JUNE 14 - FLAG DAY TRIBUTE

GS should plan to participate in a patriotic tribute to our nation's flag.

1. The Making of the Flag
(Suitable for Younger Girls)

Supplies:
1. large container
2. colored paper cut into small pieces (red, white & blue)
3. stars
4. spoon
5. flag (conceal flag in container)

NARRATOR: We are going to fix you a treat that is really grand.
And make a recipe - the greatest in the land.

#1 G.S.: In first, we will put a heaping bunch of red for courage true. (pour in red chips)
#2 G.S.: And then we will add for justice - a dash of heavenly blue. (pour in blue chips)
#3 G.S.: For purity, we will now include a layer of snowy white. (pour in white chips)
#4 G.S.: We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right. (add stars)

NARRATOR: (Using spoon)
We will stir and stir and then you will see what we have made is
(Pull out flag)
"Old Glory"!!!!
Our flag is the most beautiful flag in the world.
Let us always be loyal to it.
Please stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Old Glory

Procedure: The stage is clear except for the floating flag upon a standard. (Use a fan to get flag to "wave".) Have room as dark as possible. Spotlight flag from back of room. The narrator is offstage.

NARRATOR: I am the flag of the United States.
The symbol of a nation that has loved above all else, its freedoms;
that has fought its many battles for the principles
of justice, freedom, right and equality.

I am the country's glowing Stars and Stripes.
Red is for endurance, courage, growth and strength;
White is for the purity of high ideals;
Blue is for all loyalty, truth and faith.

I am Old Glory --- the flag for which people die that right may conquer.
The flag for which people live that they may strive for better, higher things.

I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

Let us rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. (recite Pledge)

3. The Making of the Flag
(Suitable for Older Girls)

Supplies:
1. U.S. flag
2. large pot
3. spoon
4. cut pieces of red, white and blue paper and stars

Hide the flag in the pot.
Hum during entrance: "America the Beautiful"

#1 G.S.: Red for Valor - For the courage of all the people who, with a dream in their hearts, crossed the oceans to begin life anew in a free land. For the bravery of the people who, with hope and faith, crossed the prairie and mountains of our vast land. For the steadfastness of those people who, through all adversities, shouldered the country's burdens to emerge as strong individuals. (add red paper to the pot)

#2 G.S.: White for Purity - For the integrity of all the people whose fortitude wove the strands of diverse cultures into an integral national heritage. For the piety of all the people whose faith formed the foundation upon which our country was built and continues to grow. (add white paper to the pot)

#3 G.S.: Blue for Justice - For the foresight of all the people women created an atmosphere in which each of their children would develop to their fullest potential. For the perseverance of all those the people who contributed their talents to further the development of our country. (add blue paper to the pot)

#4 G.S.: Stars for Dreams - For the dreams of the future so that the generations of tomorrow may fulfill the promise of the past 230 years; so that the visions of our forebears will be revitalized and the future will hold hope and promise for all generations to come. (add stars to the pot)

#5 G.S.: (stir the pot) Stirring are the stories of my Stars and Stripes. I symbolize the soul of America, typifying her ideals and aspirations, her institutions, and traditions.

#6 G.S.: (remove the flag) This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, thought and purpose as a nation.

Repeat: Pledge of Allegiance

Sing: Choose an appropriate patriotic song.

4. The Four Freedoms

Supplies:
1. U.S. flag
2. five candles or flashlights
3. spotlight

Setting: Four girls are holding U.S. flag by each of the four corners. They hold flag tilted forward so that it can be seen full face. Each girl holds a candle in front of her in other hand.

A fifth girl stands to the left of the flag holding lighted candle. All lights are out. (Note: flashlights can be substituted for candles.)

A capable reader is on right, with a flashlight, acting as the narrator.

Optional: Recorded music in background, such as "God Bless America" which plays for a few minutes as curtain opens - fades as narrator begins.

NARRATOR: "As our country continues its third century as a nation, it is fitting that we reflect on its past years ... (hesitates) ... Our country grew out of struggle and desire ... unjust government ... internal problems ... and the great desire for freedom and peace!

What you see in front of you represents the PAST,---PRESENT,---FUTURE. The Stars and Stripes of our flag stand for the thirteen colonies which began the great crusade for freedom ... the PAST!
The fifty stars stand for the fifty great states ... the PRESENT!
The girls are the women of tomorrow ... the FUTURE!

The girl on the side holds a light that stands for the fire of freedom that burns in every person's soul. It was this fire that inspired our forbearers to fight for the guarantee of these freedoms!

The first of these freedoms is FREEDOM FROM FEAR... (girl moves over and lights candle at upper right of flag) ... then, FREEDOM FROM WANT... (girl lights candle at upper left)... FREEDOM OF SPEECH ... (lights candle at lower left) ... FREEDOM OF WORSHIP ... (lights last candle at lower right) ... (girl returns to position at left of flag).

But suppose we lost these freedoms ... suppose there was no FREEDOM FROM FEAR, (girl at upper right blows out candle) ... no FREEDOM FROM WANT... (girl blows out candle at upper left) no FREEDOM OF SPEECH ... (blow out candle at lower left) ... and no FREEDOM OF WORSHIP... (blow out last candle).

The lights of freedom would go out all over the world ... (fifth girl blows out her candle) ... This country would be pretty cold and dark.

(Girls holding flag move it to a more vertical position and a spotlight is put on flag.)

But here in our county, the freedoms do exist! Because of these freedoms, the United States of America stands as a shining symbol of liberty throughout the world.

"Would you all please rise and salute the flag" (place right hand over heart... begin flag salute)
"Please join in singing" (patriotic song)
"Be seated"
(Retire flag)