

SHORT & SNAPPY: Girl Scout Week



What is a Short and Snappy?

- It's a short interactive group discussion provided at a Service Unit (SU) meeting for volunteers to share at the troop level.
- Any Service Unit team member, interested volunteer, or learning facilitator may guide a Short and Snappy (S&S).
- Ideas for presentation: One person can facilitate to a group, or small groups can present an assigned section to the room.

Objectives

- Volunteers will learn about the annual Girl Scout week and when it is celebrated.
- Supply volunteers with resources to use for celebrating this special week.

Additional Resources

- [Before & After Service Ideas](#)
- [Sample Prayers for Services](#)
- [Sample Service Ideas](#)
- [Religious Recognitions Chart](#)

More Information

- Juliette Gordon Low met with Robert Baden Powell in 1911 and developed the idea for a girls-only organization that focused on outdoors and service. On March 12, 1912, she gathered 18 girls for a troop meeting, and Girl Scouts was born.
- Girls can earn the My Promise, My Faith pin by exploring the connections between the Girl Scout Law and their faith.
- The Girl Scout motto is "Do a good turn daily;" live this motto by performing an act of kindness during Girl Scout Week!

Elements/Activities

Traditions connect Girl Scouts across the globe--they connect us to members before us and remind us of the sisterhood we all share. Girl Scout week is hosted to show off your Girl Scout pride and amplify the movement in the community and the world. It begins with Girl Scout Sunday and ends with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes the Girl Scouts' birthday, which is March 12. Girl Scout Week is also a time when many troops celebrate the connections between Girl Scouting and their faith and learn more about other faiths.

So what can you do to get involved? Whether you participate in a worship service, plan an activity before or after the service, or organize a service project, you can honor the meaningful connections in lots of ways! You can ask your faith partner to share the information about Girl Scout Week in their newsletter or bulletin; encourage girls to play an active role in the service! Ask your faith partner if they will share Girl Scout-focused prayers or PowerPoint slides to promote Girl Scout Week. Make a card or gift for a Girl Scout in your life! Perform an act of kindness. Wear your Girl Scout gear. Learn something new about a different faith. Talk about an issue you're passionate about and what you're doing to make a difference!

Girl Scout Week Activity

Using the Religious Recognitions Chart in the Additional Resources section, review the awards listed. Which religions may have the same recognitions as one another? Which religions have recognitions that are only available to that specific religion? You can also use the information on this chart to obtain your booklet and begin the programs to earn these recognitions!