

Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas GSSWT Council's Own Patch Program

Juliette Low World Friendship Patch

Requirements: All levels must complete the four requirements marked with an asterisk (*) plus an additional:

Girl Scout Daisy/ Brownies – 2
Girl Scout Juniors – 4
Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors - 6



- *1. Contribute to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.
- *2. Help plan and/or participate in a Thinking Day observance.
- *3. Be able to explain the World Trefoil Pin.
- *4. Learn about the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund and what it does (see reverse.)
5. Name five major religions of the world.
6. Prepare a friendship envelope with messages for someone's pen friend.
7. Learn about women artists, scientists, writers, etc. from other countries.
8. Mark on a map countries contributing to your community or troop's population.
9. Help a new resident in your community feel welcome.
10. Celebrate a holiday with international customs.
11. Plan an international program for another troop.
12. Plan or participate in a "tasting tea" of international goodies.
13. Name currencies used in six other countries.
14. Learn to say "thank you" in four languages.
15. Entertain a guest from another country or someone who has visited another country. Have the guest share some information or a skill with the troop.
16. Have an international dinner, with foods from one country or several different countries. It could be a mother-daughter or father-daughter or families.
17. Learn to play a game from another country.
18. Learn a folk dance or a singing game from another country.
19. Listen to and sing the songs from the World Centers: "Our Cabana", "Our Chalet", "Song of Sangam", and "Pax Lodge Song".
20. Make an international display with things that girls (or friends or relatives) have from other countries.
21. Find out how a person may become a United States citizen.

For information such as price, availability, etc. or to order patches, contact the Shop at customercare@girlscouts-swtx.org or (210) 349-2404 ext. 391. Please note 6 weeks advanced notice is required for orders of 100 or more patches.



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The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund

The Juliette Low World Friendship Fund was established in 1928 as a living memorial to Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouting in the United States. It perpetuates the belief held by Mrs. Low that Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding could make a positive contribution to peace through the friendship of young people of the world who have the common bond of Girl Scouting/Girl Guiding, whatever their language or nationality. It is one of the oldest voluntary funds of its kind.

Mrs. Low devoted that last decade of her life to furthering the international friendship aspects of the Girl Scout movement. She helped to establish the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), which today has member associations in more than 144 countries of the free world.

Contributions to the Fund are made voluntarily by girls and adults who are members of the Girl Scout movement in the United States. The Fund supports international friendship projects between Girl Scouts in the United States and Girl Guides of other member countries. Some of the projects are:

- Financing international events for girls from around the free world at the World Centers in India, Mexico, Switzerland, and England.
- Paying for annual exchange visits of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides.
- Making an annual contribution to the Thinking Day Fund on behalf of Girl Scouts from the United States and U.S.A. Girl Scouts Overseas who are Girl Scouts living temporarily in other countries. The Thinking Day Fund is used by the World Association to extend and strengthen the movement. Girl Guides of other countries also contribute to it.
- Helping new member countries with materials, equipment, and training needed for a strong program for girls.

Through the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from every continent have added a new dimension to their understanding of international friendship. Since the Fund was established, it has made possible a variety of international visits and events for more than five thousand members of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and Girl Guides from other countries. In turn, these members have shared their experiences with countless thousands of their friends, colleagues, and families.

But the accomplishments cannot be presented in statistics. They can, perhaps, be better expressed by some of the exchangees.

"We were forced to adapt mentally.... My understanding of their culture brought me to the conclusion that we aren't always right.... I learned that I needed to be a more alive and contributing person. It opened and broadened my life so that I know I will never be content to exist but will have to live - purposefully and enthusiastically."

"I will always have a very deep appreciation for the beauty and variety of the countryside, the rich heritage of music and folklore, and the distinctly different customs. This trip has not only opened the door to Latin American culture and history but also to a deeper understanding of all people."

"We have all traveled many miles... but the greatest distance traveled by any one of us was the distance from misconception to a deeper understanding of each other and our cultures."

In our council, there is no set time for troops to collect money for the JLWFF. Some troops collect donations during October for Juliette Low's birthday (October 31) and some troops wait until February and Thinking Day (February 22). The contributions are turned in to the Girl Scout Service Center and the council sends all money to the National Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.