

Daisy/Brownie Troop #52326

March – 2015

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Today is ***Girl Scouting's Birthday!*** On this day in 1912, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled and registered a group of 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia for the first ever Girl Scout meeting. It all started with a phone call on March 12, 1912 . . . "I've got



something for the girls of Savannah, and all America, and all the world. . ." Juliette was off and going with the first Girl Scout troop. By 1916, membership had expanded to 5,000, uniforms had gone from homemade blue to ready-made khaki, and a Girl Scout handbook had been published. Soon there

were local Girl Scout councils, a national training school for Girl Scout leaders, World War I service projects, the publication of a girls' magazine called *The American Girl*, and the first nationally franchised cookie sale. By era's end, membership was over 400,000. Today, over 3.2 million girls and adults are active Girl Scout members, and over 50 million women are Girl Scout alumnae. This year, 2015, represents our 103rd birthday! Juliette Low believed that all girls should have the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. She organized service projects, outdoor adventures, and enrichment programs to get girls out of the house and into the community. The Girl Scout Birthday, March 12th, is always included in the celebration of ***Girl Scout Week*** each March which starts with Girl Scout Sunday. According to the mission statement of the organization, Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. With the mission statement in mind, each day of the ***Girl Scout Week*** is structured to represent something different. ***Girl Scout Sunday & Girl Scout Sabbath*** give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts. If a place of worship is the group's sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony. These days can also be a time when girls explore to understand other faiths. ***Service to Family Monday*** gives girls the opportunity to give back to the people in their family or their home. ***Service to Community Tuesday*** gives girls the opportunity to give back to their school, church or any organization that helps our community. ***Health and***

Safety Wednesday gives girls the opportunity to focus on learning how to incorporate healthy living, exercise, stress relief, nutrition and FUN into their everyday life.

International Friendship Day Thursday (and Girl Scouts Birthday) gives the girls an opportunity to learn how they can make a difference in our global community. Often girls will also begin a correspondence relationship with an international pen pal Girl Guide. ***Arts and Culture Friday*** focuses on games and learning through games. Also this day gives girls the opportunity to discover and experience Plays, museums, and/or concerts. ***Service to the Planet Saturday (and Girl Scout Sabbath)*** gives the girls the opportunity to learn how they can make a difference in their community through conservation and ecology.

In honor of Girl Scouting's Birthday, our Troop's meeting today will be a Birthday celebration of sorts and we will revisit the basic ideals of Girl Scouting and earning the official "The GS Way patch" today!



After today, the Girls only have 5 more Troop meeting days remaining. There are also many upcoming activities and events taking place during this 2nd half of the Girl Scout year! Please, be sure to take note of them (& their due dates) listed on the next three pages and mark your calendars, as this is the time of the Girl Scout Year that things get a little crazy-busy!

We will also be rescheduling the Troop's visit to Concordia Personal Care Home (Renton Road) that was originally scheduled for February 14th to a date in May. At the February 5th meeting, we gave our three Brownies (Annalyn, Kaia, & Hailey) some badge work to complete at home by the end of March. Please, be sure to hand those in by the April 2nd meeting.

The World Thinking Day Event held on 2/27, where our Troop Co-hosted the Australia cultural table with the New Daisy Troop (Elle's & Emily's Troop) was a great success!

This year's Cookie Sale was another success our troop had! Not only were individual Cookie orders impressive, but also our first ever Cookie Booth (each Girl participating receives a cookie booth patch!) was a great experience! We have sold all but 3 Thin Mints and 3 Toffee-Tastics (these are the only remaining boxes that The DogStop in Monroeville where our selling of "Counter Cookies" was sponsored...they have sold over 40 boxes for our Troop!) Tonight the Girls will vote on what they would like to use

some of their earned cookie proceeds for and the activity will be scheduled for the month of May.

{Please, note: Anytime should your daughter miss earning any Patch/Leaf, please let us know so that we can provide any programming materials that will help in her earning at home what she has missed...Once she has done the programming activities she will earn what she has missed}.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3/1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Troop MTG (rescheduled)		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Girl Scout Week! (3/8 thru 3/14) >>>>>>>>				Troop MTG (Birthday of Girl Scouting!)		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Leader/Vol. MTG (7pm)		Troop MTG (Prep for Brownie Bridging Activities) / Bank ACH sweep		Pottery Fieldtrip (meet @ Crafty Shack) (3:30pm to 5pm)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	4/1	4/2	4/3	4/4

CONTINUE THE FUN AT HOME (for our Next Meeting):

- Work on any patch assignments
- Sing a song that we learned today to a family member
- Work on earning un-earned Daisy 1st Aide Award assignment

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES/DUE DATES/MEETINGS:

