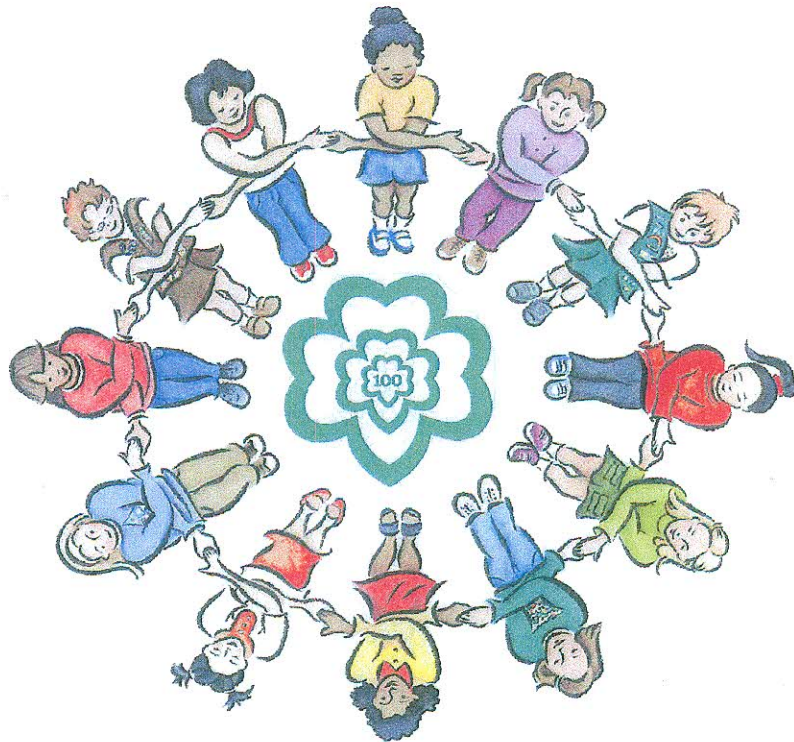


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On March 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m., every Girl Scout in Connecticut will recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law at the same time. What a powerful way for the Sisterhood of Girl Scouts to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouting!!

This booklet provides some Promise Circle planning ideas. Please share your Promise Circle with Girl Scouts, families, friends and the community. Feel free to use this as a basic guide and personalize it to truly make it your own.

This is an exciting time! Be sure this once in a lifetime event is both memorable and enjoyable.

Plan It

A Promise Circle is most rewarding when it happens as a large group such as a gathering of several troops, your service unit or more than one service unit. This showcases the powerful Sisterhood of Girl Scouts and can help with the planning. Together, decide what type of event would best commemorate 100 years of Girl Scouting for your particular group. Be sure to include the girls when deciding the details.

Sample Agenda

Opening remarks

Perhaps a few words about the history of Girl Scouts founded by Juliette Gordon Low, her vision for girls and how that has held up for 100 years. A good resource is the Girl Scout USA website. Go to www.girlscouts.org and choose "History" under "Who We Are". At the end of this pamphlet, you will find reproductions of the Girl Scout Promise and Law as they appeared over the years.

Flag ceremony

This is a great opportunity to teach the girls how to perform a flag ceremony and the proper handling of flags. If your group doesn't have a flag, see if you can borrow one from an organization or school.

Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law at 6:30 p.m.

Have the Girl Scouts form their Promise Circle for this. Have copies of the Promise and Law available for those who are not yet familiar with the words. and would like to join in.

Reading of the Proclamation

This can be done by a public official. Girl Scouts of Connecticut will request a proclamation from the State.

Presenting the 100,000 Hours of Service Patch

This is a good opportunity to present patches to Girl Scout who participated in our council's 100,000 Hours of Service project.

Closing remarks

Thank everyone for coming to the celebration. If you have planned further activities (see below), invite everyone to stay.

Friendship Circle

Teach everyone the Friendship Circle and its purpose. Have the Girl Scouts scattered throughout the circle.

Activity ideas:

Display of activities and service performed by the girls.

