

## FOUNDERS DAY CEREMONY

### SUPPLIES:

a tree with leaves that read – Fun, friendship, camping, singing, service etc.

A bell to simulate a phone

18 Choir members – Symbolizing the original 18 members

Extra Scouts

*The group enters singing and circles around the tree. Those who are in the choir hum softly. The 18 should be in front, the rest behind or to the side.*

Girl #1: Did you ever think of the miracle of spring when bare trees being to put forth leaves? So ti is with Girl Scouting. It inspires you to put forth your best. In every path of life you have a chance to show what a Girl Scout can do! *Humming stops*

Girl #2 Juliette Gordon Low knew well that time flies swiftly. Today is soon tomorrow, and all our tomorrows lie in the hands of youth.

Girl #3 Her gift to youth was Girl Scouting and her dream – a tree of fellowship-growing from a tiny seed of inspiration.

Girl #4 She knew the seed would ripen, the tree would grow.

Girl #5 Flourished by faith

Girl #6 Watered by service

Girl #7 Tended by love.

*A telephone rings*

Girl #8 I've something for all the girls of Savannah and for all the world.

All 18: This was a phone call that made history by beginning the girl Scout movement in the United States.

Girl #9 Yes, we started that night. She brought the seed from England and we helped her plant that seed in the rich soil of Georgia, we 18.

All 18: On my Honor I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl #1 & 2 Each of the 18 original Girl Scouts said the promise.

Girl #3 & 4 Soon there were scores of us.

Girl #5 & 6 & 7 Hundreds

Everyone: Then thousands. Now we are three million strong, living the Promise.

Girl #1, 2, 3 & 4 duty, service, loyalty...these were the challenges.

Girl #9 These, the roots our founder planted many years ago.

Girl #10 The tree grew strong and flourished.

Girl #11 In branches were delight in the out-of-doors, joy in the arts.

Girl #12 Its leaves were fun, friendship, new things to do.

Everyone: Juliette Low knew what girls wanted.

Girl #13 If it isn't right, the girls won't take it, and it won't last!

Everyone: Three million voices answer, It is right, it will last!

Girl #14 Thanks to your inspiration, Juliette Low, and to those who follow, our Girl Scout tree reached the sky.

Girl #15 nourished by their faith.....

Girl #16 watered by their service.....

Girl #17 tended by their love.

Everyone: Our roots lie deep in the earth, revered like our traditions.

Girl #18 Honoring the past, we live each day beneath the spreading branches of our tree.

Everyone: Is there anyone here who would like to join our tree? As we move into the future, we raise our eyes to the topmost branches and the clear sky above. *Circling the tree sing a song. Once finished, hum as you exit.*