

TROOP PROGRAM IDEAS

June
2011

Things to celebrate in June

June 4 Hug Your Cat Day
June 6 National Yo Yo Day
June 14 Flag Day
June 18 Go Fishing Day
June 19 Father's Day
June 21 First Day of Summer
June 21 Go Skate Day
National Dairy Month

Things to celebrate in July

July 1 International Joke Day
July 4 Independence Day
July 7 National Chocolate Day
July 10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day
July 31 Mutt's Day
National Blueberry Month
National Ice Cream Month

Permanent Sand Castle Clay

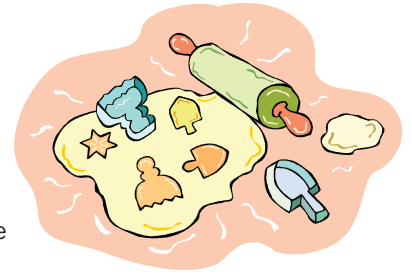
What you will need:

1 cup of sand, 1/2 cup cornstarch, 3/4 cup liquid starch

How to concoct it:

- Combine sand and cornstarch in an old pot
- Add liquid starch and mix.
- Cook the mixture over medium heat while constantly stirring.
- Eventually the mixture will thicken and turn into dough.
- Remove pot from the stove and let the sand castle clay cool.
- Remove clay from the pot and knead it 20-30 seconds before using. Let sand castle clay sculptures dry until hard.

Tips and ideas: Color sand castle clay by adding 1 Tablespoon of powdered tempera paint to the mixture before cooking. Use candy molds and cookie cutters to shape sand castle clay.



Don't heat up your house with these non-cook cookies! Billy The Kid Cookies:

1/2 Cup peanut butter, 2 tablespoons honey, 1/4 cup powdered milk, 1/4 cup rice crispies

Mix all ingredients together and form balls. Mixture should not be sticky, add more powdered milk if needed. (Hint: cover girls hands with plastic sandwich bags)

A Alphabetical Lineup

Invite the girls to arrange themselves in alphabetical order by their first names.

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Older girls might be asked to this without talking. This task forces the girls to find out other names in the group or do a nonverbal name lineup as a way to review names after girls have introduced themselves in conventional fashion.

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Marble Painting

You'll need: scissors, drawing paper, removable tape, Cardboard box, rubber gloves, poster paints, marbles.

Directions:

Cut a piece of drawing paper to fit the bottom of your box.

- Tape the paper to the bottom of the box.
- Wearing rubber gloves, dip a Marble in the poster paint and place on the paper. Now, tilt, wiggle, and twirl the box around to make designs – the marble is your paintbrush!
- Let the paint dry (a hair dryer on low speeds the process along). Then use more marbles dipped in other colors to add to your design. Try other color combinations – red paper and white paint; or try black paper with fluorescent colored paints.
- Once all the colors are dry, remove the paper from the box.
- This hand-made art paper can be used to cover a journal or scrapbook.

Animals in the Zoo (tune: Mulberry Bush)

Chorus:

Look at the animals in the zoo,
In the zoo, in the zoo.

And all the funny things they do,
And we can do them too.

The elephant walks and swings his trunk,
Swings his trunk, swings his trunk.

The elephant walks and swings his trunk,
And we can do it too.

See how the snake goes twisting about, etc.

The tall giraffe can stretch his neck

The hippopotamus winks and blinks

The eagle flaps his great big wings

The kangaroo goes jumping about

(Have the girls come up with more verses!)



Girl Scout Ceremonies

The start of the Girl Scout year is full of ceremonies. Here are a few to get you and your girls started. Ask the girls what works for them and then adapted it to your sized troop and their needs. Need more ideas? Go to ETC (EveryThing Covered) on September 30 and take "Basic Girl Scout Ceremonies" There are other great sessions available too. Sign up online at www.gssjc.org.

"I am a Girl Scout"

Rededication, Bridging or any other Ceremony

Needed: 3 white candles for Promise and 10 candles of any color for the Law

Leader: Girl Scouting is strengthened by our love and dedication to our Girl Scout code of living... the Promise and the Law. They are the cornerstones upon which we have built a program that will develop each one of us to assume the responsibilities and accept the privileges of citizenship, and to develop a set of true values. Let's join together to say our Promise.

