens her eyes and the game begins.
- 4. As the girls in the circle say the chant, they pass the rock around the circle so that the girl in the middle cannot see, with their left hand cupped and their right hand moving from their left hand to the left hand of the girl on their right on the beat of the chant. Each girl can decide whether or not to pass it or keep it few beats.
- 5. They continue to do this until the chant is over, then the girl in the middle tries to guess where the rock is.
- 6. She has three guesses. If she guesses correctly, she exchanges places with her girl holding the rock. If she doesn't, she remains in the middle and the chant starts again.

Age level: Junior-Senior Group size: Any Time: 20 min.





FEBRUARY

TAPS

Day is done, Gone the sun, From the lake, From the hills, From the sky, All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light
Dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky,
Gleaming bright,
From afar,
Drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise, For our days, Neath the sun, Neath the stars, Neath the sky, As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

Thinking Day February 22, 2006

Ideas To Help Celebrate:

- Learn a song or game from another country
- Try food from another country
- Learn about another country's scouting program. Visit: WAGGGS - The World Association of Girl Guides' and Girl Scouts http://www.wagggsworld.org

Girl Scout Week 2006

Sunday, March 12, to Saturday, March 18

Ideas To Help Celebrate:

- Have a Troop Girls Scout Birthday Party
- Invite a Friend to a troop meeting
- Wear you uniform to school
- Go to scouting Sunday at your church
- Visit Girls Only http://www.gogirlsonly.org

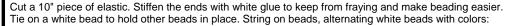
GS Law Bracelet

Make a pretty bracelet with colors to represent the GS Law.

You Need:

- Pony Beads (in the colors below & extra white)
- Elastic
- Scissors
- White Glue

Instructions:





Tie tightly with a double knot. Put a dab of glue on the knot. Let dry. Trim off extra cord and your first holding beads.

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB...

Girl Scout Central - http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central
Everything you need for official Girl Scout Information, including: where to place insignia, program ideas, awards, history of Juliette Low and much more.

The Juliette Low Story

(Divide the group into eight group; these will be Juliette Low, Georgia, Horses, London, Lord Baden-Powell, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts)

Sound Effects- (when they hear their names they stand up and make their sound. It's even cuter when they have to do an action as well)

Little Girls - Stand and giggle

Juliette Low - Curtsy and say, "Be my friend"
Georgia- Wave and say, "Hi, y'all!"

HorsesLord Baden-PowellLondonBoy ScoutsGirl Scouts
Stamp your feet and say, "Neighhhhhhh."

Bow formally and say, "How d'ya do?"

Sing, "London Bridge is Falling Down"

Make Scout sign and say "Be prepared."

Make Scout sign and say "On My Honor"

Story-

Once upon a time there was a <u>little girl</u> named <u>Juliette Low</u> who lived in <u>Georgia</u> and loved to ride <u>horses</u>. After she grew up she went to <u>London</u> where she met <u>Lord Baden-Powell</u> who founded the <u>Boy Scouts</u>. She was fascinated by the work he was doing. She studied with him awhile and decided to found a troop of <u>Girl Scouts</u> for the <u>little girls</u> who liked to ride <u>horses</u> in <u>Georgia</u>. So <u>Juliette Low</u> said good-bye to the <u>Boy Scouts</u> in <u>London</u> and came home with the ideas that <u>Lord Baden-Powell</u> gave her. She formed a group of <u>little girls</u>, who liked to ride <u>horses</u> and be together, into a troop of <u>Girl Scouts</u>. And they loved it so much that the idea spread and now there are <u>Girl Scout</u> troops all over the world.

Aren't we glad that a <u>little girl</u> named <u>Juliette Low</u>, from <u>Georgia</u> who liked <u>horses</u> went to <u>London</u> and met <u>Lord Baden-Powell</u>, the founder of the <u>Boy Scouts</u>, and came to start the wonderful world of Girl Scouts!





