

Girl Scout Week 2021

March 7-March 13

Girl Scout Week is March 7-March 13. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Shabbat on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12. Girl Scouts' birthday commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the first 18 Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia. Each year, Girl Scouts celebrate and honor the Girl Scout Movement through participation in Girl Scout Week.

During Girl Scout Week, Girl Scouts complete activities and projects to reflect on the history and long-reaching impacts of the global Girl Scout Movement.

First, let's explore Girl Scouts' origins a little more closely. Let's start with the founder. **Juliette Gordon Low** was the original Girl Scout. In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization that today serves millions of girl members and alumnae, and reflects the arc of her remarkable life. An ardent believer in the potential of all girls and the importance of fostering their individual growth, character, and self-sufficiency, Juliette is credited with establishing and nurturing a global movement that has changed the world.



This year, Girl Scout Week centers around the **Girl Scout Law**, and the things we say and do every day as Girl Scouts to make our world a better place. Throughout the week, girls will dive deeper into each part of the Girl Scout Law and discover more about their world and themselves, connect with each other and people in their community, and take action in meaningful and impactful ways.

When Juliette Gordon Low began Girl Scouts, she wanted to build an organization that would provide exciting opportunities for girls within the framework of a positive values-based movement. The Law is a guide that Girl Scouts agree to live by, it should be used thoughtfully and in everyday of life. Today these values, as expressed in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, continue to be a force that unites Girl Scouts nationwide. Making the Girl Scout Promise and accepting the Girl Scout Law are a very important part of becoming a Girl Scout.



Now, more than ever, Girl Scouts of all ages need to understand the valuable impact they can and should make on the world around them. Using the template of this year's Girl Scout Week, we've outlined several simple, flexible opportunities for girls and troops to **Make the World a Better Place.**

Sunday, March 7: Girl Scout Sunday

There are multiple opportunities for girls of varying religions to celebrate their faith and connection to Girl Scouts during the week, and the first is Girl Scout Sunday. Talk with church leadership beforehand to see how your troop can be friendly and helpful during the service. Although most places of worship are congregating in innovative ways due to COVID-19, there are still so many ways girls can impact the service:

- Attend service and be recognized
- Wear your Girl Scout uniform
- Think creatively—can you create a short video, slideshow, or digital flyer?

Sunday, March 7: Honest & Fair

Today, find a Promise Pal:

- Discuss ways you can help family, friends, and your community
- Share your goals and big plans
- Make a promise with your Promise Pal to do your best to serve others and better yourself
- Encourage your Promise Pal

Monday, March 8: Friendly & Helpful/Considerate & Caring

Work on your own or as a troop to be friendly, helpful, considerate and caring. Many troops have adopted nursing and assisted living homes both before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, and now is a great time to show how much you care:

- Reach out to your local care facilities and discuss safe ways to send cards, letters, signs, or small gifts
- Take action to encourage others

Tuesday, March 9: Courageous & Strong

Who are your hometown heroes? Chat with your troop about safe ways to thank medical professionals and others in your community for their continued courage and strength during difficult times.

- Show gratitude in safe ways
- Send thank you notes or small gifts
- Give Girl Scout cookies

Wednesday, March 10: Responsible for What I Say and Do

Set aside time today to talk about words and feelings. What we say matters! Connect with others today and make meaningful changes in the ways you communicate and treat yourselves and others:

- What words hurt your feelings?
- What words make you feel happy?
- What can you say to another Girl Scout to make her happy?

Thursday, March 11: Respect Myself & Others/Respect Authority

Today, discover more about your community and yourself! Work with an adult to research local government. What roles are essential to keeping your community running smoothly? Explore a role that interests you most. Work together or with your troop to show what you learned and tell others what you would do if you were in that role:

- Write a story or report
- Draw or paint a picture
- Perform a skit

Friday, March 12: Girl Scout Birthday

This day commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia!

- Celebrate our birthday with your troop
- Wear your uniform to school—no matter how you attend!
- Make a birthday box for underserved children, those in shelters, or in foster care. Include everything someone would need to celebrate their birthday: cake mix, oil, icing, candles, birthday card, plates, napkins, gift bag, and a few small gifts

Friday, March 12: Girl Scout Jummah

Girl Scouts celebrates with faith partners during Girl Scout Week to share information with faith communities about Girl Scouts and its benefits, thank faith partners and volunteers for their support throughout the year, and recognize Girl Scouts in their place of worship. Celebrate Girl Scout Jummah with your girls to honor the contributions of young people and adults to Girl Scouting within the Muslim Community. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Explore the religious recognition programs that reinforce many of the values integral to Girl Scouting and help girls grow stronger in and learn more about their chosen faith (https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsusa/forms-and-documents/about-girl-scouts/gs-and-faith/PRAY_Chart.pdf)
- Reach out to your place of worship to learn ways you can safely contribute and help out

Friday, March 12: Use Resources Wisely

It's in our DNA. Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was a famous lover of nature. Today, Girl Scouts honors her legacy by being caring conservationists:

- Create unique recycling projects
- Use cookies boxes and packages
- Consider donating or gifting your projects

Saturday, March 13: Girl Scout Shabbat

Girl Scout Sabbath is another opportunity for Girl Scouts of faith to connect the Girl scout promise, law, and mission with their heritage. A better future comes from making the world a better place today.

- Rest, reflect, connect
- Catch up from a busy week
- Choose a project from the Girl Scout Week activity guide you didn't get to do before

Saturday, March 13: Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout

On this final day of Girl Scout Week, reach out to another Girl Scout. Use this time to talk about what you've learned and done during Girl Scout Week and more ways you can make your world a better place!

- Send a text or letter
- Zoom or Video Call
- Catch up with your Promise Pal