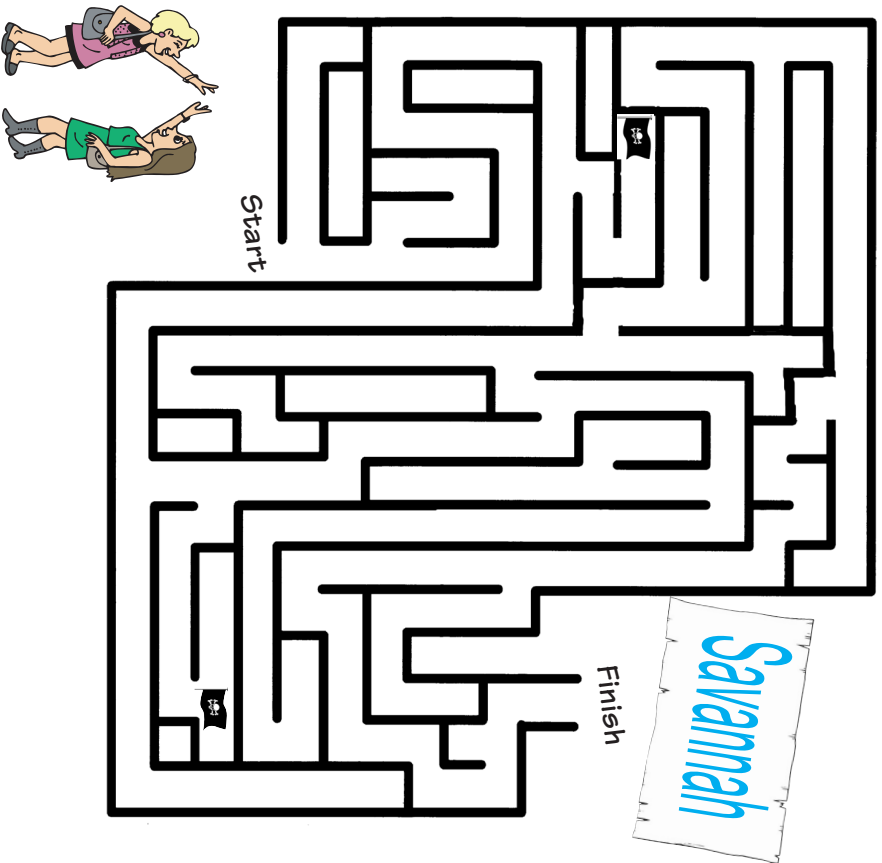


A Maze-ing Colony!

For her summer project, Christina researched Savannah. She learned that Savannah was the first “planned” city in the United States. This plan created all the squares that Amber, Grace, Avery, and Ella visit while searching for the next mystery clue!

Help the Girl Scouts find their way to Savannah.



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- 1 BUNCH OF DAISES!
- 1 BATCH OF BROWNIES!
- 4 JUNIOR SLEUTHS!
- 1 GHOSTLY TOWN!
- AND 5 MORE THAN A FEW CREEPY CLUES!

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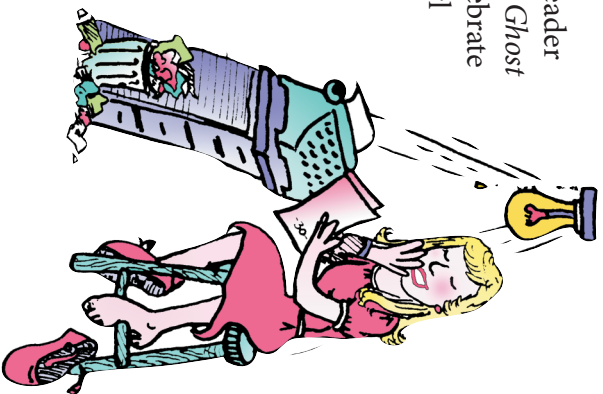
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A Note from Carole Marsh: How to Use This Guide

Dear Girl Scout Troop Leader,

Welcome to the Troop Leader Guide for my book, *The Giggling Ghost Girl Scout Mystery!* Help me celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts by reading this exciting mystery involving Savannah, the Girl Scout Centennial National Camporee, Juliette Gordon Low, and the founding of the original Girl Scouts. You can read this novel as a troop, or the girls can read it by themselves and talk about it as a group during your troop meetings.



Once your troop has finished reading the book, follow up with all of the fun activities in this Troop Leader Guide! You can use selected activities in one meeting or spread them out over several meetings to prolong the fun. Either way, your girls will love it! And best of all—many of the activities will help your scouts attain several badges for Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes!

