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## **Local Girl Scouts Host Special Events to Celebrate the Movement's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on March 12**

Local Girl Scouts from *[insert name of your town(s)]* are celebrating 100 years of girls making the world a better place by hosting special events that welcome alumnae, family and community members to join in the festivities.

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouting on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, in order to give girls access to unique leadership opportunities that enabled them to contribute to society in meaningful ways. Low believed girls were as interested in sports, science, community service and making a difference in the world as boys. The organization quickly grew from 18 original members and now boasts more than 3.2 million girl and adult members nationwide today.

To honor the memory of the very first Girl Scout meeting, girls of all ages and adult volunteers are hosting special community-based Promise Circles on March 12 at 19:12 military time or 7:12 p.m. Promise Circles will be held in numerous locations throughout the 245 communities served by Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana.

Current area Girl Scouts will join together with former Girl Scouts from every decade to recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, followed by the singing of "Make New Friends."

*[Briefly describe your local anniversary events including date, time, location – use separate paragraphs for each event, including Promise Circles.]*

In addition, girls and women who have ever been Girl Scouts, including as a Brownie, are encouraged to wear a green lapel ribbon during Girl Scout Week, observed from March 11 – 17. They also are encouraged to reconnect to the organization by registering as a member of its alumnae association at [www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/connect-as-alum](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/connect-as-alum).

Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana impacts the lives of nearly 87,000 girls and 24,000 adult members in 245 communities in six Illinois counties (Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Lake, and Will) and four Indiana counties (Jasper, Lake, Newton, and Porter). Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

For more information, learn about other special 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities or find a list of all Promise Circle locations, visit [www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org).

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