Juliette Gordon Low is the founder of Girl Scouts in the United States. She was born on October 31, 1860 in Savannah, Georgia. She was an outgoing individual who enjoyed all kinds of interests. It would seem she went against the sentiment of the time by starting Girl Scouts, but if you knew more about her family her determination and pluck was completely normal.

**Juliette’s Fun Facts**

1. Juliette Low was born Juliette Magill Kinzie Gordon.
2. She was the second of six children.
3. Her mother’s family helped to settle the west and her Grandmother wrote Waubun about the experience.
4. Her grandmother was also kidnapped by the native Americans while in the west and held for ransom.
5. Juliette was captain of a rowing team and loved to swim and canoe.
6. Juliette was able to stand on her head and did so at every opportunity. She even did it in the board room of National Headquarters to show off the new Girl Scout shoes.
7. Juliette attended a boarding school in Staunton, VA and a French finishing school in New York City.
8. She married William Mackay Low and moved to England, but she continued to travel between England and America.
9. During the Spanish-American War, she came back and helped her mother organize a convalescent hospital for wounded soldiers returning from Cuba.
11. She had her first Girl Guide troop in Scotland.
12. Her niece was the first registered Girl Scout member when the movement started in Savannah in 1912.
13. She died from breast cancer at the age of 67 in 1927 and her friends established the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund to honor her.
14. She has had several things named for her posthumously:
   - After World War II - “Liberty Ship”
   - 1948 - stamp
   - 1954 - school (one in Georgia, one in California)
   - 1983 - federal building (second federal building named for a woman)
Juliette Low Action Game

This is fast and fun way to teach girls and adults a little bit about our founder, Juliette Gordon Low. It’s a great energizer or diversion if girls or adults have been sitting too long!

Before the training: Cut the 9 action cards and glue each one to an index card. If you can laminate them so much the better.

Gather your group in a circle, either sitting or standing and randomly distribute the cards to the participants. If necessary, double or triple up. If there are fewer than 9 participants, ask for volunteers for dual roles.

Make sure you have an even number for LONDON because the participants have to make a bridge!

Explain to the participants that as you read “The Story of Juliette Low”; when their word or words are read, they are to follow the instructions on their action cards. Encourage creativity in their performances.

Read the story slowly, allowing time for participants to “perform”.

At the end of the story ask participants how they could use this activity with their troop.

Juliette Low Action Game Cards

JULIETTE LOW: Make a muscle and say, “Together we can make a difference!”

GEORGIA: Jump up and say “Hey y’all!”

HORSES: Jump up and say “Neigh!”

LONDON: Make an arm bridge and sing, “London Bridge is Falling Down…”

LORD BADEN POWELL: In your best English accent, bow and say, “How do you do?”

BOY SCOUTS: Make the Boy Scout sign and say: “Be Prepared!”

GIRLS: Jump up and down and shout, “We want to have fun too!”

GIRL SCOUT or GIRL SCOUTS: Stand up and sing, “Girl Scouts Together…”

COW: Stand up and “Moo!”
The Story of Juliette Low

During the early 1900’s there lived a woman named JULIETTE LOW in Savannah, GEORGIA, who loved HORSES and loved to travel.

JULIETTE LOW traveled to LONDON where she met LORD BADEN POWELL, the founder of BOY SCOUTS. When JULIETTE LOW saw what great things LORD BADEN POWELL was doing for boys through the BOY SCOUTS, she decided that she could start an organization like the BOY SCOUTS for GIRLS.

Her organization would later become the GIRL SCOUTS of the USA.

After learning all she could from LORD BADEN POWELL in LONDON, she returned to Savannah, GEORGIA, where she started the GIRL SCOUTS. This was an organization where GIRLS could learn new skills and become independent during a time in history where GIRLS were supposed to be seen and not heard, where women could not vote, where women only wore dresses and stayed home most of the time.

JULIETTE LOW had GIRLS in a kind of trousers called pantaloons doing exciting activities indoors and outdoors! Her first GIRL SCOUT troop even rode HORSES regular style and not side saddle – which was the “proper” way for GIRLS to ride a HORSE!

JULIETTE LOW was not only an independent and strong woman; she was a kind person too. There is a story about her during her childhood where, on a cold night she took her mother’s good blanket to cover her favorite COW in the barn. JULIETTE LOW was worried that the COW would get cold. When her mother asked her later about the good blanket and was quite cross, JULIETTE LOW told her mother about her concern for the COW and all was forgiven!

Aren’t you glad that a strong, independent, kind woman like JULIETTE LOW, who loved her COW, went to LONDON, met LORD BADEN POWELL, learned about BOY SCOUTS, got excited for America’s GIRLS, went back to GEORGIA and founded the first GIRL SCOUT troop with HORSE saddles blazing so we could all be here today!