

TROOP PROGRAM IDEAS

August
2010

Things to celebrate in August

American Indian Heritage Month
Golf Month
National Clown Week - August 1-7
August 1 - Friends Day
August 3 - Watermelon Day
August 10 - National S'mores Day!
August 18 - Cupcake Day

Things to celebrate in September

Hispanic Heritage Month
September 6 - Read a Book Day
September 6 - Labor Day
September 9 - Teddy Bear Day
September 12 - Grandparent's Day
September 17 - Yom Kippur begins at sundown
September 23 - First Day of Autumn

Get to know your troop

Have everyone sitting in a circle. Pick a question and have each person answer it but only in 15 seconds.

No one else should talk during someone else's time. The timer can read out the time if the person stops too early. But otherwise, just let there be silence.

Examples of Questions

What is your favorite food?

Describe something you like that is (pick a color)?

Tell us about a real or imaginary place you'd like to go?

What is your favorite animal?

What is your favorite holiday and why do you like it?

For large groups, break into smaller groups of about 6 people.

Bubble Cookie Cutters

What fun to blow and wave bubbles from these cookie cutter bubble wands! No matter what shape, the bubbles still come out like a sphere. They're great to make and give as party favors.

You will need:

Cookie cutters
Bell wire (available at lumberyards or home center stores)
Plastic straws
Scissors

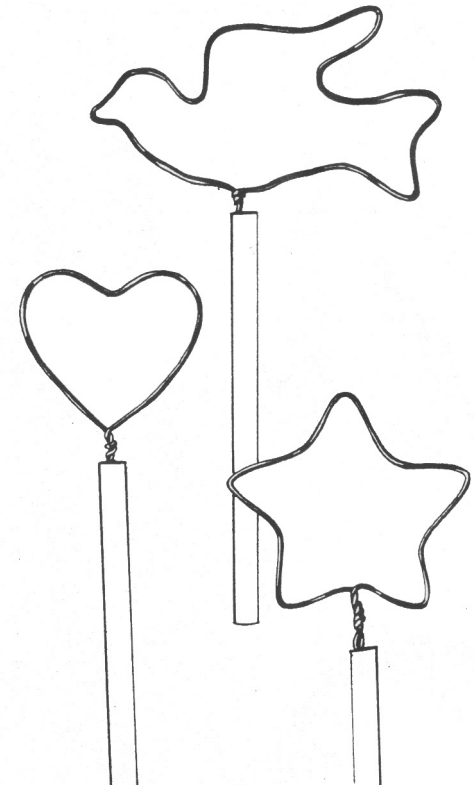
Directions:

1. Beginning at the center bottom of the cookie cutter, and leaving a wire tail of about 1 1/2 inches, shape the wire around the outside edges.
2. Cut the wire, leaving a second 1 1/2 inch tail. Twist the tail ends together. Insert the twisted ends into a hole in a plastic straw.

Because these wands are bigger than those that come with the purchased bubble liquid, pour the liquid into a pie tin or cereal-size bowl.

Bubble Liquid:

Use purchased bubble liquid or make your own by mixing liquid detergent with a little bit of water.



S'more day is August 10, but in Girl Scouts, everyday is s'more day!



While the origin of the dessert is unclear, the first recorded version of the recipe can be found in the publication "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts" of 1927. Although it is unknown when the name was shortened, recipes for "Some Mores" are in various Girl Scout publications until at least 1971.

ETC fun!

Are you a new leader looking for fun ideas for your troop? Are you a "seasoned" leader who has run out of ideas? Sign up for ETC (EveryThing Covered) October 8-10 at Camp Agnes Arnold. Besides the needed leadership trainings that are offered, there are several trainings to enhance your troop experience. Below are the type of fun activities you will learn in the course "Pocketful of Program 7" and "Crafts for Younger Girls." Go to www.gssjc.org to sign up!

The Three Little Twigs

Gather twigs from three (or more!) trees outdoors. Twigs are the slender new growth at the end of a tree branch. You'll see that they can be shiny or hairy, thin or stout, with branches opposite or alternate, and so on. Pass them out to the girls in your troop and go on a treasure hunt to see if they can find a tree that matches each twig.

1. Midwinter is the perfect time to collect twigs. Use garden shears to cut them carefully from the end of the branch.
2. Don't worry if you don't know what kinds of trees you're sampling. When you get home, you can use the original set of twigs to identify the trees in a field guide.
3. Start a tree journal. Tape each twig to a piece of paper and write the name of the tree on that page. Sketch out the tree's shape on another day. Come spring, you can draw a bud and a leaf!

Campfire Songs

The Littlest Worm

The littlest worm / I ever saw
Was stuck inside / my soda straw (repeat altogether)

He said to me / Don't take a sip
For it you do / I'll surely flip (Repeat)

I took a sip / And he went down
All through my pipes / We surely drowned! (Repeat)

He was my pal / He was my friend
But now he's gone / And that's the end (repeat)

The moral of / This story is
Don't take a sip / Of soda fizz! (repeat)

Now don't you fret / And don't you fear
That little worm / Had scuba gear (repeat)



Girl Scout Daisy Investiture Ceremony

Use as is or change to meet the needs of your girls.

You will need:

Large Daisy petals - 1 per girl; a yellow center, a long green stem wide enough for girls to walk on placed toward seating area for family; a green leaf for each troop adult; membership pins for each girl, name tags.

Tape Daisy on floor. Girls stand in circle around Daisy on floor. Leaders stand near green leaves.

ADULT: Where are the girls who want to be Girl Scout Daisies?

GIRLS: Here we are!

ADULT: You have learned the Girl Scout Promise. Now you are ready to receive the Girl Scout Daisy Pin. First, let's make the Girl Scout Promise as we hold up these three fingers for the Girl Scout sign:

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

ADULT: "(Girl's name)" please come forward. (Girl walks down green stem.)

ADULT: Welcome_____ Here is your Daisy pin, (Pin on, shake girl's left hand and give Girl Scout sign with right hand.) (Repeat with each girl.)

ADULT: Now, it is time to sing our song. (Sing a song the girls have learned, like Make New Friends.)

ADULT: (To the guests) Girl Scout Daisies are named for the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low, who was known as Daisy. Please notice that the stem of our Daisy leads to you. You are very important to us. We need you to help the girls grow as Girl Scout Daisies. Your ideas and your participation will be appreciated. Now, please join us in our closing friendship circle.

Optional things you can also do: have beginning certificates and/or a daisy flower for each girl.

Camp Fire Fun

THE WHY AND HOW OF SKITS

No campfire program would be complete without skits. These brief dramatic presentations so often form the heart of a campfire. They are an excellent way for those who are shy to take part in the program. Patrols, troops, the staff or similar groups can be encouraged or assigned to plan and put on skits.



THE FORTUNE TELLER SKIT:

Explain that there is a fortune teller who can tell the future by looking at a person's shoe. Girls remove one shoe and the fortune teller makes a different prediction for each of them. For her last customer she says, "I foresee you are going on a long trip to recover lost property" and with that throws the shoe into the audience.