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Promise Circle Ceremony – March 12, 2012

In 2012 Girl Scouts of the USA will mark 100 years of inspiring girls and young women with the ideals of courage, confidence and character. Millions of active Girl Scouts, volunteers and alumnae will come together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting. Will you be one of them?

This 100th Anniversary is an important milestone in the life of the Girl Scout movement. Girl Scouts are invited to commemorate the occasion with public ceremonies that show our communities the commitment we have to Girl Scouting. It is appropriate to affirm our belief in the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law and to celebrate our membership in the biggest volunteer organization for young women in the world.

The Girl Scout Birthday week is March 11 – 17, 2012. The actual Anniversary date is Monday, March 12. Ceremonies could be held around a court house square, in a school, at a place of worship, the middle of a shopping mall, or any other site where the community could participate.

Ceremony participants (Girl Scouts) should stand in a half circle formation facing the audience. A small table with a table cloth on the top should be in front of the formation. Three candles or three flowers in a vase can represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

Speaker: Girl Scouting in the United States has grown to 2.6 million members. Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development organization for girls in the world and has influenced the more than 50 million girls, women and men who have belonged to it. Today, Girl Scouts celebrate our 100th Anniversary and also look forward to a second century of serving girls.

The Girl Scout Promise was brought to America on March 12, 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scout movement in our country. She believed that by taking the oath, girls would better understand their place in their community and doing so, join thousands of other girls who share a common belief and commitment.

The three parts of the Girl Scout Promise are:

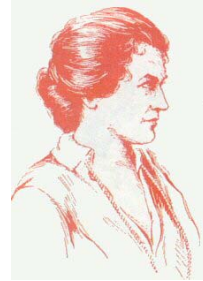
On my honor, I will try:

1. To serve God and my country
2. To help people at all times
3. And to live by the Girl Scout Law

Girls may light candles or place a flower in the vase representing the three parts of the Promise.

Sing – Girl Scouts Together

Girl Scouts together, that is our song
Winding the old trails, rocky and long
Learning our motto, living our creed
Girl Scouts together in every good deed



Choral reading – The Wish That Came True

Ask all the participants to repeat "Your wish, Juliette Low came true" after each statement.

Once Juliette Low said to her father she wished she could leave a work of art for which she could be remembered forever.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

You learned of Boy Scouts from Lord Robert Baden-Powell. You wished girls could share the joys of friendship, understanding, adventure, love of the outdoors, resourcefulness and service. Groups of girls banded together in villages, towns and cities of Great Britain. They were called Girl Guides.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

And then you had another wish to take the idea across the ocean to America. You started with 18 girls in Savannah Georgia on March 12, 1912. It was a wonderful program for girls called Girl Scouts.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

Your wish became a gift to all the girls of America. You worked endlessly and even sold your pearl necklace to spread the exciting ideas of Girl Scouting. Even your deafness did not hinder you.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

You wished for thousands of girls. Now we proudly say that millions of girls have made the Girl Scout Promise since then and the Promise holds the same meaning as it did when you first brought Scouting to America.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

You wished that Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in other countries could become friends. Now we are members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts – over 140 strong in this world with millions and millions of members.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

Today we are here to celebrate a remarkable milestone. Today Girl Scouts of the United States of America is 100 years old. Today we celebrate that Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Your wish, Juliette Low came true.

Friendship Circle is formed by Girl Scouts standing and clasping hands. *(Before they reach for each other's hands, girls cross their right hand over their left)*. The circle represents the unbroken chain of friendship among Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world.

Ask participants to join in the Friendship Circle. As you sing TAPS pass the friendship squeeze. A Friendship squeeze is a hand squeeze that travels around a friendship circle from one person to another after someone starts it. When the squeeze comes back to the person originating it, everyone pulls up their hands and turns around while the speaker says, "Good night Scouts".

TAPS - original

Day is done

Gone the sun

From the lakes

From the hills

From the sky

All is well, safely rest

God is nigh

TAPS – daytime

Thanks and praise

For our days

'Neath the sun

'Neath the trees

'Neath the sky

As we go, this we know

God is nigh

TAPS – Juliette Low

On this day

We have come

From the North

From the South

East and West

All your dreams

Will live on, Juliette