

Happy Birthday To Juliette Gorden Low!

Don't forget Juliette Low's Birthday on October 31st! Celebrate by sharing these fun facts about her life with your service unit and troop!

Do you realize that Juliette Low was preparing for Girl Scouts long before she founded the organization in 1912?

Believe it or not, Juliette.....

- Never tasted sugar until she was between 4 and 5 years old when General Sherman came to visit her mother and brought a packet of sugar.
- Was an expert swimmer, horseback rider and fisherman.
- As a young girl saved a two-year old who had fallen into a stream.
- Often included drawing, especially sketches of clothes she wanted her mother to have made for her, in letters sent home from school.
- Found a dead robin while at boarding school and, with her classmates and teachers, had a burial service for it.
- Enjoyed dancing and went to dancing schools and learned all the dances in vogue during her school years.
- Was a talented artist who painted dinner plates, sculpted, and painted oil portraits.
- Liked beautiful things and when presented to Queen Victoria at Court wore diamond pins of swallows in flight and diamond crescent and star, all given to her by her husband.
- Went trout fishing in a nearby stream, after a formal dinner party, while dressed in full evening clothes with her friend, Rudyard Kipling.
- Once bought a rabbit from some children "Because its ears were cold".
- Designed and patented the Girl Scout pin, combining Baden Powell's trefoil with the American Eagle (The design was a little freer and simpler than the traditional pin we now use.
- Wrote the qualifications for an Aviation Badge in 1916 that included the following requirement: "Have knowledge of the theory of the airplane, helicopter, and dirigible balloon."
- Helped her mother organize and serve in a convalescent hospital during the Spanish-American War.
- Knew where there was some khaki material and loaned the Girl Scouts \$8,000 to buy the material for uniforms during World War 1 (1918) when khaki material for Girl Scout Uniforms was scarce.
- Entertained nieces and nephews by standing statuesquely on her head with skirts tucked between her legs.
- Climbed the Great Pyramid in Egypt and rode elephants in India.
- Was installed in the Women's Hall of Fame in 1979 in Seneca, New York.
- Was honored in 1983 by having a federal building in Savannah, Georgia named after her. Only the second woman to be so honored.
- Wanted girls to think big - to feel entitled to an education, career, and family, to think for themselves as capable of becoming doctors, architects or pilots.

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