



# What is The Girl Scout Birthday?

At Girl Scout Councils across the country, the Girl Scout Birthday is celebrated every year on March 12th. The Girl Scout birthday marks the anniversary of the very first Girl Scout Troop meeting, on March 12, 1912. Our Girl Scout Founder, Juliette Gordon Low, and 18 girls met as Girl Scouts for the first time and began what is now a century-long tradition. There are several fun ways to celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday!

## How do we celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday at the Farthest North Council?

Every year our Council hosts a small birthday celebration in the Council office. We hand out cupcakes or cookies and a free fun patch to every Girl Scout. We also include some birthday activities in celebration of our long history. To find out when this year's Council Girl Scout Birthday Party is happening, take a look on our Council Annual Calendar, found in our office or on our website at [fairbanksgirlscouts.org/newsletter](http://fairbanksgirlscouts.org/newsletter).

## How can troops celebrate?

We encourage troops to celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday by having a birthday party-themed troop meeting or by learning more about our Girl Scout history.



# What is Girl Scout Week?



The Girl Scout Birthday falls within Girl Scout week—a week dedicated to reflecting on what it means to be a Girl Scout and finding ways to make the world a better place through Girl Scouting! Girl Scout Week also includes Girl Scout Sabbath and Girl Scout Sunday, two days that give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts. Working through their place of worship, girls may perform a service, such as a greeting, ushering or doing a flag ceremony. These days can also be a time when girls explore other faiths. By participating in either Girl Scout Sunday or Sabbath, girls can work towards their My Promise My Faith awards. Find the requirements for these awards in the Girl Scout Girl Guides.

## How do we celebrate Girl Scout Week at the Farthest North Council?

We encourage troops to use Girl Scout Week as a way to challenge yourselves to be a better Girl Scout. Use the Girl Scout Law for ideas—use your resources wisely and help your family recycle, be a sister to every Girl Scout and help a fellow troop member sew her badges on her uniform, be considerate and caring and help someone without being asked. How can you be the best Girl Scout that you can be? Challenge yourself!

