

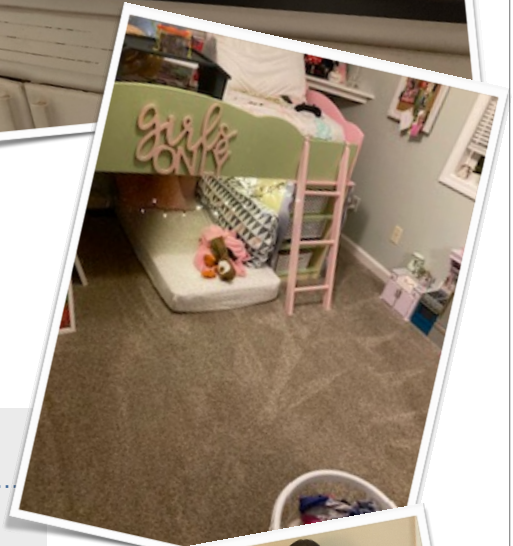
# BY THE WAY

## The Voices of Girl Scout Troop 622

### Scouts make good on their Promise

One of the requirements we had to meet for our Girl Scout Way badge was to “leave a place better than you found it.” Girl Scouts do this because it is part of our Girl Scout promise and law. We believe in “helping people at all times”, “being considerate and caring”, and “making the world a better place.”

The ways our troop left a place better than we found it was by cleaning up a dirty bathroom, picking up and vacuuming our messy bedrooms, helping our parents clean the kitchen and living room, and one scout collected donations for homeless organizations! - *Lily (junior)*



### About this issue

During the month of October, our troop worked on the Girl Scout Way badge, learning about traditions and the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Each participant did some activities on their own (e.g., reading a book and completing a small service project). They also contributed parts to troop projects (e.g., SWAPS art and Async-along). We met in an online session on October 27 to celebrate our accomplishments and have some fun.

Scouts fulfilled requirements for the Girl Scout Way badge with their contributions to this newsletter! Read on to find out what Troop 622 has been up to...



## Say it with SWAPS

Another task we had to complete in order to earn our badge was to make SWAPS. SWAPS are a Girl Scout tradition. SWAPS stands for “Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere”. They are tokens of friendship that girls exchange with other Girl Scouts they meet.

We made our SWAPS by drawing and coloring a small picture inside a circle that we then cut out. We tried to draw things that represented us, our community, our troop, or the Girl Scout Law. We mailed our drawings to a troop volunteer who assembled them using aluminum from soda cans and added a pin. She then dispersed them randomly back to us so we all have one from each member of our troop. - *Lily (Junior)*

A. Lily's frog on a completed pin. B. Ada's depiction of Twilight from *Guardians of Ga'hoole*. C. Anna Grace's ladybug. D. Madi's brother. E. Sephina's cat.



A

small



B



C



D



E

### Girl Scout Promise

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.

*\*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*

### Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to  
be honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

## How we use troop funds

**To all of our supporters, thank you** for your nut, candy, and magazine purchases in the fall and cookie purchases in the winter. I really enjoy product sales because I get to meet all of my neighbors and all the money we get goes to fun events.

Some of the events we did this past year were a horse rides and grooming at Misty Mountain Stables and tickets for *Frosty: A Musical* at Barter Theater. We also use the money for vests, badges, and patches; workshop materials, books, and art supplies; and service project supplies (like planting flowers at North Side Elementary). - *Ada (Cadette)*

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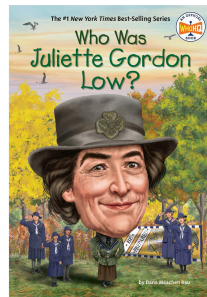
## Traditions are nontrivial in the Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts Way badge asks scouts to learn about traditions. One of the most important traditions handed down from Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low was that we sometimes need to break with tradition.

Juliette was born in 1861, when women were expected to fill the role of wife and mother. But her circumstances led her to live a rather unconventional life!