MARCH

SONG - GIRL SCOUTS TOGETHER

Girl scouts together. That is our song Winding the old trails, rocky and long Learning our motto. Living our creed Girl scouts together in every good deed

Girl scouts together, happy are we Friendly to neighbors, for o're the sea Faithful to country. Loyal to home Known as true girl scouts wherever we roam.

FUN & EASY CAMPING RECIPES

TACO SALAD IN A BAG

Small bags of Fritos Beef
Cheese Lettuce
Hot sauce Sour cream
Onions Tomato

Cook the beef and chop everything up nicely and then give everyone a bag of Fritos. Let everyone add all their favorite taco ingredients to their bag, then give them a shake and everyone will have a delicious taco salad to eat right out of the bag!

DUMP CAKE

Tip: For easy cleaning, line Dutch Oven with foil.

Time: 45 minutes to 1 hour.

- 1. Place in Dutch Oven one 29 oz can of sliced peaches with juice.
- 2. Dump over top of peaches and spread evenly 1 white or yellow cake mix.
- 3. Stir enough to moisten cake mix.
- 4. Dot top with $\frac{1}{4}$ lb of butter or margarine.
- 5. Place coals on top and bottom of Dutch oven and bake for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Variations:

Pineapple, cherries, apples and other fruits may be substituted for the peaches, mixtures can work well (ex. apples & pears). Nuts can also be sprinkled over the top. The flavor of the cake may also be varied. For instance, substituting cherries and a chocolate cake mix creates a wonderful Black Forrest Cake.

Chick Pencil Topper

This chick pencil topper makes a great project for your spring party.

You Need:

- Large Yellow Pompom
- Feet and Wing cut from Yellow Craft Foam
- Small Triangle of Orange Craft Foam
- Wiggle Eyes -- 10mm
- Yellow Feathers
- Tacky Glue
- Pencil

Instructions:

Put a generous amount of glue all around the pencil eraser. Push the pencil up into the pompom. Glue on wiggle eyes and beak. Glue feet to the bottom, wings to the side. and feathers to the back.

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB...

Leader's Landing - http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/9385/

The Leader's Landing is intended as a resource site with program/resource ideas for new Girl Scout leaders as well as those experienced with the program.

CAT AND MOUSE

Objective: Learn cooperation.

How it works:

Organize girls in groups of four. Three people will hold hands forming a circle. One person is chosen to be the mouse. The fourth person is the cat. The cat tries to tag the mouse while the other members of the group try to protect the mouse by moving around the circle keeping held hands together. The cat must stay to the outside of the circle and not reach in the circle to tag the mouse. When the mouse is tagged a new mouse and cat is designated.

Age level: Brownie-Junior Group size: 10-15 Time: 20 min.

CHINESE KNOT

Objective: The object of the game is to work together. It works well to break the tension when girls are getting "testy" with each other. Hard to be angry when you are laughing! **How it works:**

- 1. Pick one girl to go into another room
- 2. Have other girls form a straight line and join hands
- 3. One of the girls on one end begins the knot by leading the other girls under and over the arms and legs of the girls in a line until they have formed a knot. Girls must never let go of each other's hands
- 4. When the other girl comes back in, she must start with one end girl and lead them out of the knot into a straight line again. Girls may not let go each others' hands.

Age level: Junior-Senior Group size: 10-15 Time: 20 min.





APRIL

ON MY HONOR

Chorus:

On my Honor I will try

There is a duty to be done and I say aye There is a reason here for a reason above My honor is to try and my duty is to love.

People don't need to know my name
If I've done any harm then I'm to blame
If I've helped another then I've helped me
If I've opened up my eyes to see

I've tucked away a song or two
If you're feeling low there is one for you
If you need a friend then I will come
And there's many more where I come from

Come with me where the fire burns bright You can even see better by candles light But you'll find more meaning in a campfires glow

Then you'll ever learn in a year or so

We've made a promise to always keep And to sing Softly Falls before we sleep We'll be Girl Scouts together and when we are gone

They'll still be a trying and a singing this song.