Giggles and grins,

Carole Marsh

Sing-Along Time!

Gather your troop and sing along to the catchy songs below. Then, play the games from the book. If your troop is made of older Girl Scouts, use this opportunity to have them teach a troop of younger Girl Scouts these fun songs and games.

Boom Chicka Boom (page 17)

I said a Boom Chicka Boom

I said a Boom Chicka Boom

I said a Boom Chicka Rocka Chicka Rocka Chicka Boom!

Uh huh,

Oh yeah,

One more time _____ style!

Down By the Banks (page 55)

Down by the banks of the hanky panky

Where the bullfrogs jump from bank to banky

With an eeps iipes oupps upsss

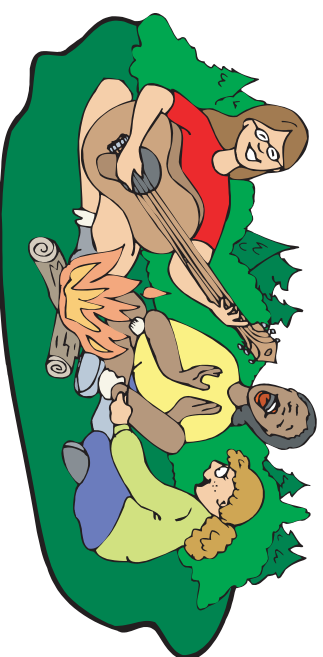
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Pepsi cola ginger ale

Ginger ale ginger ginger ale ginger ale

Pepsi cola ginger ale 7-up 7-up – up

You're OUT!



Recipes All Girl Scouts Will Enjoy!

Try out these delicious recipes to tickle the taste buds of Girl Scouts of all ages!

S'Mores Brownies

Ingredients

- 1 package of brownie mix, including all necessary ingredients
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 4 graham crackers, broken into small pieces
- 2 milk chocolate candy bars, cut into small pieces

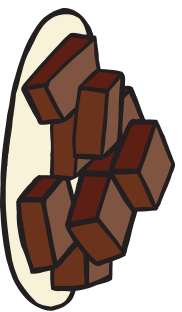
Directions

Bake package of brownie mix as directed. When brownies have finished baking, set oven to broil. Immediately sprinkle brownies with marshmallows and graham cracker pieces. Put back in oven to broil for about 30 to 60 seconds or until marshmallows are golden brown (Be careful! Marshmallows and graham crackers will brown quickly). Remove from oven and sprinkle with chocolate pieces. Let cool for about 30 minutes and serve!

Chocolate Shortbread Sundaes

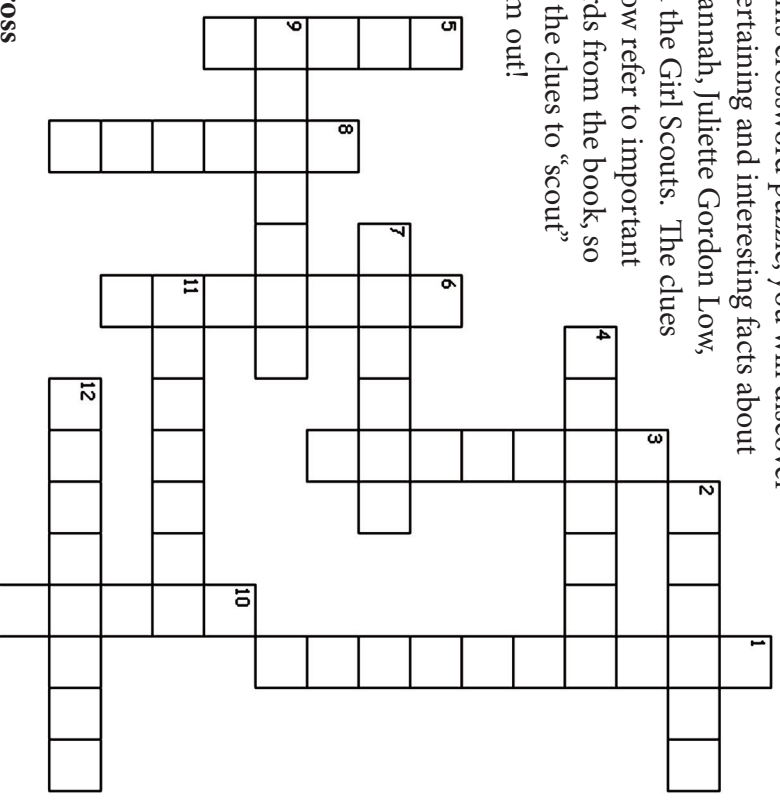
Use your favorite ice cream, chocolate syrup, any yummy toppings and shortbread Girl Scout cookies to create Chocolate Shortbread Sundaes. This dessert is fun, easy, and delicious for your troop to make!

