

100th Anniversary Town Square Celebrations



Girl Scouts everywhere will be meeting in their local “town square” to honor the 100th Anniversary of the very first Girl Scout meeting on March 12, 1912.

Rally your local Girl Scouts together to come celebrate this historic event on March 12, 2012. You select the time, but it needs to include 7:12 p.m. that is actually 19:12 in military time. There should be some sort of COUNTDOWN done at this exact time, so that everyone would know that thousands of girls will all be doing the same thing – at the same time - throughout our Council and possibly beyond.

Where to Hold Your Celebration

This is simple to answer for those in small towns with a town square right in the middle. But, for those in large towns or cities, and those that don't necessarily have a “town square” it might be more difficult. Some ideas include:

- Start by contacting all Service Units in the same town/city to design a unified event and effort. Some larger cities may require multiple events.
- If there is no obvious town square, your event could be at a well-known church, school or community center large enough to hold all of the troops in your area.

Paperwork

Check with the chosen location town, agency, church or school where your event will be held. Some require application, others do not.

- Complete a GS NorCal Event Notification and Report Form (available at www.GirlScoutsNorCal.org).
- Submit your event to our council-wide emergency contact calendar online.
- Most cities and towns have EVENT APPLICATIONS and a process to complete them. There may or may not be a fee. This could be paid by the service unit/s or troop/s or collected as part of an event fee.
- Submit a GSNC Special Event & Additional Insurance Request form (available at www.GirlScoutsNorCal.org).

More Planning Ideas:

Design a short, yet meaningful agenda. It is a school night, so events should end early.

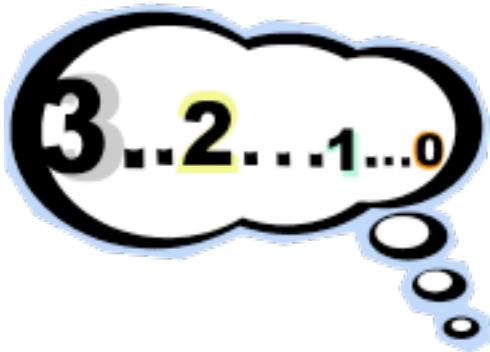
The program could include a short speech by a local politician or Girl Scout executive. It could include short speeches by girls. It could have songs and dances. Be sure to have girls involved in the planning and execution of this event, as with all Girl Scout activities.

Candles: if you follow safety precautions (tie back hair, no ponchos or shawls, pull up loose sleeves, instruct girls on safety issues, etc.) you could use small white utility candles and add your own (or purchased) paper bobeches to catch drips.

Battery Candles: you can purchase battery operated candles for girls to hold. The GS NorCal Retail Stores sell special 100th Anniversary keepsake battery operated candles. If you want a large quantity of those you will need to pre-order by mid-January.

Create a flyer to invite all of the troops in your area, informing them of the date and time and asking them to come in some form of Girl Scout attire; sash, vest, GS t-shirt, etc.

Contact your local CDD if you have any questions.



Calling All Girl Scouts past and present in Girl Scouts of Northern California!

Join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion

The 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts!

March 12, 2012



6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Center City Town Square



At 7:12 p.m. (19:12 military time) we will give a SHOUT OUT to all Girl Scouts past and present. There will be hundreds of girls in hundreds of towns throughout our Council doing the same thing, at the same!

Mary Sue and any program aids who attend will lead us in some favorite Girl Scout songs and there will be guest speakers. Because this is a school night, the event will be short, but memorable!

Bring your troop or come with your families.

There are special Girl Scout commemorative LED candles that you can purchase at your local GS NorCal retail store (while supplies last).

If you would like this sample via email, contact Deborah Holden at:
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Additionally there will be a commemorative pin available to give to the girls and adults at these historic events.

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