

TROOP PROGRAM IDEAS

October
2010

Things to celebrate in October

- National Popcorn Poppin' Month
- National Apple Month
- National Clock Month
- National Pizza Month
- Oct. 10 National Cake Decorating Day
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day
- Oct. 30 National Candy Corn Day
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Oct. 31 Juliette Low's Birthday

Things to celebrate in Nov.

- National Novel Writing Month
- National Adoption Month
- National American Indian Appreciation Month
- Nov. 2 Election Day
- Nov. 3 National Sandwich Day
- Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Nov. 11 National Origami Day
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
- Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Day

Juliette Low's Birthday

The founder of Girl Scouts was born on Halloween in 1860.

Here are some ideas to celebrate her birthday:

1. Make up a play or skit about Juliette Low's life or about how she started Girl Scouts.
2. Invite another troop to share a birthday party with you.
3. Have a birthday party, have all the girls bring a gift and then donate the gifts to a shelter.

Leaders, do you remember this great song from when you were in Girl Scouts? Teach this classic to your troop. Not sure how the music goes? Ask someone at your next service unit meeting. These meetings are a great way to learn what is going on in the Council and connect with leaders that can answer some of your questions.

Barges

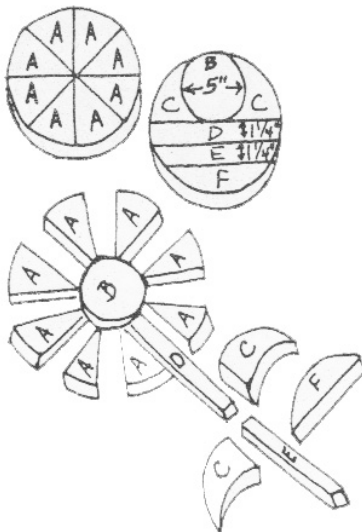
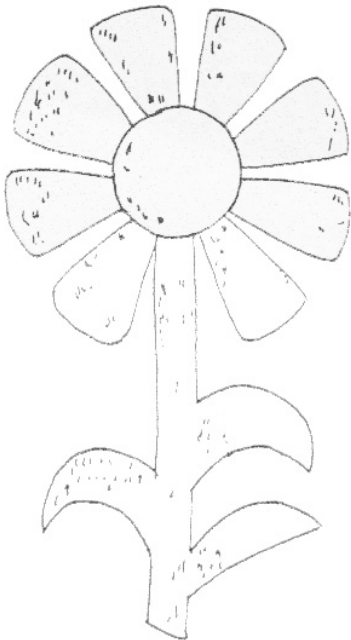
Out of my window, looking in the night
I can see the barges' flickering light
Silently flows the river to the sea
And the Barges too float silently

Chorus
Barges I would like to go with you
I would like to sail the ocean blue
Barges have you treasures in your hold?
Do you fight with pirates brave and bold

Out of my window, looking in the night
I can see the barges' flickering light
Starboard shines green and port is glowing red
I can see them flickering far ahead

Chorus

How my heart longs to go away with you
As I watch you sail the ocean blue
But I must stand beside my window clear
And watch you sail away from here



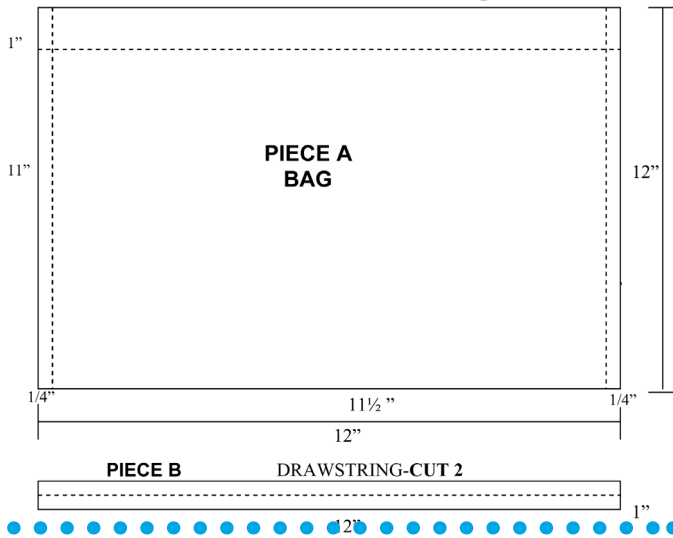
Daisy Cake

Juliette Gordon Low's nickname was Daisy. Celebrate her birthday by having your troop make a Daisy Cake.

You need two baked 9-inch round cake layers, cooled; 8 cups white frosting (check your favorite cookbook for the recipe); 2- 2/3 cups coconut; green crushed pineapple, drained.

