

The Founding of Girl Scouts

SKIT PROP LIST

1. Pumpkin with birthday candle
2. Rope
3. Stuffed animal with bandage
4. Parasol
5. Paint brush and palette
6. Gavel
7. Pearl Necklace
8. Wedding veil
9. Daisy Flower
10. Backpack
11. Sign that says 40,0005.

Leader: This story is meant to introduce you to the founder of the Girl Scout movement in the USA. Her life history gives you some sense of her strength, courage and commitment to make our world a better place.

This is a short skit with information about Juliette Gordon Low, a lady of southern society who came home from Europe and stated, "I've got something for the girls of Savannah and all America and all the world and we're going to start tonight."

Girl 1 My name is Juliette Gordon. I was born on October 321, 1860 - yes Halloween. *(Hold up Pumpkin)* Girl Scouts all across the USA now celebrate my birthday and Honor me by remembering my life.

Girls 2&3 #1 My 3 sisters and 2 brothers and I were raised in Savannah, Georgia around the time of the Civil War *(do tug of war with rope between you)*

#2 Our childhood was happy after the war. We played games *(pretend to play catch)* and *(put the back of your hand to your forehead like a drama queen)* made up plays and acted them out

Girl 4 An uncle of mine had an observation of my personality he stated, "I'll bet this one will be a daisy" *(twirl parasol)*. This nickname stayed with me. *(Place 1 finger on chin and look up, pretend to think)*. Sometimes with my wild imagination people referred to me as Crazy Daisy. That's ok; I know it's good to be different.

Girl 5 When I was a young girl, I had a great love for animals and I would take care of them if they got injured. *(Bandage the stuffed animal's leg)*

Girl 6 As I grew up I attended boarding school. I explored many of my talents such as painting and sculpting. (*Pretend to paint*)

Girl 7 When I became an adult I traveled to Europe. That's where I met Andrew Low, the man I would marry. (*Put on Wedding Veil*) Our wedding held a tragedy. As guests threw rice to wish us well a piece got stuck in my ear. This later caused an infection and I lost my hearing in my Good Ear. (*Hold hand over on Ear.*) I had lost almost all of my hearing in my other ear years ago. Now I was almost completely deaf.

Girl 8 After my marriage we lived in Europe. I had many friends there. To name a couple there were Winston Churchill and Rudyard Kipling and once I was presented to Queen Victoria. (*Curtsy*) My marriage was troubled and my husband died unexpectedly. Following his death my life consisted of traveling and parties. I soon tired of this lifestyle when I met Sir Robert Baden-Powell the founder of Boy Scouts. (*Salute*)

Girl 9 I discovered from Lord Baden-Powell that girls wanted to do the same things that boys were doing. Like hiking and camping. (*Put on backpack, pretend to hike*) I worked with the Girl Guides in Europe before I returned home to Savannah.

Girl 10 When I returned home I started the Girl Scouts. My niece also called Daisy (*hold up daisy flower*) was inducted as the 1st Girl Scout. Our 1st meeting was held on March 12, 1912. (*Pound the gavel to start meeting*) I was 52 years old (young) at that time.

Girl 11 The Girls had many interests and our purpose and activities included camping, swimming, 1st aid, sewing, cooking and many more. (*Pretend to do the activities as you read them*). In 1919 I reported that we now had 40,000 girls in the program in just 7 years. (*Hold up sign with # 40,000*)

Girl 12 I felt so strongly about the Girl Scout movement that I sold my pearls to pay for traveling experiences to be able to tell more people about the Girl Scout Program.
(Hold up pearls)

Girl 13 In 1926 a World Camp was held and Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from many countries attended. They pledged themselves to World Peace. *(make the peace sign)*

Leader Juliette Gordon Low died on Jan 17, 1927 at the age of 67. Her vision to bring Girls the opportunities, skills and sisterhood lit a fire that will never die.

Thank you for your help in presenting this abbreviated history of a truly amazing woman. The Founder of Girl Scouts of the USA