Our workshop included a trivia contest based on *Who Was Juliette Gordon Low?*, a biography of Juliette and the early history of the Girl Scouts. Give these questions a try! - *Rose (volunteer)*

1. What has Juliette's nick name?
2. Where did Juliette grow up?
3. When she was 17 years old, Juliette went to school in New York. Which of the following subjects did she study there: French, medicine, etiquette, and/or art?
4. Juliette had a disability for most of her life. What was it?
5. After marrying and moving to England, which of these activities did Juliette do: go hunting, visit and help the poor, build the iron gates for her house, and/or travel with her husband?
6. Which of these are true about Juliette: she hunted tigers in India; she flew with a daredevil pilot when planes were brand new; and/or she supported women's right to vote before it was legal?
7. When did Juliette found the Girl Scouts?
8. Where did Juliette get the idea for starting the Girl Scouts?
9. What are some activities that the Girl Scouts did early on?
10. During World War I, how did the Girl Scouts help out?
11. By 2012, how many Girl Scouts were there around the world?



(Answers on page 4)

Troop 622 donated cookies to the Johnson City Police Department on August 11.



### Democracy badge gets attention from governor, senator, mayor

We sent our Democracy badge newsletter to local, state, and national elected officials. Several officials wrote back with their reactions to the work the Scouts did. Joe Wise, mayor of Johnson City at the time, wrote in his email reply, "I share your hope that our public service will be marked by kindness and respect." Governor Bill Lee looks "forward to working with [us] and all Tennesseans to make our state the best place to live and work," according to his letter.

"Too few young Tennesseans understand how our government is organized and how it all works to provide all those things that our families

require in order to lead the lives we lead," wrote state senator Rusty Crowe. "Thank you for all you are doing!!" Senator Crowe sent a case of *A Student's Guide to the Tennessee Senate* pamphlets to share with the troop, family, and friends. - *Rose (volunteer)*

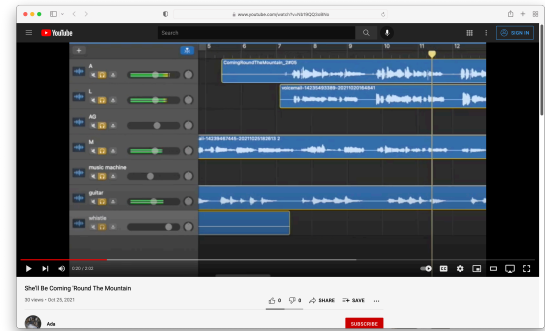




## Async-along brings troop together virtually

For one of the requirements of the badge, we all had to sing a song together. We can't sing together in person because of the pandemic, but we *can* sing into a voicemail!

We all called a phone number and sang a few verses of "She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain" into the voicemail. Then troop volunteer Miss Rose put all of our voices together in a song-editing app so we sound like we're all singing at the same time! She called it an "async-along": a singalong put together from parts recorded at different times (asynchronously). We put it on YouTube, so you can hear it too. - *Ada (Cadette)*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb19QQ3oBNo>

## Troop and community collect donations for animal shelter

All throughout June, the Girl Scouts of troop 622 collected donations for the Washington County-Johnson City Animal Shelter. The types of things collected were cat litter, dog and cat food, pet beds, blankets, treats, and toys, which were delivered on September 22. Our troop also funded a cat condo, and we have a dedicated plaque inside the shelter.

WCJCS houses 300 cats, 92 dogs, 7 gerbils, and 2 rabbits. That's a lot of animals to care for! The shelter needs all the help it can get, especially during the pandemic when lots of



pets need a temporary home. The assistant director of WCJCS, Liz Sullivan, says, "Thanks for your contribution. The animals need something special as they wait for their next home." - *Ada (Cadette)*



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Trivia Answers: 1. Daisy, 2. Savannah GA, 3. French, etiquette, art, 4. She was partially deaf in both ears, 5. visited and helped the poor, built the iron gates for her house, 6. They are all true! 7. 1912, 8. She met with the founder of the Boy Scouts, 9. Play basketball, Camp, Sew their own uniforms, Earn badges, 10. Gardening, canning and preserving food, Knitting socks, Nursing in hospitals, Sewing bandages, 11. 3.2 million.