

# Scouts Helping Hands

## Introduction

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This book tells the story of the Girl Scouts, from their early years to the present day. It highlights the many ways that Girl Scouts have made a difference, from their work during wartime to their efforts to promote peace and understanding. The book also explores the history of the Girl Scout uniform, badges, and awards,

and the importance of these symbols in the Girl Scout experience.

In addition to the history of the Girl Scouts, this book also includes stories of individual Girl Scouts who have made a difference in their communities. These stories are inspiring and motivating, and they show the power of the Girl Scout experience to transform lives.

Whether you are a Girl Scout, a parent of a Girl Scout, or simply someone who is interested in the history of this iconic organization, this book is for you. It is a celebration of the Girl Scouts and their many contributions to the world.

The Girl Scouts are a global movement that has been empowering girls and young women for over 100 years. With millions of members in over 100 countries, the Girl Scouts are one of the largest and most influential youth organizations in the world.

The Girl Scouts mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Through their programs and activities, Girl Scouts learn about leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and decision-making. They also develop a strong sense of self-esteem and a commitment to service.

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# Chapter 1: A Legacy of Service

## The Founding of the Girl Scouts

In the early 20th century, a new movement was emerging that would change the lives of girls and young women forever. This movement was the Girl Scouts, founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low.

Juliette Gordon Low was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1860. She was a wealthy and well-connected woman who was passionate about helping others. In 1911, she traveled to England and met Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts. Baden-Powell's ideas about outdoor education and leadership resonated with Low, and she decided to start a similar organization for girls in the United States.

Low returned to the United States in 1912 and began recruiting girls for her new organization. She held the first Girl Scout meeting on March 12, 1912, in

Savannah, Georgia. Eighteen girls attended the meeting, and the Girl Scouts were officially founded.

The Girl Scouts quickly grew in popularity. By 1915, there were over 100,000 Girl Scouts in the United States. The Girl Scouts offered girls a chance to learn about outdoor skills, leadership, and community service. They also provided girls with a sense of belonging and a supportive community.

The Girl Scouts have continued to grow and thrive over the years. Today, there are over 2.5 million Girl Scouts in the United States, and the organization has members in over 100 countries around the world. The Girl Scouts continue to offer girls a chance to learn about leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving. They also provide girls with a sense of belonging and a supportive community.

The Girl Scouts have made a significant impact on the world. They have helped to empower girls and young women, and they have made a difference in their

communities and the world. The Girl Scouts are a legacy of service, and they will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

## \* The Early Years of Girl Scouting

The early years of Girl Scouting were a time of rapid growth and change. The organization quickly expanded from a small group of girls in Savannah, Georgia, to a national movement with hundreds of thousands of members. This growth was due in part to the efforts of Juliette Gordon Low, who tirelessly promoted the Girl Scouts and its mission.

The early years of Girl Scouting were also a time of experimentation and innovation. Low and other early leaders of the Girl Scouts were constantly trying new things and developing new programs and activities. This experimentation led to the development of many of the traditions and practices that are still part of Girl Scouting today, such as the Girl Scout Promise and

Law, the Girl Scout badge system, and the Girl Scout uniform.

The early years of Girl Scouting were also a time of challenge. The organization faced opposition from some people who believed that girls should not be involved in outdoor activities or leadership roles. However, Low and other early leaders of the Girl Scouts were determined to overcome these challenges and to provide girls with the same opportunities as boys.

Despite the challenges, the Girl Scouts continued to grow and thrive in the early years. By the end of the 1920s, the Girl Scouts had become a major force in American society. The organization had helped to empower girls and young women, and it had made a difference in their communities and the world.

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## Juliette Gordon Low's Vision

Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts, was a visionary leader who dedicated her life to empowering girls and young women. She believed that girls had the potential to make a difference in the world, and she created the Girl Scouts to provide them with the skills and opportunities they needed to do so.

Low's vision for the Girl Scouts was based on her own experiences as a young woman. She grew up in a wealthy family in Savannah, Georgia, and she had the opportunity to travel and experience the world. She was also an avid outdoorswoman, and she loved spending time in nature.

Low's experiences taught her that girls were just as capable as boys, and she wanted to create an organization that would help them reach their full potential. She believed that girls needed to be given the

opportunity to learn about leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving, and she wanted to create a safe space where they could do so.

In 1912, Low founded the Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia. She started with just 18 girls, but the organization quickly grew. By 1920, there were over 100,000 Girl Scouts in the United States, and the organization had spread to other countries around the world.

Low's vision for the Girl Scouts was a success. The organization has helped millions of girls and young women to develop their leadership skills, build their confidence, and make a difference in the world. Low's legacy is one of service and leadership, and she continues to inspire girls and young women to this day.

Low's vision for the Girl Scouts was not without its challenges. In the early days, the organization faced opposition from some people who believed that girls should not be allowed to participate in activities that

were traditionally reserved for boys. However, Low persevered, and she eventually won over her critics.

Today, the Girl Scouts is one of the largest and most respected youth organizations in the world. It has members in over 100 countries, and it continues to empower girls and young women to make a difference in the world.

Low's vision for the Girl Scouts was simple: she wanted to create an organization that would help girls and young women reach their full potential. She believed that girls had the potential to make a difference in the world, and she wanted to give them the tools they needed to do so.

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## The Early Years of Girl Scouting

The Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) was founded on March 12, 1912, by Juliette Gordon Low. Low was inspired by the Boy Scouts of America, which had been founded in 1910. She believed that girls deserved the same opportunities as boys to learn about leadership, teamwork, and outdoor skills.

The early years of Girl Scouting were a time of rapid growth. By 1915, there were over 100,000 Girl Scouts in the United States. The Girl Scouts quickly became a popular organization for girls, and they began to offer a wide variety of programs and activities.

One of the most important things that the Girl Scouts did in their early years was to develop a strong sense of community. The Girl Scouts were encouraged to help others and to make a difference in their communities.

They also learned about the importance of teamwork and cooperation.

The Girl Scouts also played an important role in promoting patriotism and citizenship. During World War I, the Girl Scouts helped to sell war bonds and to collect food and clothing for soldiers. They also helped to entertain troops and to provide comfort to families who had been affected by the war.

The early years of Girl Scouting were a time of great challenge and change. However, the Girl Scouts persevered and they emerged from this period as a stronger and more vibrant organization.

The Girl Scouts continued to grow and thrive in the years after World War I. By the 1920s, there were over 500,000 Girl Scouts in the United States. The Girl Scouts also began to expand their programs and activities. They started offering more opportunities for girls to learn about outdoor skills, such as camping and hiking.

They also began to offer programs that focused on social issues, such as poverty and discrimination.

The Girl Scouts played an important role in World War II. They helped to sell war bonds, collect scrap metal, and provide comfort to troops. They also helped to entertain troops and to provide comfort to families who had been affected by the war.

The Girl Scouts continued to grow and thrive in the years after World War II. By the 1950s, there were over 2 million Girl Scouts in the United States. The Girl Scouts also continued to expand their programs and activities. They started offering more opportunities for girls to learn about science and technology. They also began to offer programs that focused on environmental issues.

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