

# TROOP SCOOP

Chock full of short but sweet program ideas to enjoy | October 2012



## Happy Birthday Juliette!

Did you know that October 31 is not only Halloween but also the birthday of Juliette Gordon Low? October is a great month to celebrate the life of Juliette Gordon Low—the woman who started the wonderful world of Girl Scouting. One way you can start celebrating Juliette’s birthday is to make birthday boxes for a service project.

## What Is In a Birthday Box?

A troop can make 2 (or more) birthday boxes; one for a boy party and one for a girl party. In the box, place a cake mix, icing, plastic table cloth, plates, cups, forks or spoons, party favors, and a wrapped gift for either the boy or girl. Decorate the outside of the box and place the gift for a boy or girl in the box and put a birthday card inside from your troop # with the girls and leaders signatures. Make sure your box has a lid (do not wrap box and lid in one swoop, wrap them separately so the box lid can be opened if needed by the agency and can be closed for shelving at these facilities until a birthday box is needed to celebrate a displaced or visiting child’s birthday. You can make these boxes for teenage children as well as small children, and the troop can donate the boxes to the Salvation Army or the Ronald McDonald House or some other agency accepting birthday boxes.



## Featured Program Provider of the Month

Are you looking for something fun to do with your troop this month? Why not go to the Dallas Zoo! The zoo has some fun overnights and other activities available for girls. For more information, visit their [website](#).



## Patch of the Month

Throughout the month of October you can purchase the “Happy Birthday Juliette Low” patch for ONLY 99 cents.



## SWAP of the Month

### Do you know what S.W.A.P. stands for?

Special **W**hatchamacallits **A**ffectionately **P**inned **S**omewhere

### Girl Scout Birthday Cake

Celebrate Girl Scouting with teeny tiny birthday cake swaps.



### You need:

Miracle Sponge	Clear Gel Glue
Acrylic Paint and Brush (we used brown for chocolate but might be fun to try green frosting for Girl Scouts)	Birthday Candle
Seed Beads	Small Foamie Circle or Poker Chip
	Safety Pin
	Small SWAP Tag
	Fine Point Pen

### Instructions:

1. Cut miracle sponge into wedges. Half circles can be cut into 4 pie-shaped wedges. Each SWAP takes two pieces.
2. Moisten to expand.
3. Let dry overnight.
4. Using the tip of a scissor, cut a hole for the candle in the middle top of pie-shaped sponge piece.
5. Paint the curve end and top of the piece and a second piece.
6. Let dry.
7. Glue pieces together.
8. Glue to foamie circle.
9. Spread some glue on the top and sprinkle with seed beads.
10. Cut a candle in half.
11. Glue it in the hole.
12. Write your message on a small swap tag.
13. Write your name and troop on the back.
14. Put a pin through the hole and poke the pin through the foamie plate.
15. Join our *SWAP Sensation*.  
[www.makingfriends.com](http://www.makingfriends.com)



## Don't Forget the State Fair of Texas 2012!

Meet us at the 2012 State Fair of Texas! Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas is hosting the 100th Girl Scouts' Centennial Celebration in the Hall of State! Be amazed by the interactive experience – walk through a life-sized Cookie Box, be part of a virtual troop and campfire and explore Girl Scouts of past, present and future. We do need as many volunteers as possible to make this exhibition great. Consider signing up to volunteer at the State Fair Centenniy'all! Visit the [website](#) for more information about the exhibition, volunteer opportunities, and much more.



For the closing of the 2012 Time Capsule, we are including a collection of video messages from today's Girl Scouts to future girls! All Girl Scouts are invited to create a 30-second video to share their thoughts with the Girl Scouts of 2037. Videos can be individual girls, volunteers, or troops sharing their personal memories of Scouting, experiences of the 100th anniversary, and their hopes and dreams for the next generation of Girl Scouts. Please send your 30-second video to [girlscoutsof2037@gmail.com](mailto:girlscoutsof2037@gmail.com) by October 12, 2012.

## Troop 79 Spotlight Activity

Four girls from troop 79 researched and learned about the issue of hunger (globally and locally) as part of the process to earn their Silver Award. As part of that research, they organized and held a Hunger Banquet to help educate others about world hunger in a visual way. These girls randomly chose a color-coded card indicating one of the three groups—high, middle, or low-income. The high-income group enjoyed a full, three-course, home-cooked meal, choice of beverage and dessert, while the middle-income group were seated at tables with not enough chairs for everyone, served buffet style with a menu of hot dogs, canned corn, chips, cookies and water. The low-income participants were seated on the floor and given a ration of a half cup of rice and water to share. This banquet provided the participants with a realization of hunger around the world and the zeal to do something about it.

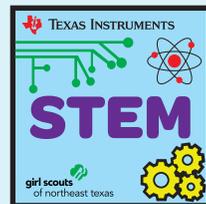


## Badge 4-1-1

Now for each Troop Scoop, we will be showcasing a badge category for each program grade level! Since the Presidential Election is approaching in November, take time to look at the Legacy Citizen badges and work on earning the one for your program grade level. Brownies can work on Celebrating Community, Juniors can work on Inside Government, Cadettes can work on Finding Common Ground, Seniors can work on Behind the Ballot, and Ambassadors can work on Public Policy. Since Daisies don't have a Legacy badge, have them work on the Respect Authority Petal. You can find each badge in the *Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. A great troop service project would be for Girl Scout Troops to assist their schools in holding a mock election.

## TI STEM Contest

All Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas girl members, Troop or a Juliette are welcome to apply for a once in a lifetime opportunity through the Texas Instruments STEM patch. Any girl/troop/Juliette that completes the TI STEM patch between January 2012 through November 26, 2012 will have the opportunity to enter the drawing to win one of several prizes including a behind the scenes tour of Fox 4 studios and a limo ride. Visit [www.gsnetx.org/tistem](http://www.gsnetx.org/tistem) for more information.



## Fun Dates to remember:

- 2—National Custodial Workers Day
- 5—Do Something Nice Day
- 7—World Smile Day
- 8—Columbus Day
- 9—Fire Prevention Day
- 10—National Angel Food Cake Day
- 16—Dictionary Day
- 20—Sweetest Day
- 21—National Pumpkin Cheesecake Day
- 24—United Nations Day
- 27—Make a Difference Day
- 30—National Candy Corn Day
- 31—Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday
- 31—Halloween

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For more program ideas, visit our [website](#) for a searchable online database chock-full of activities.

## Topics for Future Editions:

**Be a contributor!** If you have a great song, recipe, service idea or other activities that you've done with your girls, submit it to [brush@gsnetx.org](mailto:brush@gsnetx.org).

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