(co-leader can light white candles as the Promise is recited)

If using candles start here. Girl can light the candle and then say her part, or she can say her part and then light the candle. If girls are small and adult can do the lightning or use electric candles.

GS #1 I will do my best to honest and fair.

I am a Girl Scout.

You can trust me with your innermost thoughts.

I tell the truth and do my work honestly.

GS #2 I will do my best to be friendly and helpful.

I am a Girl Scout.

It shall be my personal privilege to do all I can for others whether, it may be with my hands, words spoken to a friend in need, or the offering of an understanding heart.

GS #3 I will do my best to be considerate and caring.

I am a Girl Scout.

It is my deep desire to be considerate with those around me, and to search for little thoughtful things to do, not just for the praise I might receive.

GS #4 I will do my best to be courageous and strong.

I am a Girl Scout.

I will have the courage to stand up for what I believe.

I will have the strength to stay physically fit and mentally awake.

GS #5 I will do my best to be responsible for what I say and do.

I am a Girl Scout.

I am true to the things I think are right and good.

I will respect the rights of every individual.

GS #6 I will do my best to respect others and myself.

I am a Girl Scout.

I will direct my thoughts to worthwhile things, so I may be a positive influence on those around me.

GS #7 I will do my best to respect authority.

I am a Girl Scout.

It is my special duty to respect the laws of my country and the requests of those who are responsible for me.

By respecting authority I set an example for others to follow.

GS #8 I will do my best to use resources wisely.

I am a Girl Scout.

I will not misuse material, time or energy.

I will protect what nature has given us, so we may have more to share with others.

GS #9 I will do my best to make to make the world a better place.

I am a Girl Scout.

I will care for all living things.

I will take an active interest in my environment.

GS #10 I will do my best to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

I am a Girl Scout.

I extend a helping hand to those about me in our Sisterhood. I think not in terms of color, race, or creed, but of common bond shared by Girls Scouts.

Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

Items needed: 3 white candles and ten candles of any color. For younger girls, use electric candles or make "candles" out of poster board and have the girls tape paper "flames" onto the candle.

Part #1 Leader of a girls says: "The three tall white tapers symbolize the threefold purpose of Girl Scouting as expressed in our Promise. The first part concerns service to God and our country (lights center candle). The second part refers to help people at all times (lights second candle). The third part is our promise to live by the Girl Scout Law (lights third candle)." Then have the girls say the Promise.

Part #2 Each of the other candles represents one part of our Girl Scout Law. Have each girl read a part below or double up parts if you have a smaller troop: each lights one candle from the center candle and repeats her part of the Law.

1- I will do my best to be honest and fair

2- I will do my best to be friendly and helpful

3- I will do my best to be considerate and caring

4- I will do my best to be courageous and strong

5- I will do my best to responsible for what I say and do

6- I will do my best to respect myself and others

7- I will do my best to respect authority

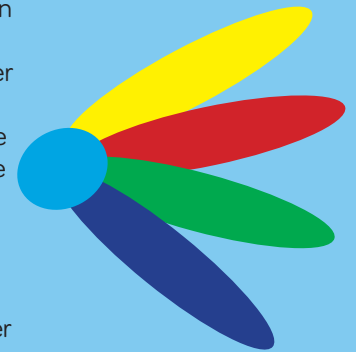
8- I will do my best to use resources wisely

9- I will do my best to make the world a better place

10- I will do my best to be a sister to every Girl Scout

Daisy Girl Scout Ceremony

This is a generic ceremony and can be used for Investiture, Rededication, Bridging or any other ceremony. Make cardboard cut-outs of the Daisy petals. Either use colored poster board, or use white poster board and have the girls color in each piece.



Recite the Girl Scout Promise and have a girl place the Promise Center on the wall with low tack tape. Next, recite the Law, one line at a time and have a girl place the color petal around the center.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair (light blue petal)
friendly and helpful (yellow petal)
considerate and caring (spring green petal)
courageous and strong (red petal)
responsible for what I say and do (orange petal)
and to
respect myself and others (purple petal)
respect authority (magenta petal)
use resources wisely (green petal)
make the world a better place, (rose petal)
and be a sister to every Girl Scout (violet petal)