

Facts About Juliette Low

1. **Juliette was born Juliette Magill Kinzie Gordon in Savannah, Georgia, on October 31, 1860 Halloween** (girls could set up a table or arts/crafts regarding Juliette's Lows family or about Halloween and explain the connection. Small samples of candy could be given out).
2. Juliette Gordon Low had a happy childhood. **She loved animals. As a girl, she had a horse named Fire, which was one of her favorite things.** (A workshop on pet/animals could be given at this location and the connection made to the fact that JL loved animals).
3. **Her nick name was Daisy** because when she was a baby her uncle said "I bet she's going to be a daisy!" When Juliette Gordon Low was born, saying that something was a daisy meant that it was first-rate or fine. (Using the GS/Daisy handbook an activity could be developed around the word Daisy).
4. **She loved the arts and learned to paint and sculpt.** Juliette Gordon Low was also quite an artist. Visitors to the The Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center (or Birthplace) in Savannah, Georgia will see sculptures crafted by Juliette along with a wrought iron gate also crafted by Juliette. (A table with water colors or clay would be appropriate at this location).
5. **She wrote poems and wrote and acted in plays.** (A short play/skit put on by the girls in the troop about JL could be presented at this table. Or have the girls learn a song/poem about JL).
6. **She was also an athlete and enjoyed playing tennis, swimming, and standing on her head.** She continued with her head standing skills even as an adult. She once modeled new Girl Scout shoes at a board meeting by standing on her head. (Older girls could use an open field and teach the girls a game played by children when JL was young).
7. **JL loved to pull taffy.** (As the girls are told about the story of Juliette braiding Taffy into her hair they can make home made candy.)
8. **JL loved beautiful clothes and loved to design clothes.** Her first organization was called the The Helping Hands Clothing for the Poor. (An activity on community service or simple craft would be appropriate at this station)
9. **Juliette Gordon loved to travel.** She traveled extensively in the United States and Europe. (Identify some countries visited by JL and teach the younger girls something about that place).
10. Before her marriage, Juliette had suffered from chronic ear infections. **She had lost most of her hearing in one ear because of improper treatment. At her wedding to William Mackay Low, when she was 26, she lost hearing in her other ear after a grain of good-luck rice thrown at the event lodged in her ear,** puncturing the eardrum and resulting in an infection and total loss of hearing in that ear. (The focus on this table can be that of inclusion and being a Sister to Every GS.. For JL welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when they were excluded from many other activities. This idea seemed quite natural to Juliette, who never let deafness, back problems or cancer keep her from full participation in life).
11. **The most well-known accomplishment of Juliette Gordon Low is that fact that she started the first troop of Girl Guides/Girl Scouts in the United States and is considered the founder of Girl Scouts of the USA.** Before Juliette brought Girl Guiding to America, she also helped start Girl Guide troops in London and Scotland. Juliette also helped found the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. (This table could be in front of Yorktown Museum and have items borrowed from the GS museum).