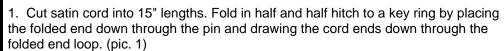
Key Ring Decoration for Mom

Here's a great classroom or troop project! You'll only need about 15 minutes and kids can take home something mom will really use. **You Need:**

- Key Rings
- Pony Beads
- Heart Shaped Pony Beads
- "MOM" Letter Beads
- 18" Satin Cord



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- 2. String both cords through a heart bead. Separate the cords. String one cord through an "M" bead. String the other cord through the same bead in the opposite direction. Repeat with the "O" bead and another "M" bead.
- 3. String a second heart bead on both cords. Tie an overhand knot underneath the heart bead. Tie two pony beads on each cord. Tie a knot under each one.

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB ...

Animated knots for Scouts and Guides -

http://www.42brghtn.mistral.co.uk/knots/

This link is to a page that has animated graphics of how to tie specific knots. Many of the basic knots have been covered.

EASY & FUN CAMPING RECIPES

Cola Chicken - Serves: 8

8 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
1 can Coca-Cola 1½ cups catsup
3 cloves garlic; minced 2 Tbs. chili powder
1 Tbs. onion powder

Arrange chicken breasts in an oiled 12" Dutch oven. In a large bowl add remaining ingredients and stir to mix well. Spoon sauce over chicken. Cover oven and bake using 8-10 briquettes bottom and 14-16 briquettes top for 60-75 minutes or until chicken is cooked through basting with pan juices every 15 minutes.

Mountain Pie Burrito

Prepared Taco Meat
Optional: Grilled Onions, Bell Peppers
Shredded Cheddar Cheese
Burrito Size Tortillas
Salsa

Directions

At home prepare taco meat, with a packet seasoning. Adding onion & peppers if desired Put in zip-lock bags and place in camping cooler. At camp: Place a large tortilla on the pie iron. The tortilla will cover both sides of the open pie iron. You will place your ingredients on one side only! Fill with 2 tbs. of taco meat, a spoon of salsa & cheddar cheese. Don't fill too full! Fold the burrito in half and fold in the edges to make a square packet. Close the pie iron and cook for about 3 minutes on each side. Check to make sure you don't burn it! When the tortilla is golden brown it's done! Enjoy! You can spice it up with hot salsa if you like!

BRIDGING CEREMONY

Each GS who is Bridging receives a Daisy. The Older GS can be done by a leader as well. This could be done with Daisies & Brownies.

OLDER GS or LEADER: These flowers represent the spirit of GSing. This spirit is often represented with the Daisy, which was our founder, Juliette Low's, nickname.

OGS: The first three flowers represent the three parts of the GS Promise.

YOUNGER GS: On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country

YGS: To help people at all times

YGS: And to live by the GS Law

OGS: The next ten flowers represent the ten parts of the GS Law.

YGS: I will do my best: To be honest and fair

OLDER GS: This means that you will always tell the truth and that you will share things and take turns with others. YGS: To be friendly and helpful

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OGS: This means that you will ask a new girl to play with you and when you see a job that needs to be done, and you can do it, you will be willing to help do it.

YGS: To be considerate and caring

OGS: This means that you will respect the feelings of others and care about how they feel and what they think.

YGS: To be courageous and strong

OGS: This means you are willing to try new things, even though you may be a little scared and that you will stand for what is right.

YGS: To be responsible for what I say and do.

OGS: This means that you will be careful about what you say and do so that you don't hurt other people or things.

YGS: To respect myself and others

OGS: This means you will try to be the best person you can be, and will be courteous to others.

YGS: To respect authority

OGS: This means you will respect adults, obey the law and will cooperate with others.

YGS: To use resources wisely

OGS: This means you will try not to waste paper, will turn off the lights, and turn off water faucets after you use them.

YGS: To make the world a better place

OGS: This means you will help with a neighborhood clean up, put litter in trash cans, and treat all animals kindly.

YGS: To be a sister to every GS

OGS: This means you will be a kind friend to everyone, not just to a few people.





