

# **Girl Scout Way**

**Troop #622**





**As a Girl Scout, you are member of a very old organization!**  
**Girls have been joining the Girl Scouts since 1912--that's 109 years ago.**



**Over time, the Girl Scouts have come up with many traditions that members have passed down, one generation after another.**

**We are going to learn about Girl Scouts history and traditions to earn the Girl Scouts Way badge in our workshop today.**

**What Girl Scout traditions can you think of?**

**What are your favorite traditions?**

**Why are traditions important?**

**They remind us that, as Girl Scouts, we are part of a big, powerful, and inclusive sisterhood.**

**Traditions unite Girl Scouts across time and space.**

**What is the Girl Scout "sisterhood"?**

**It doesn't just mean the sisters in your family.**

**All the girls and women who are Girl Scouts try to live by the Girl Scout Law.**

**Because we agree to use the Law as a guide in our daily lives, the Law binds us in a type of sisterhood.**

## **The Girl Scout Law**

**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.**



**Another tradition is celebrating Founder's Day on October 31 every year.**

**The Girl Scouts founder was Juliette Gordon Low. October 31, 1860, was her birthday.**

**She founded the Girl Scouts in 1912.**

**She was inspired by the Boy Scouts and she encouraged girls to be self-sufficient, have fun, and be good citizens in their communities.**



**One tradition is the Girl Scout Slogan:**

**"Do a good turn daily."**

**It is a reminder of the many ways girls can contribute positively to the lives of others.**

**The slogan has been used since 1912: it's a tradition that joins members across time.**

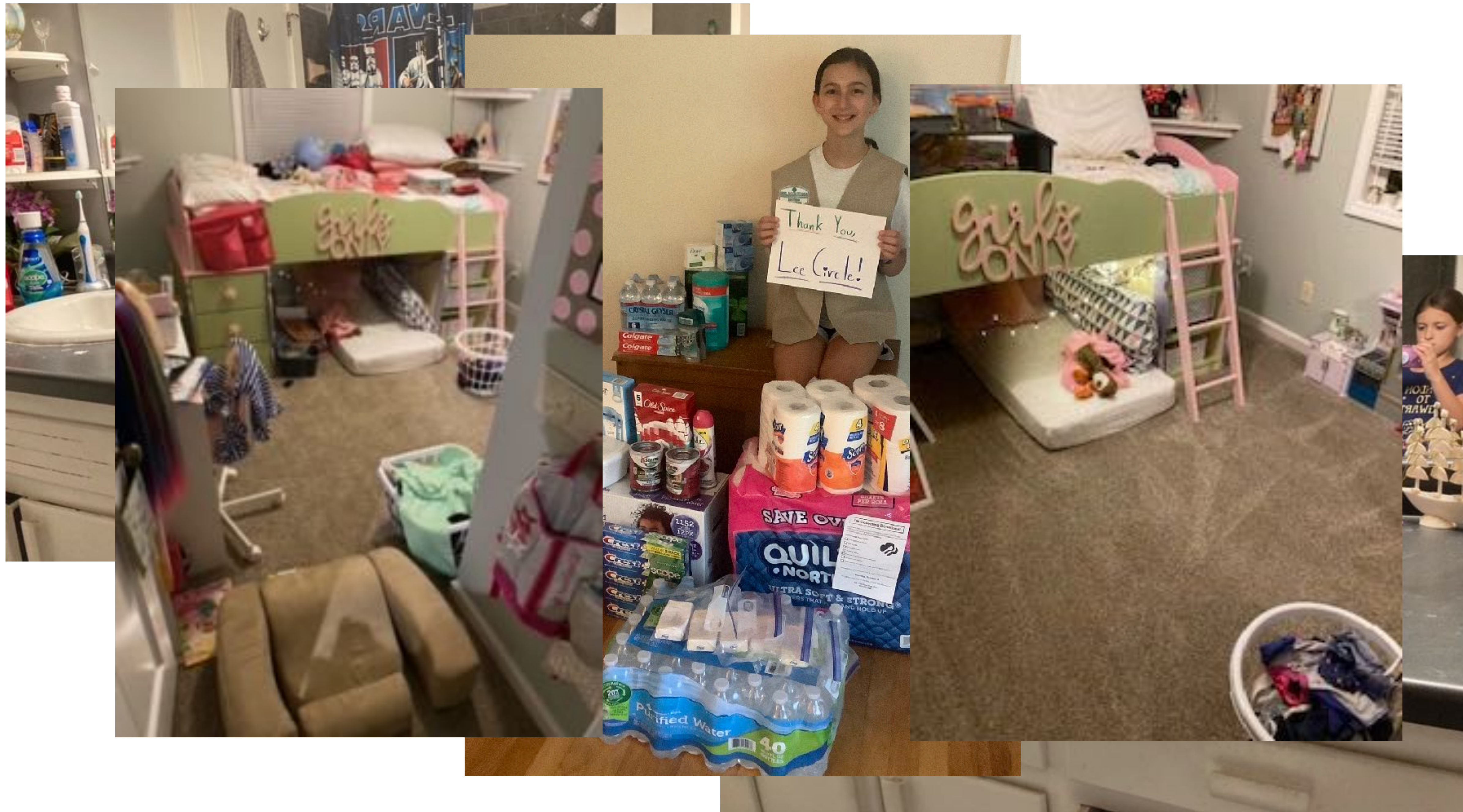


**Making the world a better place is another important tradition for the Girl Scouts.**

**All of you have helped your families, neighbors, and communities.**

**Here are some examples of helping out or doing a good turn...**









**Some traditions join us physically in space, like the Friendship Circle and Greeting, but a pandemic makes it hard to do these traditions.**







