

Girls Scouts Are Welcomed to ScoutJam 2010

[Click here](#) to review the historic meeting between Juliette (Daisy) Low and Lord Robert Baden-Powell that led to the founding of the Girl Scout program in America.



Girl Scouts®

Dear Girl Scout Troop Leaders, Families, and Girls,

The Girl Scouts of Central Texas are invited to ScoutJam 2010 Centennial Celebration, an extraordinary festivity to honor the 100-year anniversary of Boy Scouts in America, www.scoutjam2010.org!

Through music, crafts, demonstrations and a myriad of Scouting adventure-oriented activities, ScoutJam will explore the past century of Scouting in America and look forward to the next 100 years.

ScoutJam 2010 offers a Texas-sized venue of Scouting activities that will appeal to all ranks of Girl Scouts. ScoutJam will give Girl Scouts the chance to DISCOVER: to use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

300 exhibits will entertain, stimulate, and give Girl Scouts opportunities to learn about technology, biology, robotics, and indoor and outdoor Scouting activities. Girls who are into science will dig engineering and robotics and the cool birds of prey and native reptiles on display. Girl Scouts can make crafts, delve into Native American customs, taste outdoor cooking, and rock out at the Midway Live Stage with non-stop bands and musical performances. Junior Girl Scouts and Cadettes, in particular, can spend time launching a rocket, geocaching, pioneering, orienteering; and even learning more about sailing and scuba diving.

A living, breathing, walking and talking "museum" of Scouting, the hands-on Midway activities and crafts will appeal to Girl Scouts of all ranks - from Daisies to Ambassadors. Girl Scouts will also like the interactive living history exhibit where they can step back in time and meet the people who made Texas great.

ScoutJam promises to be Scouting's most memorable event of the year, a place that Girl Scouts can have fun, try new Scouting activities, and make friends.

For more Girl Scouting opportunities:

1. Mark your troop's calendar today for October 9, 2010, and sign up for the ScoutJam [newsletter](#).
2. . Everyone will be awed by a visit to ScoutJam 2010! Give your Girl Scout troop a day to discover, learn, explore, and create for just \$10 per person –[Tell us you are coming](#) here. Payment must be made by Sept. 24 to get this early bird discount. After Sept. 24 the fee is \$15 per person.[RSVP](#)
3. . Show off your skills! Older troops can host one of 12 activity booths, reserved just for Girl Scouts in the Indoor Scout Midway. Team up with other Troops to share the fun. The midway is full of hundreds of interactive hands-on exhibits! [Host an activity in the Scout Midway](#)[Sign up for a booth!](#)

Please join us at the ScoutJam 2010 Centennial Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 9, to commemorate the founding of Boy Scouting in America. We have a historic connection and want to invite all Girl Scout families to come and share the day with us.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve Allen

Chairman, ScoutJam 2010

The One Hundred Year Old Connection Between Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting

One hundred years ago at her castle in Scotland, the widowed Juliette (Daisy) Low was bored with society parties, riding and hunts – and was searching for greater meaning in her life. During one weekend party, she hosted the hero of the Boer War, Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

Daisy told him that she was looking for something new to do with her time and energy. Lord Baden-Powell explained how the idea for Scouting had come to him when he was in the army, stationed in South Africa. He had to train the new soldiers who were sadly lacking in nature and outdoor living skills and who subsequently had great difficulties adjusting to the army. Lord Baden-Powell taught the boys to be self-reliant and resourceful through games and activities, designed to build character, a love of the outdoors, and friendships. Lord Baden-Powell brought this experience back to England and established the Boy Scouts.

Daisy had heard good reports about the Boy Scouts, and decided she wanted to begin a similar program for girls in Scotland. Lord Baden-Powell's sister, Agnes, had already organized the sisters of the boys in Scouting, and called them Girl Guides. Daisy decided to take the program to Savannah.

Daisy wrote in her diary that Lord Baden-Powell “believes that I might make more of my life and he has ideas, which, if I follow them, a more useful sphere of work might open up before me in the future.”

After leaving Scotland and arriving in the U.S., Daisy called her cousin and said, **“Come right over! I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we’re going to start it tonight!”**

Daisy invited the girls from a nearby school to tea, talked to them about the English Girl Guides and asked them to form a troop in Savannah. So many girls asked to join Daisy’s Girl Guides that six troops were soon formed.

In 1913, Daisy changed the name from Girl Guides to Girl Scouts and set up a national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Daisy, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, and his wife, Olave, remained life-long friends, committed to the worldwide Scouting movement.

The ScoutJam 2010 Centennial Celebration wishes to commemorate this historic meeting and the founding of Scouting in America.

Girl Scouts, Come Right Over to ScoutJam!