Speakers: Gold Award recipient from your area

Girl Scouts from Traveling Juliette (contact your service manager)

Girl Scout who has participated in a *destination*.

Find a Location

How many people do you think will attend? This includes Girl Scouts, families, friends, organizations, public officials (selectman, mayor or government representative) and the general public.

Now that you have an idea of how many participants to expect, secure a convenient location that can accommodate everyone. Be sure to include enough space for all activities on your agenda such as the flag ceremony, Promise Circle, Friendship Circle, displays and whatever else you have planned.

Will you require tables and chairs and can the facility provide this? Determine if you need to rent or borrow anything additional.

Create Invitations

Have your Girl Scouts create invitations to join in the celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting. Perhaps use several designs from different Girl Scout Levels. This will help the girls know that they are an important part of their event. The invitations can be in the form of a flyer or card. You will find a sample invitation at the end of the pamphlet.

Send Invitations

Whether you deliver your invitations by hand, e-mail, facebook or mail, be sure to allow enough time to make your last minute plans. Decide if you need to keep track of participant numbers and how best to do this.

Odds and Ends

Put out a call for volunteers to help with the Promise Circle event. Whether it is setting up, showing participants where to assemble, supervising activities or cleaning up, help is always appreciated.

About 4-6 weeks before your Promise Circle, make another visit to the location. By this time, you will have a good idea of how your celebration will run. Being at the actual site will enable you to determine what is going where and how much setup time you might need.

Order whatever supplies might be needed. If you have table displays, you might want to have the tables covered.

Contact the Media

This is the perfect time to let your community know about Girl Scout's 100th Anniversary. Contact your local newspapers and let them know about your Promise Circle celebration. Hopefully, they will use this wonderful photo opportunity.

And finally....

The Promise Circle will be exciting and a wonderful way to show the community what Girl Scouts are all about and what we have accomplished over these 100 years.

If you're fairly new at planning large events, speak with other troops and service units for some ideas and support. If you have any further questions, contact the Program Department at program@gsofct.org. We want this to be fun and exiting for everyone – including you!!

After your Promise Circle celebration is completed, we'd like to know how everything went. Click on this link and answer four easy questions.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3JFTJ9C>

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!!!



THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

1912

To do my duty to God and to my country
To help other people at all times
To obey the Laws of the Scouts.

1920

On my honor, I will try:
To do my duty to God and my country.
To help people at all times
To obey the Girl Scout Laws.

1972

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God
My country and mankind
And to live by the Girl Scout Law

1984

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.

THE GIRL SCOUT LAW

1913

A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
A Girl Scout is loyal.
A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful
and to help others.
A Girl Scout is a friend to all,
and a sister to every other Girl Scout no matter
to what social class she may belong.
A Girl Scout is courteous.
A Girl Scout keeps herself pure.
A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
A Girl Scout obeys orders.
A Girl Scout is cheerful.
A Girl Scout is thrifty.

1917

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A Girl Scout keeps herself pure.
A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
A Girl Scout obeys orders.
A Girl Scout is cheerful.
A Girl Scout is thrifty.

1920

A Girl Scout's honor is to be Trusted
A Girl Scout is Loyal
A Girl Scout's Duty is to be Useful and to Help Others
A Girl Scout is a Friend to All and a Sister to every
other Girl Scout
A Girl Scout is courteous
A Girl Scout is a Friend to Animals
A Girl Scout Obeys Orders
A Girl Scout is Cheerful
A Girl Scout is Thrifty
A Girl Scout is Clean in Thought, Word, and Deed

1972

I will do my best:
to be honest
to be fair
to help where I am needed
to be cheerful
to be friendly and considerate
to be a sister to every Girl Scout
to respect authority
to use resources wisely
to protect and improve the world around me
to show respect for myself and others through my
words and actions.

1996

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do.
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUTING
COME JOIN THE _____ PROMISE CIRCLE

WHEN _____

WHERE _____

R.S.V.P. TO _____ **BY** _____



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