**One tradition we can do together while we are apart is SWAPS.**

**SWAPS stands for "Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere."**

**Girl Scouts make these small tokens of friendship to exchange with the Girl Scouts they meet while traveling.**

**Let's see the SWAPS we exchanged with each other...**







**One more tradition is singing.**

**We can't be together to sing, but we can all make a song together.**

**Let's listen to our Async-along...**



**Juliette Gordon Low and the Girl Scouts have handed down many important and fun traditions.**

**One of the most important traditions from Juliette herself was **breaking with tradition**.**

**In her time, women were expected to be wives and mothers, not to work outside the home, and to focus solely on the care of their families.**

**Juliette was a curious person who wanted to learn and have fun.**

**Before Girl Scouts, Juliette had many adventures and learned a lot!**

- **Learned horseback riding and target shooting**
- **Iron working**
- **Traveling to Europe, Egypt, and India**
- **Studied painting and sculpture**
- **Helped needy girls learn skills to avoid working in factories**



**What non-traditional ideas did Juliette have for the Girl Scouts?**

**Girls insisted on having fun. They wanted to do activities that were considered boys-only at that time. Juliette agreed with the girls!**

**Juliette used many Boy Scout badges for the Girl Scouts:**

**electrician**

**farmer**

**flyer**

**horsemanship**

**pioneer**

**rifle-shot**

**telegraphist**

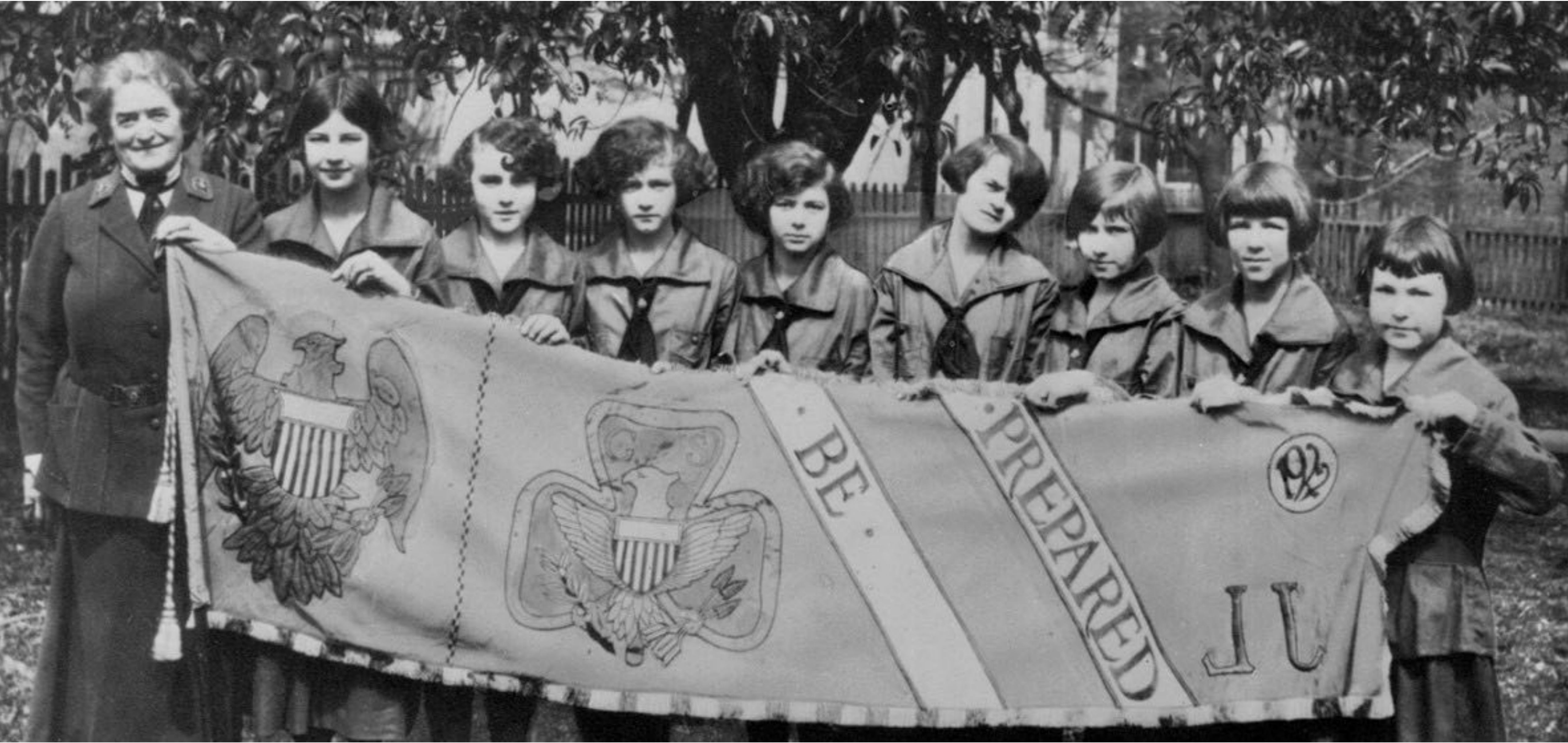


**Most people didn't think girls should wear uniforms. They thought girls would become too "manly".**

**But Juliette and the Girl Scouts both loved to wear a uniform.**

**Many people didn't like the name "Scout". Scout was considered a masculine role.**





**Juliette thought girls should be self-sufficient and prepared with skills to help their communities.**



**Thank you to all your work helping our community and  
learning about the Girl Scout Way!**

**You have all earned the Girl Scout Way badge today.**

**Keep up the good work!**

**And keep learning and having fun!**



We have learned a little about Juliette Gordon Low together.

Did you read about Juliette on your own?

Now it's trivia time!

