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New Leader Newsletter-March 2019

It all started...

On March 12, 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low spoke to a small group of 18 girls in Savannah, GA and said "I've got something for the girls of Savannah and all America and all the world and we're going to start it tonight!" That small gathering has grown into a global movement of over 3 million girls and adults who share adventures, offer a helping hand, work together, create lifelong friendships and have a desire to do great things to make the world a better place.

The week of March 12, we celebrate what Juliette Low started. I have included activities that the girls can do all week. Traditions are a positive thing to have in your troop. It creates a bond between all the members of the troop. It doesn't have to be anything big, just something that is memorable and consistent. With my troop it was green cake. Every year, at the troop meeting during Girl Scout week, we would have green cake as the special treat. I really didn't think it made a difference until that one year that I forgot... but the girls didn't! I never forgot again, because it had become our tradition.

Green cake recipe

1 box of yellow cake mix

3 boxes of pistachio pudding

4 eggs

1 cup of hot water

1 cup of oil

Bake in a Bundt pan at 350 degrees for 55 to 65 minutes.

Cookie Season Tips and Tricks

You are over half way through cookie season, and you have just a couple more weeks of cookie booths remaining. The troop has set goals for their cookie proceeds and you get to act on those goals. Remember that your final ACH pull from your troop account will be on March 29, refer to your eBudde sales report for the exact amount. Your girls have worked very hard this cookie season, so if you have a parent that does not pay on time, file the proper paperwork so that Council can take care of getting this debt and the girls don't lose the proceeds from their hard work. If you have any questions, contact your service unit cookie manager or the cookie hotline at 317-924-2949.

There are helpful cookie [training videos](#) on the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana website.

Volunteer Toolkit

As mentioned last month, the Girl Scout Cookie Program is a financial literacy program and there are badges that can be earned during the cookie sales. Have you found the requirements for these badges in the Volunteer Toolkit?

Monthly Challenges

1. With cookie season almost over, has your troop decided how they will use their cookie proceeds? Is a portion going to spring renewal? Do you plan to do a fun activity from the Council Spring Program Guide?
2. What badges are you working on? What was your success and your challenge? Share with others in your service unit.
3. How is your troop going to celebrate Girl Scout week? Keep reading, we have a week's worth of great ideas to share!

Guide to planning Girl Scout week

2019 Girl Scout Week: Sunday, March 10 - Saturday, March 16

Girl Scout Week is a time to celebrate Girl Scouts as groundbreakers, big thinkers, and role models. This guide offers many ideas for girls to choose their own way to be a **G.I.R.L.** (Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)™.

March 10 – Sunday: Girl Scout Sunday

Wear your Girl Scout uniform to worship. Talk with your Girl Scout sisters and family to connect with a local place of worship and learn about how Girl Scouts can be represented on Girl Scout Sunday.

Host a Girl Scout Cookies and milk party after worship. Bring Girl Scout cookies (and possibly sell some too), share what goals you achieved with your cookie sale, and talk about the skills you have learned from the Girl Scout Cookie program.

Earn your My Promise, My Faith Award. Work with your family and faith leaders to earn the pin to celebrate the connection between the Girl Scout Promise and Law and your faith.

March 11 – Monday: Go-Getter

A Go-Getter is bold, honest, and determined to succeed. Goal-oriented and ambitious, she's also a life-long learner who believes no challenge is too difficult.

Set a goal to achieve a big objective. Is it a Journey Summit Award, straight A's, mastering a new routine, or scoring a goal? Create a plan to work hard to make it happen.

Learn a new skill. Celebrate your love of learning. Practice a skill that will help you explore something you've always wanted to try.

Create a motivational mantra. Go-Getters get back up and try again when they fall down. Create a mantra or saying to encourage yourself and others to be determined to succeed.

March 12 – Tuesday: Girl Scout Birthday

March 12 is also the Girl Scout Birthday! On this day in 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled a group of eighteen girls from Savannah, Georgia for the first ever Girl Scout meeting.

Wear your Girl Scout uniform to school to celebrate your Girl Scout sisterhood.

Today, over 3.2 million girls and adults are active Girl Scout members, and over 50 million women are Girl Scout alumnae. In honor of the Girl Scout Birthday, take a moment to recognize and celebrate all that Girl Scouts of the USA has done for local communities across the country!

Learn more about Juliette Gordon Low. Visit the [Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace website](#). Every year many troops visit the birthplace as an extended trip. Interested in learning more? Check out our [Traveling with Girl Scouts](#) packet.

Throw a birthday party for Girl Scouts! Celebrate with birthday cake, party games, and more. Invite your sister Girl Scouts and friends who are not yet Girl Scouts. Ask all of your guests to bring a birthday gift to donate to a local charity.

March 13 – Wednesday: Innovator

Thinking outside the box is an Innovator's specialty, so she's always looking for a creative way to take action. She definitely knows how to get things done.

Solve a problem in a creative way. Whether it is a broken shoelace or a polluted beach, Girl Scouts innovate to find unique solutions. Find an imaginative solution to an everyday or community problem.

Invent something new. Think outside the box and find a new way to do something. Share your idea with other Girl Scout sisters or your family.

Create a work of art. Choose your favorite type of art and make a masterpiece that looks like something that no one has ever seen before.

March 14 – Thursday: Risk-Taker

Courageous and strong, a Risk-Taker's keen to try new things and to embrace the unfamiliar.

She's ready to step up and break the mold if that's what it takes.

Do something new. Girl Scouts explore the world around them. Do something that you've never done before.

Eliminate "can't" from your vocabulary. Think about the times you've said "I can't (do something)." Try something that you thought you couldn't do.

Break the mold. Be the first person you know to try something. Share with your friends and family about your experience.

March 15 – Friday: Leader

A Leader is confident, responsible, and committed to changing the world for the better—and she's happiest when others join her in taking the lead!

Be a role model. Lead younger girls in celebrating Girl Scout Week activities and being G.I.R.L.s!

Lead a Take Action project. Make the world a better place when you Take Action to solve issues in your community in a sustainable way.

Invite the community. Welcome your community to your Girl Scout Week celebrations or Take Action projects.

March 16 – Saturday: G.I.R.L. Agenda and Girl Scout Sabbath

Be a catalyst for change in your community—and the world. Champion your views, influence leadership, and advance the [G.I.R.L. Agenda](#) to make the world a better place. Every girl has a voice. Every girl's voice is important.

Get inspired. Find a problem big or small in your community. Think of a way you and others can solve it and let your voice be heard.

Get prepared. Take a stand and be an advocate for an issue that is important to you. Share with others why you are so passionate about this cause.

Get mobilized. Unleash your inner leader and make the world a better place.