Amber's Simple Snack
Combine Girl Scout shortbread cookies with peanut butter to discover Amber's favorite GS snack!



Giggling Ghost Crossword Puzzle!

In this crossword puzzle, you will discover entertaining and interesting facts about Savannah, Juliette Gordon Low, and the Girl Scouts. The clues below refer to important words from the book, so use the clues to "scout" them out!



Across

- 2. the girls make these from tree bark and candles
- 4. the second Girl Scout rank
- 7. Girl Scouts earn these to put on their sashes and vests
- 9. Savannah is designed in _____.
- 11. the symbol of the Girl Scouts
- 12. first name of the Girl Scouts' founder

Down

- 1. the founder of Savannah
- 3. Girl Scouts are famous for selling these
- 5. the first Girl Scout rank
- 6. the fourth Girl Scout rank
- 8. the third Girl Scout rank
- 10. the girls find these on slips of paper around Savannah



Let's Solve Our Own Mystery!

Your girls can be junior sleuths just like Amber, Grace, Avery, and Ella! Play a detective game with your troop by either you or selected troop members taking turns hiding objects around the room and writing clues to help other troop members find them. You can change the game by having the girls write clues that describe an object, place, or person related to the Girl Scouts. The girls have to decide what the item is before they look for it.



This activity can be used to fulfill **Step #2 for the Brownie Making Games Badge!**



Let's Write! Part 2

In this fun and creative activity, your troop members can participate in a group story creation. Have the girls sit in a circle. Then, one girl writes or says the first sentence of a story. The next girl in line writes/says the next sentence, and the next girl writes/says the next, etc., until each girl has contributed a part to the story and the story ends. You can also provide more direction for the activity by writing the first sentence yourself and letting the troop take it from there. Record the entire story to reread at a later meeting for more fun and giggles!

Here are some examples of story beginnings:

A girl wakes up in the morning and discovers that her bed has turned into a magic carpet!

A boy discovers a secret passage in his closet!

A woman gets a letter in the mail, and a tiny elf jumps out of the envelope!



Let's Write!

Have your troop write a different ending to the book individually or in small groups.

After they have completed and shared their new endings, discuss as a group the effects of those changes. Choose a few favorite new endings and ask questions like:

- How would this ending affect the characters?
- In real life, would you have preferred to experience the original ending or your new ending?
- Christina spends much of her time in Savannah working on a writing project. Do you like writing creatively better than writing papers for school? Why or why not?

If your scouts write a minimum of five pages, they can fulfill **Step #2 of the Junior Scribe Badge!**



A Secret Message!

In this activity, girls will use the code below to uncover a secret message from Carole Marsh! Hint: Words have hyphens between the individual letters and spaces between separate words.

This fun activity also fulfills **Step #2 of the Junior Detective Badge!**



A 1	B 2	C 3	D 4	E 5	F 6	G 7	H 8	I 9
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To Act, or Not to Act

Either you or the troop members pick out one fun, interesting, or exciting scene from the book. The girls can be split into small groups or remain as a large group if there are enough parts. Have them write a script with stage directions, using lines from the book or original lines. You can make costumes, props and sets; this activity can be as simple or extensive as you wish!



Once the play has been performed, have each actor perform a character analysis of their character. What makes the character unique? If they changed anything from the original book, why did they change it?

Perform the troop's scene in front of another troop or your families to fulfill **Step #5 of the Cadette Public Speaking Badge!**



Letterboxing

Help your Girl Scouts make letterboxes!

- Choose a waterproof container for your letterbox (a plastic freezer container works great).
- Inside the letterbox, make sure to include a logbook, so that visitors can stamp your book, and put your own stamp in there so they can stamp their own notebooks.
- Add postage-paid postcards to your letterbox. Visitors can send them to you so you know about their adventures!
- Label your box, including what is inside.



Once you've gathered all your materials and placed them in your box, hide the box along a nearby trail. Post the letterbox clues on an online site so others can search for it. You can even theme the clues around *The Giggling Ghost Girl Scout Mystery!* This activity is not only tons of fun, but fulfills **Step #5 of the Brownie Letterboxing Badge!**

