



Windows to the Past

1970 – 1979

Girls Scouts was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low. In 1911, Juliette met Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who introduced her to the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movement. Juliette brought the movement back to the United States and started the first troop on March 12, 1912. The Windows to the Past program will let your troop experience some of the activities that Girl Scouts did during the decade we are working on. Girls need to complete four activities to earn the 1970 – 1979 lapel pin that can be purchased at the council shop.



The chaotic events of the 60's, including war and social change, seemed destined to continue in the 70's. Major trends included a growing disillusionment of government, advances in civil rights, increased influence of the women's movement, a heightened concern for the environment, and increased space exploration. Many of the "radical" ideas of the 60's gained wider acceptance in the new decade, and were mainstreamed into American life and culture. Amid war, social realignment and presidential impeachment proceedings, American culture flourished. Indeed, the events of the times were reflected in -- and became the inspiration for-- much of the music, literature, entertainment, and even fashion of the decade.

To learn more about the history of Girl Scouts visit www.girlscouts.org.

What was going on in Girl Scouts during the 1970's?

1970

The 30 millionth member of GSUSA is registered.

1971

Girl Scouts of the USA adopts new wording for the Girl Scout Law to reflect greater social awareness:

I will do my best:

- to be honest
- to be fair
- to help where I am needed
- to be cheerful
- to be friendly and considerate
- to be a sister to every Girl Scout
- to respect authority
- to use resources wisely
- to protect and improve the world around me
- to show respect for myself and others through my words and actions.

Eight new Cadette Challenges are introduced.

1972

Accident insurance for Girl Scouts is introduced and included as a benefit of membership.

Runways, a publication describing national Wider Opportunities for older girls, debuts. Runways is renamed Wider Ops in the late 1980's.

1973

A portrait of Juliette Low is presented to the National Gallery in Washington, D.C. Brownie Girl Scout membership is extended to 6-year-olds.

Brownie B's are introduced.

Daisy magazine begins publication for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts.



1974

A bust of Juliette Low is placed in Georgia's Hall of Fame.

1975

Girl Scouts sell more than 123 million boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

The World Association of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting adopts the Thinking Day symbol.

The GSUSA National Council affirms that Girl Scout membership will continue to be open only to girls.

Dr. Gloria D. Scott becomes the first African-American president of Girl Scouts of the USA.

1976

More than 150 Girl Scouts, aged 14-17, are delegates to the National Convention.

The Edith Macy National Center celebrates its 50th anniversary.

1977

Worlds to Explore: Handbook for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts is published.

The Five Worlds of Interest in Girl Scouting are introduced. They are: the World of Well-Being, the World of People, the World of Today and Tomorrow, the World of Arts, and the World of Outdoors.



A national conference for Senior Girl Scouts is held in Indianapolis. Its theme is "Girl Scouting Makes the Difference," and its subject is the inner city.

The Junior Aide patch and Bridge to Juniors are introduced.

Lady Olave Baden-Powell dies, and her autobiography, *A Window On My Heart*, is printed.

1978

A new Girl Scout Trefoil design is introduced to present a contemporary image. Because of requests from adult members, the traditional trefoil pin is continued so that members may individually choose which trefoil design they prefer to wear.



Contemporary Logo introduced in 1978, promoting diversity among GS.



From Dreams to Reality, a career exploration project for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, is published. The activity book and deck of 95 career cards are developed to help Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts explore and practice skills and abilities. Girl Scout resources for girls and their leaders pointed out the many options now available for women.

1978

Girl Scouts prepare to celebrate the UN's 'Year of the Child'.

1979

Juliette Low is inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, New York. The purpose of the Women's Hall of Fame is to "honor in perpetuity those women, citizens of the United States of America, whose contributions to the arts, athletics, business, education, government, the humanities, philanthropy and science have been of greatest value to the development of their country."

American Girl magazine ceases publication.

What was going on in the world during 1970 – 1979?

1970

Floppy discs are invented.

Bar codes are introduced.

The Beatles break up.

Construction is completed on the World Trade Center.

An earthquake in Peru kills 72,200 people.

China becomes the fifth nation to put a satellite into orbit.

The first Earth Day takes place on April 20.

1971

The Soviet Union and the USA send probes to Mars.

The microprocessor, the foundation of all computers, is introduced.

Bangladesh is created from East Pakistan.

China joins the United Nations.

The US and South Vietnam invade Laos.

Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT) scanning, the most important medical breakthrough since the X-ray is introduced.

The cellular phone battery is invented.

Disney World opens in Orlando, Florida.

The Nasdaq, a new stock market index, is introduced.

The United Arab Emirates is founded.

1972

Richard Nixon, president of the United States, makes historic trip to China.

Idi Amin, president of Uganda, expels all Asians.

Terrorists attack at the Munich Olympic Games, killing Israeli athletes.

Mark Spitz wins seven gold medals at the Munich Olympic Games.

1972

Ray Tomlinson invents email.

Eugene Cernan becomes the last man to walk on the moon.

The Watergate Scandal, which toppled the Nixon Administration, begins.

Pocket calculators are introduced.

1973

The Sydney Opera House opens in Sydney, Australia.

The Sears Tower, the world's largest building, is completed in Chicago.

The Vietnam War ends.

Abortion is legalized in the United States.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) doubles the price of oil, leading to the gas crisis of the 1970's.

President Nixon's vice president, Spiro T. Agnew, resigns.

Egypt and Syria attacked Israel.

1974

Physicist Stephen Hawking proposes anew Black Hole theory which runs counter to Einstein's theory.

President Nixon resigns over the Watergate scandal.

India conducts its first nuclear weapons test.

Ballet Star Mikhail Baryshnikov defects from the Soviet Union to Canada.

