

## FOUNDER'S DAY CEREMONIES

Founder's Day is celebrated on Juliette Low's Birthday, October 31st. It should be a joyous occasion to be commemorated by all Girl Scouts throughout the country. Whether the girls observe Founder's Day with some special act of service, a dramatization of episodes in Mrs. Low's life, a friendship program or a special ceremony, the celebration should make real to them her vivid personality, her creative genius and her generous heart.

### Juliette Low

Note: Also suitable for use during Girl Scout Week...The week of March 12th.

- Supplies:
1. 8 white daisy petals (cut from paper) in this an oval shape
  2. Girl Scout trefoil shape to place in center of completed daisy
  3. tape
  4. something on which to mount the pieces

Ceremony:

#1 GS: Juliette Gordon Low was the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States. She was fondly known as Daisy to her friends.

(place petal on top)

#2 GS: She started the first troop in Savannah, Georgia, which was her home. Her birthplace may be visited if you go to Savannah.

(place petal on bottom)

#3 GS: The birthday of Girl Scouting in America is March 12, 1912. Every year Girl Scouts celebrate that day with parties, special ceremonies or service projects.

(place petal to the left)

#4 GS: Juliette Low learned about Boy Scouting from Lord Baden-Powell, its founder whom she met in England. Inspired by this youth program, she led three Girl Guide companies in England and Scotland. Then she returned to the United States with "something for the girls" and a dream of world peace and friendship through a program that would unite the young people of all lands.

(place petal to the right)

#5 GS: In 1913, it was decided to change the name of the Girl Guides to Girl Scouts and the name has been linked with the worlds largest organization for girls ever since.

(place petal)

#6 GS: Daisy Low worked endlessly and even sold her pearl necklace to spread the exciting ideas of Girl Scouting. Even her deafness in later years did not hinder her.

(place petal)

#7 GS: Millions of girls have made the Girl Scout Promise since then, and the Promise holds the same meaning as Daisy Low made to herself when she first brought Girl Scouting to the United States many years ago.

(place petal)

#8 GS: Juliette Low wished Girl Scouts and Guides in other countries could become friends. When she died, the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was established in her memory to help her dream come true. Every year Girl Scouts make a voluntary contribution to this fund and by so doing they help young people of other lands meet and know each other at the World Centers and other international gatherings.

(place petal) (Optional - collect donations to the JLWFF)

#9 GS: We complete our "daisy" with the trefoil, the symbol of the Promise made by Girl Scouts everywhere.

(place trefoil in center - repeat Promise)

### **The Wish That Came True**

A choral reading by Marie Witzel and Dorothy Shelly

(revised by Carol Lee Spages)

SOLO: Once Juliette Low said to her father she wished she could leave a work of art for which she could be remembered forever.

UNISON: Your wish, Juliette Low, came true.

GROUP 1: Just as you dreamed it would.

GROUP 2: You learned of Boy Scouts from Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

SOLO: "I wish I could help," she said.

UNISON: With him, you wished that girls could share the joys of -

SOLO: Friendship!

SOLO: Understanding!

SOLO: Adventure!

SOLO: Games!

SOLO: Resourcefulness!

SOLO: Love of the out-of-doors!

UNISON: Service! (pause) Then troops were started in villages, towns and cities. They were called Girl Guides.

GROUP 1: And then another wish to take the idea across the ocean to America!

UNISON: A wonderful program for girls - Girl Scouts!

GROUP 2: Your wish became a gift to the girls of the U.S.A.

UNISON: You wished for thousands. We now proudly say there are millions! (pause) Your wish came true!

SOLO: The youngest members are called Daisy Girl Scouts.

GROUP 1: They take their name from the nickname of you, our Founder, Juliette Gordon Low.

GROUP 2: Daisy Girl Scouts enjoy lots of fun-filled activities...earning the Promise Center and Petals.

SOLO: The next level is Brownie Girl Scouts.

GROUP 1: They continue to explore of the program by completing activities from Try-Its

SOLO: Junior Girl Scouts come next.

GROUP 2: Their world expands for them as they choose to earn Badges and Signs.

SOLO: Sign of the Rainbow.

SOLO: Sign of the Sun.

SOLO: Sign of the Star.

SOLO: Sign of the World.

SOLO: And the Leadership Award. They can also show how they are growing by earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award, the highest award in Junior Girl Scouting.

GROUP 1: STUDIO 2B...is the place to be for Girl Scouts 11 -17 who want to shape the world around them and create their own adventures.

SOLO: Their program goals are the 4 B's: Become, Belong, Believe, Build.

GROUP 2: They can pick and choose from Focus Books and earn charms, choose exciting activities from the Collections magazines and more...the world is their menu.

GROUP 1: Girls develop their own plan of action. The program becomes an individual path for each girl.

GROUP 2: Some may choose to earn Interest Project Awards.

GROUP 1: By becoming a Program Aide, girls provide service & leadership while working with younger Girl Scouts.

SOLO: Girls in grades 6 -9 can choose to complete the challenging requirements of the highest award for girls of this age group...the Girl Scout Silver award.

SOLO: Girls in grades 9 -12 can choose a different path in Girl Scouting.

GROUP 2: Leader-in-Training, Counselor-in-Training, or Girl Scout Troop Assistant will be the path of some who choose hone their leadership skills while working with younger girls.

GROUP 1: The Girl Scout Gold Award. (pause) Girl Scouting's highest award, will be earned by a dedicated few who choose to take on this commitment to developing to their full self- potential.

UNISON: Girl Scouts wish for dreams to come true, too! They can visit the World Centers.

SOLO: An international encampment at Our Cabana in Mexico,

SOLO: A session at Sangam, in India or Pax Lodge in England.

SOLO: Or maybe a visit to Our Chalet in Switzerland.

UNISON: Your wish came true! Destinations for girls!

SOLO: Your friends knew your wishes and in your memory founded the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

GROUP 2: From Girl Scouts all over the country comes:

SOLO: Pennies

SOLO: Nickels

SOLO: Dimes

SOLO: Quarters

SOLO: Hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

UNISON: Money to promote international friendship.

SOLO: You will be remembered, Juliette Low, for all you gave to us.

SOLO: Our Motto -

UNISON: "Be Prepared"

SOLO: Our Slogan -

UNISON: "Do a Good Turn Daily"

SOLO: Our Girl Scout Promise -

UNISON: (make G.S. sign and repeat the Girl Scout Promise)

SOLO: Our Law -

SOLO: I will do my best to be honest and fair,

GROUP 1: friendly and helpful,

SOLO: considerate and caring,

GROUP 2: courageous and strong, and

SOLO: responsible for what I say and do,

GROUP 1: and to respect myself and others,

SOLO: respect authority,

GROUP 2: use resources wisely,

SOLO: make the world a better place, and

GROUP 1: to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

SOLO: Our pin -

UNISON: A symbol of Girl Scouts that encircles the world.

GROUP 2: The three leaves of the trefoil remind us of the three parts of our Girl Scout Promise.

UNISON: It is a symbol of

SOLO: Working together

SOLO: Playing together

SOLO: Seeking together

SOLO: You will be remembered, Juliette Low.

UNISON: Your wish did come true!

Note: This choral reading could be part of a celebration or used as a ceremony by itself or combined with a song, other readings and/or a flag ceremony.