- **Service Project at Concordia: To be rescheduled in MAY** Saturday, 2/14 (Meet in the Lobby of Concordia @ 11am) (1460 Renton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239)
- **Next Troop Meeting:** Thursday, 3/19 (begin Preparing for Year End Bridging Ceremony & Requirements)
- **1st Troop Fieldtrip to Crafty Shack! (located near Rick's Sports Bar off Rt.22) (Saturday, 3/21; 1st 90 minute class; 3:30pm to 5pm)** (Girls are welcome to be dropped-off...i.e.

parents need not be present the entire time of the activity) {\$18.50/Girl for 2 classes or \$9.25/class)...**\$8.50 paid w/Troop funds and \$10 paid by Girl**}. This fieldtrip activity is **two-day/two-part** (2nd class is in April) which will provide a tour; all materials (for 3 art projects); and complete hands-on programming for the Girls attending to earn their Girl Scout Pottery Patch. **Money is due at either the 3/19 meeting or as CASH on 3/21 at Crafty Shack.**

- **Plum SU Powder Puff Derby** (Saturday, 3/28) @ Holiday Park United Methodist Church (across from SNS) (1pm-4:30pm) ... (cost is \$10/Girl.....\$2 paid w/Troop funds and **\$8 paid by Girl**). **Money was due 3/15 to Miss Karen.**
- **Plum SU Eggstravaganza!** (Saturday, 3/28) @ Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek (7pm-8:30pm) (cost is \$5/Girl). This is a nighttime Easter Egg Hunt! **Money & permission slips are collected "at the door".**
- **Troop Meeting:** Thursday, **4/9** (devoted to making S.W.A.P.s! & Patch/Journey work)
- **Hershey Ticket Money Due!**: Monday, 4/6 (Please mail directly to address on order form)
- **Girl Scout 2015 S.W.A.P. Convention!** (4/11) @ Camp Skymeadow (Noon – 4pm) ... We hope that all of our Troop will be participating in this special Girl Scout traditional event. (\$10/Girl**\$5 paid w/Troop funds and \$5 paid by Girl**). **Money is due at 3/19 meeting.**
- **"Friendship Together" Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Event:** (4/12) @ The American Legion Post 980 (1pm – 4pm) ... (FREE + 1 doz cookies).... All Girls of all ages are encouraged to attend to help celebrate (singing & flag ceremony) and thank the Leaders and Co-Leaders of *today & years past*....
If your daughter is interested, contact: Margi (muggierat@verizon.net) or (412-793-3075)
- **Troop Meeting:** Thursday, 4/23 (Meeting agenda tba)
- **2nd Troop Fieldtrip to Crafty Shack!** (**Saturday, 4/25; 2nd 90 minute class; 1pm to 2:30pm**) (Girls are welcome to be dropped-off...i.e. parents need not be present the entire time of the activity). During this 2nd class, the Girls will finish their 3 pottery projects and complete the requirements for their Girl Scout Pottery Patch. More details TBA.

Other:

- Our Troop's website (<http://Troop52326.weebly.com>) should be **updated by 3/15** with the most current information (including the most recently updated Troop calendar; contact information; and Plum Service Unit information; etc.).

"SAVE THE DATE":

- Plum Girl Scout Service Unit (SU) #5908 Annual **Troop** Camping Weekend dates have been announced! This Annual event will take place the weekend of **May 22nd thru May 25th** at Girl Scout Camp Skymeadow. We hope that most, if not all of our Troop's Girls will attend as a Troop (**Note: parents are not required to attend..you would only need to drop off (check in) and Pickup (check out with ID)**). If you would like to see photos from last year's Troop Camping Weekend, the link can be accessed through our Troop website by clicking on the SU event button on the main page. (...more information will be announced soon!)
- Plum Girl Scout Service Unit (SU) #5908 is currently/actively making plans for this Summer's Girl Scout "Twilight Camp" (3pm – 9pm) which will be held **July 27th thru July 31st** @ Boyce Park (Silver Beaver Pavilion). The theme for this year's "Twilight Camp" is "Hunger Games". Currently the cost will be \$65/Girl for the entire week of camp which includes dinners; crafts; patches; programming; Journey work; etc.. Miss Karen will again be helping out as a camp counselor during the week of the "Twilight Camp". So, one of your daughter's Leaders will

be at the camp ☺ (someone with whom your daughter would be familiar with)! As the planning process progresses, Miss Karen will keep the Troop posted of any new information. We are hoping your daughter would consider attending this wonderful camp opportunity! (....Parents are welcome to volunteer & additional camp information will be announced soon!) **(Note: Registration Deadline is May 15th)**

- Our Girl Scout “Bridging to Brownies” (for Girls in our Troop who will be going into Brownies/2nd Grade next school year....Ande, Laurel, Leah, and Kaylee!) process will begin soon....so there will soon be activities and meetings that will incorporate the ideals of becoming a Girl Scout Brownie! (Note: don't worry, we will be involving the older girls in our troop as well! ☺)

March Birthdays:

“Happy Birthday!”

- Leah’s Mom (Miss Carol)!March 11th ☺

