



March Program Ideas

Make a St. Patrick's Day pinwheel using one of these printable patterns:

<http://www.craftjr.com/st-patricks-day-printable-pinwheels/>. Lots of other ideas on this website as well.

March 12 is the Girl Scout Birthday. This date commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scout Week (March 6-12, 2011) is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday (March 6, 2011) and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes the Girl Scout Birthday, March 12. Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout. If a place of worship is the group sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony. These days can also be a time when girls explore other faiths. Older girl troops may also want to tie Girl Scout Week to Women's History Month (March) and/or International Women's Day (March 8) and do activities around all three.

5 Ways to Celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday:

http://www.girlscouts.org/for_adults/volunteering/articles/5_ways_to_celebrate_gs_birthday.asp

National Women's History Project: <http://www.nwhp.org/aboutnwhp/index.php>

Council Program Opportunity for any age level:

This one's offered at Camp Libbey just outside Defiance (Maumee Valley Region). Visit a new camp and check out this awesome program for all age levels in March: **Maple Sugar Festival**. Native Americans called Maple Syrup "Sweetwater." Come and see how Ohio's largest crop is harvested as our staff take you through the history of Maple Sugaring. Also, explore the rest of Camp Libbey by visiting our Pioneer classroom with Miss Emily Walker, testing your aim at archery and tomahawk throwing, playing pioneer games, and trying some lassoing while visiting the farm animals. Also, take time to learn, in our newly expanded areas, to make your own butter, Maple candy, rag dolls, bonnets, and candles to take home. March 19 or 20 with an option to enjoy breakfast. Register online before March 1 by choosing your date/time (list found here: <http://www.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/Program/MVRegion.htm>).

Service Learning Project: To celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday consider making birthday boxes for children in need. Request donations of all the things needed for a birthday party: cake mix, frosting, candles, plates, decorations, favors, and such. Many families have leftover party supplies or mismatched items that they can no longer use, and many times they can be found at Goodwill or on clearance. A local store may even donate the needed grocery items. Your girls will have fun sorting through the piles of donations to construct and gift wrap boxed birthday parties that can be donated to the Family Abuse shelter or one of the food pantries.

Bridging: Are any of the girls in your troop bridging to a new level next year? They should be if they are currently in 1st grade, 3rd grade, 6th grade, 8th grade, 10th grade, or 12th grade (High School Seniors bridge to adults). Don't wait any longer to check out the requirements for earning the bridging patch! Contact any member of the Service Team if you need more information about bridging.

Did you know? Girl Scouts of Western Ohio has a resource page with links to the monthly "Take the Lead" publication and other valuable leader resources. You can find it here:

<http://roundtable.girlscoutsofwesternohio.org/>