MAY

SONG - PRINCESS PAT

The Princess Pat, Lived in a tree she sailed across, The seven seas she sailed across, The channel too And brought with her, A Rick-A- Bamboo

CHORUS:

A Rick-A-Bamboo, Now what is that? it's something made, By the Princess Pat it's red and gold, And purple too That's why its called, A Rick-a-Bamboo

Now Captain Dan, Had a mighty fine crew He sailed across, The channel too But his ship sank, And yours will too Unless you take, A Rick-A-Bamboo CHORUS

Now the Princess Pat, Saved Capt. Jack She pulled him out, She brought him back She saved his life, And his crew too Do you know how? A Rick-A-Bamboo CHORUS

RECIPES FOR FUN

CHILDREN' BUBBLES

1 Gal. Water 2/3 cup liquid dish-washing detergent 2 Tbsp. glycerin

Mix and let 'em loose with the bubble wands!

HOT CHOCOLATE MIX

8 Qt. pkg. Carnation instant dry milk
6 Oz. Coffee Mate
1 Lb. can Nestles Quick
1 1/2 – 2 Cups Powdered Sugar

Mix all ingredients well. Use 1/4 to 1/2 cup mix per cup and add very hot water. Stir well and add marshmallows, if desired.

COCONUT LIP BALM

1/2 cup beeswax 1/3 cup coconut oil

1 tbs. coconut flavoring (the same stuff used for flavoring cakes and cookies in the baking section of your grocery store) old lip balm containers or tubes

In an old saucepan or microwave, heat up 1/2 cup of beeswax until liquid. Do this on very low heat. Next add 1/3 cup of coconut oil and a tablespoon of coconut flavoring. Stir until all is liquid and mixed. Pour into your containers and let harden about 10 minutes. Makes 7-10 lip balms.

Secret Safe for Dad

I love this idea! Outside it looks like an ordinary trinket jar but inside is a secret safe for Dad's valuables.

You need:

- Medium Size Wide Mouth Jar (we used a salsa jar)
- Twine
- Vinyl Letters Spelling "DAD"
- Low Temp Glue Gun
- Nuts and Bolts
- Empty Toilet Paper Tube
- Scrap of Cardboard

Instructions:

Cut the empty cardboard tube to the same neight as the jar. Cut a circle out of cardboard that will fit inside the jar and rest on the bottom of the jar. Glue the cardboard tube on end to the middle of the cardboard circle. Set inside the jar. Fill all around the tube with nuts and bolts leaving the tube empty.

Glue twine all around the edge of the jar top beginning on the bottom side of the lip. Continue gluing and wrapping twine until the top is completely covered. Glue on the vinyl letters to spell "DAD".

GREAT RESOUCES ON THE WEB...

The Guide Zone - http://guidezone.e-guiding.com

The Guide Zone is a collection of ideas, hints, helps and how-tos for leaders in Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, all gleaned from:

- o messages posted to the Canadian Guiding/Scouting mailing list
- o messages posted to the WAGGGS-L mailing list
- o articles written and sent directly to the Guide Zone Team.

GAME - DOWN BY THE BANKS

Girls sit cross-legged in circle on the floor, knee to knee. Each girl puts her left hand, palm up on her left knee and her right hand palm up on the left hand of the girl to her right. Pick a girl to start the song & action. To start the first girl will take her right hand (across her body) and tap the left hand including the hand of the girl next to her, while starting the song, she then returns her hand to the original spot. The second girl then takes her right hand (across her body) and tap the left hand including the hand of the girl next to her, returning her hand to the knee of the first girl. The action continues around the circle until the word "Plop" in the song. The girl who is Kerr-plop is "out". The girl before her in the circle starts the song & action all over again.

My girls like to have the "out" girls move into the center of the circle. Once the "out" girls inside are to large for the circle they move outside and start a new circle.

The final two players simply sit across fro each other and hold opposite hands, moving them back & forth with the rhythm of the song. The winner is the girl who's hand is close to her on the last Kerr-plop! She starts the next game.



Down by the banks, of the hanky panky where the bull frogs jump, from bank to banky with an eeps, opps, oops, opps, eeps, opps, silly and he goes kerr-plop!!