President Gerald Ford pardons Ex-president Nixon.

The Symbionese Liberation Army (SLA) kidnaps Patricia Hearst heiress of the Hearst Newspaper fortune.

1975

Bill Gates founds Microsoft.

Disposable razors are introduced in the market.

American Tennis Star Arthur Ashe becomes the first African-American male to win Wimbledon.

Scientists discover Lyme disease.

Altair, the first home computer, debuts.

Catalytic convertors are introduced in cars.

Pol Pot becomes the dictator of Cambodia.

1976

Israeli commandos storm a hijacked Air France plane in Uganda's Entebbe Airport and release 103 hostages held by a pro-Palestinian terrorist group.

Mao Tse-tung, the communist leader of China, dies after 25 years of rule.

Gymnast Nadia Comaneci scores seven perfect tens at the Montreal Olympic Games.

1977

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is first used to map the brain and other parts of the body.

Janelle Commissiong of Trinidad & Tobago becomes the first black woman to win the Miss Universe crown.

Elvis Presley dies.

Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat is the first Arab leader to visit Israel and acknowledge Israel's right to exist.

The Alaskan oil pipeline is completed.

The first Star Wars movie is released.

The Nuclear-Proliferation Pact, designed to curb the proliferation of nuclear weapons, is signed by 15 countries, including the US and the USSR.

In the worst air disaster in history. Two 747 aircraft collide at airport in Tenerife, Canary Islands, killing nearly 600 people.

1978

The first "test tube baby" is born, using in vitro fertilization.

John Paul II becomes Pope.

Ultrasound is first used.

The Camp David Accords, designed to bring peace to the Middle East, are signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar El Sadat.

Cartoon Character Garfield the cat is syndicated.

1979

Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female prime minister of Great Britain.

The Shah of Iran is deposed and Ayatollah Khomeini becomes Iran's leader.

The Japanese company Sony introduces the Walkman.

The Soviet Union invades Afghanistan.

A nuclear accident takes place at Three Mile Island in central Pennsylvania.

Mother Teresa is awarded the Nobel peace prize.

ESPN begins broadcasting.



Program

Complete four of these activities to earn your 1970-1979 lapel pin; adapt the activities to fit your age level.

1

What are the five worlds of interest in Girl Scouting?



Do an activity from one of the five worlds of interest.

Five Worlds of Interest activities for Brownies:

Do one of the Try-It badges from the list below. Tell which Try-Its relate to which of the five worlds of interest:

- Safety
- Girl Scout Ways
- Movers
- Colors and Shapes
- Outdoor Fun

Five Worlds of Interest activities for Juniors:

Do one of the Junior badges from the list below. Tell which Junior badges relate to which of the five worlds of interest:

- First Aid
- Weather Watch
- Dabbler
- Troop Camper

2

Earth Day was established on what date? Why is Earth Day so important?
Play an Earth Day game.

3

Juliette Low was inducted into the Women's Hall of fame on what date? What other Girl Scouts have been inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame? What were their accomplishments? Visit the Michigan Women's Historical Center.

4

By the 1970's, the term "rock & roll" had become nearly meaningless. This decade saw the breakup of the Beatles and the death of Elvis Presley, robbing rock of two major influences. Pop music splintered into a multitude of styles: soft rock, hard rock, country rock, folk rock, punk rock, shock rock - and the dance craze of the decade, disco! But whatever sub-genre(s) you preferred, rock music was big business. Create a disco dance using the multitude of music styles.

5

Fondue (chocolate or cheese) was one of the biggest fads of the 70's. Party games that pay tribute to this delicacy are loads of fun. Prepare a large pot of fondue (it doesn't have to be authentic - making it in a sauce-pan is fine!) and divide it among several bowls, one for each team. Also cut some crusty bread into chunks, dividing it equally between several plates, again one per team. Players divide into teams of equal numbers, take a plastic fork each and stand behind the starting line. The object of this 70's party game is to run to the fondue bowl, dip and eat a chunk of bread (for cheese fondue, or fruit for chocolate fondue), run back and tag the next member of your team. This continues until all the bread (or fruit) on your plate has been eaten. The first team to clear their plate is the winner of this 70's party game.



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Pet Rocks were perhaps the most endearing (if not enduring) fad of the Super70s. This gem of an idea was the brainchild of an advertising executive from California named Gary Dahl. Not content with traditional pets, which he considered too messy, costly, and ill-behaved, he had taken on a clean, cheap and well-behaved rock as his pet. Dahl spent a few weeks preparing a Pet Rock Training Manual. Topics included: "How to make your Pet Rock roll-over and play dead" and "How to house-train your Pet Rock." Little did he know that fame and fortune was just a stone's-throw away.

Dahl packaged the rock with his manual in a cardboard box designed to look like a pet carrying case and began selling them at \$3.95 each. He introduced them at a gift show in San Francisco in August of '75 and, as an ad executive, was savvy enough to create a press release which he sent out, complete with his picture, to virtually every major media outlet. In October Newsweek carried an article on the fad and dozens of local newspapers picked up the story.

Create a Pet Rock

For this project you will definitely need a rock. The rock can be any size or shape you like. To decorate your rock you can use a variety of supplies. Here are some suggestions:

- Craft Foam
- Felt
- Dimensional Paint
- Paint
- Chenille Stems
- Ribbon
- Feathers
- Beads
- Buttons
- Pom-poms
- Wiggle Eyes



Remember to also grab any tools you need including:

- Craft Glue
- Scissors
- Paint Brush

Use this list as inspiration but also use your own imagination. Dig through your craft supplies and use whatever inspires you. Now, start making your pet rock!

<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/stoneandrock/ss/petrocks.htm>

