**GREEN SPEAK**

**Baden-Powell:** Lord and Lady Robert Baden-Powell were the founders of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guide movement for boys and girls.

**Badge:** Embroidered or silk-screened recognition for Girl Scouts to indicate increased knowledge and a skill in a particular subject.

**Bronze Award:** The highest award earned by Girl Scout Juniors. It shows a girl has made a promise to help others and improve her community and world.

**Bridging:** The move from one program age level of Girl Scouting to the next (e.g. from Girl Scout Junior to Girl Scout Cadette).

**Buddy System:** A safety practice in which girls of equal ability are paired to help and to keep track of each other.

**Camp Name:** A personally chosen name used during camp. Examples: Frog; Chipper; Sunshine. These are to be used only by Camp Aides or P.A.’s and Adults, not girls in a troop.

**Color Guard:** A team that guards/honors the flag, usually during a flag ceremony. The Color Bearer is the person who carries the flag.

**Counselor-in-Training (CIT):** A Girl Scout Senior who is taking a course to learn outdoor group leadership skills as a camp counselor.

**Court of Awards:** A ceremony that can be held any time during the year at which badges, recognitions, and awards are presented.

**Court of Honor:** Committee made up of the leader, patrol leaders, troop secretary and treasurer for decision-making purposes.

**Day Camp:** Camping by the day for a few consecutive days.

**Destinations:** Specific trips taken by individual girls. It is available to Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors at [http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/](http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/travel/)

**Dunk Bag:** A mesh bag holding cup, plate and flatware to air-dry dishes while camping.

**Fly-up:** The ceremony in which a Brownie Girl Scout “graduates” to Junior Girl Scouts.

**Founder’s Day:** Juliette Low’s birthday, October 31.
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Friendship Circle: The friendship circle is often formed at the end of meetings or campfires as a of closing ceremony. Everyone gathers in a circle where they cross their right arm over their left in front of them and hold hands with the people on either side. Once everyone is silent, the leader starts the friendship squeeze which is passed from hand to hand. Often the girls will make a wish after their hand has been squeezed before they pass the squeeze along. Also, in some larger groups, the girls put their right foot out into the circle when they receive the friendship squeeze so that everyone can see it travel along the circle.

Girl Guides: The original name for Girl Scouts; still used in many countries.

Girl Scout Birthday: March 12 is the Girl Scout birthday because it marks the first meeting of Girl Scouts in the U. S. A. in Savannah, Georgia, in 1912.

Girl Scout Handshake: This is the way many Girl Scouts and Girl Guides greet each other. They shake their left hands while making the Girl Scout sign with their right hand. The left handed handshake represents friendship because the left hand is closer to the heart than the right.

Girl Scout Leader's Day: April 22, a special day to honor Girl Scout leaders.

Girl Scout Leadership Experience: The Girl Scout program where girls discover, connect, and take action to make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Sign: The official Girl Scout greeting. The right hand is raised shoulder high with the three middle fingers extended and the thumb crossing over the palm to hold down the little finger. These three fingers represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

Girl Scout's Own: A quiet inspirational ceremony that has a theme and is planned by Girl Scouts and their leaders.

Girl Scout Week: An annual celebration during the week of March 12th, the Girl Scout birthday.

Gold Award: The highest award in Girl Scouts focuses on a Girl Scout Senior's or Ambassador's interests and personal journey through leadership skills, career explorations, self-improvement, and service.

GSCCC: Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast.

GSUSA: Girl Scouts of the United States of America.
**Investiture:** A special ceremony in which a new member makes her Girl Scout Promise and receives her membership pin.

**Girl Scout Journeys:** These help the Girl Scouts learn to Discover, Connect, and Take Action as they are performing science experiments, creating art projects, cooking simple meals, or learning to protect the planet’s water supply.

**Kaper Chart:** A chart that shows the delegation of jobs and rotation of responsibility meeting-by-meeting, day-by-day and/or meal-by-meal.

**Leader-in-Training (LIT):** A Senior Girl Scout who is taking a course to learn leadership skills as a troop leader.

**Low, Juliette Gordon (nicknamed Daisy):** Founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, she formed the first troop that met in Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912.

**Motto:** “Be Prepared.”

**Program Aide:** Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors who have been trained to assist younger Girl Scout groups with songs, games, crafts, ceremonies or skills.

**Patrol:** A widely used form of troop government where the troop divides into small groups.

**Quiet Sign:** The Girl Scout signal for silence in a group situation. In order to maintain order at lively Girl Scout functions, the leader raises her right hand for silence. The girls follow in the motion; as their hands go up, the conversation stops, until everyone has their hand up and the room is silent.

**Rededication:** A formal ceremony at which a girl or adult, who was previously invested, renews her Girl Scout Promise.

**Resident Camp:** A sustained camping experience for a minimum of six days, with overnight sleeping at a council-owned, leased, rented or borrowed facility.

**Safety Activity Checkpoints:** An in-depth safety information list with tips that adult volunteers use for Girl Scout sports and activities. Girls can also use these checkpoints to ready their group for a girl-led activity.

**Service Unit:** A geographic subdivision of troops within the council.

**Service Unit Manager:** Some Service Units have more than one and they can each be responsible for different parts of the Service Unit, such as finance, program and recruiting. All Service Unit Managers are volunteers.
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Service Unit Team: A group of adult volunteers that work with the Service Unit Manager/s to assist the Troop Leaders and make sure the girls are receiving a full program.

Silver Award: Symbolizes a Girl Scout Cadette’s accomplishments in community activities as she matures and works to better her life and the lives of others.

Sit Upon: A pad that is made by the girls to sit on that keeps their clothes clean and dry.

Slogan: “Do a good turn daily.”

S’mores: Traditional Girl Scout snack made around the campfire with graham crackers, chocolate bar and toasted marshmallows.

S.W.A.P.: Stands for “Shared with a Pal” or Special whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned.” It is usually a handmade token, pin, etc., given in exchange for a S.W.A.P. from another Girl Scout.

The Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting Binder: There is one for each program level that contains Legacy, Skill Building, Financial Literacy and Cookie Business Badge information. It also has information on other awards they can earn and where to put the badges, pins, and awards on their vests or sashes plus much more.

Thinking Day: Celebrated by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts throughout the world, February 22nd is the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell. This is the day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides to think about their sisters around the world, through special projects, international program activities or pen pal projects.

Trefoil: The international symbol of Girl Scouting. The three leaves of the trefoil represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

Volunteer Essentials: It is the national volunteer handbook.

Wide Game: A game played by following a trail with stops at several stations.

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS): An international educational association for girls with a membership of eight million.

World Trefoil Pin: A pin worn by all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides.

World Centers: Four program activity centers owned by WAGGGS. The centers are located in Mexico, England, India and Switzerland.