

# Preserving Our Past – A Girl Scout History Brownie Try-it



Complete four activities, including number 6 (which is required).

1. Learn about Girl Scout founder, Juliette Gordon Low. Read about her family, her hobbies, her interests, her pets (books are available for check out\*\* or visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org) under Who We Are then History). Try an activity that she would have enjoyed – sculpting in clay, china painting, drawing or painting pictures, making paper dolls, writing stories, acting out plays.
2. Girl Scout uniforms have changed over the years. Find some pictures to compare, or look at some old uniforms. You might like to have a fashion show with vintage uniforms, or make some Girl Scout paper dolls in uniform.\* \*
3. Review an old Brownie Girl Scout handbook. How does it compare to yours? What is different and what is the same? You might like to try an activity from the old handbook. \*\*
4. Visit a Girl Scout memorabilia swap meet, show or sale. Or, arrange for someone who has vintage Girl Scout articles to share her Girl Scout collection with you. Which of your Girl Scout items would you want to keep for others to see in the future?
5. Visit with someone who was a Girl Scout at least 20 years ago. Ask her about what Girl Scouting was like when she was a girl. Here are some sample questions you could use:
  - When and where was she a Girl Scout?
  - What were some of the things she did?
  - What did her uniform look like?
  - How did she celebrate Thinking Day, Juliette Low's Birthday (Founder's Day), Girl Scout Week, or other Girl Scout events?
  - Did she go camping, or on any Girl Scout trips?
  - Does she remember any Girl Scout songs?
  - What is her happiest memory of Girl Scouting?
  - Did she save any of her Girl Scout things - what are they?
- \*6. Preserve your own Girl Scout history. Here are some ideas:
  - Start a scrapbook or notebook with information about your time in Girl Scouting – when you joined Girl Scouts, your troop number, your leaders' names, where your troop meets, trips you have taken, events you have attended, activities you have done, awards and recognitions you have earned, etc.
  - Draw a picture of a special Girl Scout memory you have. Put all your troop's pictures together in a notebook or folder.
  - Start a troop photo album with pictures of events your troop attends or activities you have done.
  - Make a video/dvd of a special Girl Scout event, or just of your troop meetings.
  - Make a Girl Scout time capsule – write down things you want to remember, add pictures or drawings, even some small objects. Seal it up and wait to open it when you become a teen-aged Girl Scout.

## ***Preserving Our Past Brownie Try-it Resources:***

### Website Resources:

<http://www.girlscouts.org/>

[www.gsmidtn.org](http://www.gsmidtn.org)

[www.girlscouts.org/birthplace](http://www.girlscouts.org/birthplace)

[www.vintagegirlscout.com](http://www.vintagegirlscout.com)

**\*\* Resources available for check out through the Girl Scout office in Nashville:**

Historical uniforms

Historical Girl Scout handbooks

Girl Scout Collector's Guides

For more information and check out procedures, go to [www.gsmidtn.org](http://www.gsmidtn.org) » volunteers and parents » volunteer resource center or call (615) 460-0255.

Should you need further assistance, please contact our archival staff below:

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee

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