Cut cakes as shown. Arrange on foil-covered cardboard. Hold pieces in place with frosting. Tuck strips of waxed paper beneath pieces before frosting. Frost entire cake. Tint 1/2 cup of coconut green. Sprinkle on stem leaves. Sprinkle remaining coconut on petals. Arrange pineapple in center. Remove waxed paper.

Service – It's in the Bag!!



If you want to help the homeless in a very real way, create this bag and fill it with some of the items below, or create a list of your own. Organizations like SEARCH, Covenant House, StandUp for Kids will be delighted to accept donation of these bags. Organizations who serve homeless children use these items to make initial contact with kids and then find out what they can do to further serve them.

From colorful fabric cut Piece A, the bag (12"x12"). Cut two of Piece B (12"x1"), the drawstring. Working with Piece A print side down, turn the top down 1/2" and seam, leaving a hem through which the draw string can pass.

Fold Piece A in half with colored sides together to form a rectangle appx 6" X 11.5". On the long side, make a 1/4" seam starting just below the drawstring hem (do not sew the hem shut), downward toward the bottom then across the bottom. Double sew the end of the seam and cut the thread. At the top, on the folded side, make a tiny slit opposite the opening for the drawstring. This will be the hole where one drawstring comes out. Take each Piece B and fold in half long wise. Sew a 1/4" seam the full length. Cut the thread.

Stick the safety pin through one end of the drawstring. Close the safety pin. Thread the drawstring through the hem on the bag using the pin to push – the pin is your "bodkin". When you get the string all the way through, remove the safety pin and tie the two ends of the string together in a knot. Attach the bodkin to the other drawstring and push it through the slit you cut on the opposite side of the bag, thread it through and back out the slit. Tie 2 ends together as before. Turn the bag right-side out.

Ideas for filling your bag:

Snack Sack

- Granola bar
- Fruit cup or applesauce (include plastic spoon)
- Bottle of water
- Peanut butter crackers
- Pack of cookies
- Tube of nuts
- Pack of gum

First Aid Bag

- Hand sanitizer
- Band aids
- Antibacterial wipe
- Alcohol wipe
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent

Toys & Trinkets

- Rubber ball
- Jacks
- Marbles
- Matchbox car
- Whistle
- Small deck of cards
- Tiny notebook
- Colored pencils
- Little Playdough
- Chinese yo-yo

Toiletry Tote

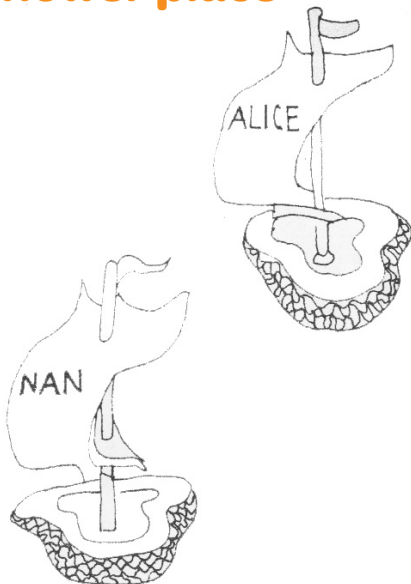
- Individual soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Razor
- Shaving Cream
- Band aids
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sunscreen

Walnut Mayflower place cards

You need:

- Walnuts
- Toothpicks
- Colored Paper
- Modeling Clay
- Felt-tip pens
- Scissors

Carefully crack the walnuts so they break into two equal halves. Remove the nut and hard membranes inside. The shell will be the hull of the ship.



Next, make the sail. Use light-weight colored paper. Or, use plain white paper and paint it. Cut the paper in a square, shape a little larger than the walnut, on each square, shape a little larger than the walnut, on each square, write the name of someone who will be at your dinner. With a toothpick or the sharp end of a scissors, make a very small hole in the upper and lower edges of the paper. Insert the toothpick into these tiny holes so that the paper bulges out. The toothpick is now the mast, and the paper is the sail, billowing out as though it were filled with wind. Putting the mast into the hull is easy. You can even put more than one mast in each ship. Just take a small ball of modeling clay. Press it into the bottom of the hull. Stick the toothpick with the sail attached, into the clay. Your Mayflower place card is complete.

Great way to end your meeting

GIRL SCOUT FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE: Girls stand in a circle. Each girl crosses her right hand over her left. Then she holds hands with the person standing on either side of her.

GIRL SCOUT FRIENDSHIP SQUEEZE: The person in the friendship circle starts the friendship squeeze. When you feel your hand squeezed, you put your right foot into the circle and then squeeze the hand on the other side of you. Everyone is silent as the friendship squeeze is passed around the circle. It stands for friendship with Girl Scouts everywhere. Once everyone has felt the squeeze everyone says: "Goodnight Girl Scouts!" and turns to the right under their right arms never letting go hands until you are facing out.