

SHORT & SNAPPY: JGL World Friendship Fund

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 a very brief history of the establishment of Girl Scouts and how it connects with Girl Guides internationally.
- Supply volunteers with information and activities to educate girls so that members can donate to the Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund if they choose.

Activity

Play the story game linked in the Resources section to teach your girls about Juliette, her legacy, and the JGL World Friendship Fund's purpose. It's a fun way to learn some meaningful information and how they can continue contributing to the legacy!

Resources

- [Georgia Historical Society- Early Girl Scouting](#)
- [The Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund](#)
- [JGLWFF Story Game \(page 17\)](#)

History

Founder Juliette Gordon Low's life was one of accomplishment, fun, and excitement. A passion she held very dear to her heart was her establishment of the Girl Scout movement. In 1911, she met with Sir Robert Baden Powell, a war hero and founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, to discuss Scouting. Shortly after, they formed a company of Girl Guides in Glen Lyon, Scotland. Then, in March 1912, she took the Girl Guides to the United States, where they renamed their group the Girl Scouts, and thus the movement was born. Juliette seemed to know the enormity of her idea when returning home. She called on the future Girl Scout Commissioner of Savannah, Miss Nina Pape, and excitedly told her, "Come right over. I've got something for the girls of Savannah, and all America, and all the world, and we're going to start it tonight." Over 110 years later, her movement is still going strong on an international level.

When Juliette succumbed to cancer in 1927, her movement had grown to 168,000 members in the United States. She was in her Girl Scout uniform, and the Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund (JGLWFF) was established in her honor. The purpose of the JGLWFF is to perpetuate Juliette's dream of international friendship by using the donations to support Girl Scouts traveling internationally as well as Girl Guides visiting the United States. It also supports international training and events, as well as the development of Girl Scouting in newly emerging nations. Finally, the Juliette Gordon Low World Friendship Fund also donates a portion of its proceeds to the World Thinking Day Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, you can donate by using the link in the resources section!