

Planning a Visit to the Birthplace



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ABOUT THE BIRTHPLACE

The Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center is located in downtown Savannah. It was the Gordon family home where Daisy Gordon (Juliette Magill Kinzie Gordon) was born on October 31, 1860. The townhouse, completed in 1821, is furnished as it was in 1886, the year of Daisy's marriage, also the year her parents renovated and enlarged the house and the year of the earthquake of 1886.

The Girl Scouts of the USA purchased the house in 1953. After extensive restoration, it was opened in 1956 as a Girl Scout program center and historic house museum. In 1965, it became Savannah's first designated National Historic Landmark. The Juliette Low Birthplace is one of the most popular house museums in the United States and welcomed its two-millionth visitor in 2001. The house is open to Girl Scout troops, tour groups and the general public.

Throughout the year, Girl Scout troops have the opportunity to meet other troops from all over the country and share activities. Visitors always include a mixture of families, individuals, whole Girl Scout troops, alumnae Girl Scouts, and the touring public from all over the world!

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace is open to the public Monday–Saturday 10:00 am–4:00 pm and Sundays from 11:00 A.M.—4:00 p.m. It is closed Wednesdays from November through February and major holidays, including St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Reservations are required for all group visits. Office hours are Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Eastern Time. Visits with curatorial and archival staff are by appointment only.

TO CONTACT US The Birthplace is located on the corner of Oglethorpe Avenue and Bull Street in downtown Savannah. Our address is 10 East Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA 31401. We can be reached by phone: (912) 233-4501, fax: (912) 233-4659, or e-mail: birthplace@girlscouts.org. Our website is www.girlscouts.org/birthplace.

GIRL SCOUT HERITAGE VISIT

The Girl Scout Heritage Visit (GSHV) is the core program for Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts in troops. The GSHV consists of a Special Interest Session, an orientation slide show with a tour of the two restored floors of the house—the parlor and bedroom floors; a chance for troops to hold a Girl Scouts' Own pinning ceremony, which the troop plans, and an opportunity to shop in the Museum Store in small groups.

SPECIAL INTEREST SESSIONS

Special Interest Sessions (SIS) are a fun part of the GSHV. They focus on various topics exploring nineteenth-century life and the early days of Girl Scouting. These sessions last one and a half to two hours. Senior Girl Scouts can further extend their Birthplace experience through a Victorian Supper, which is a three-hour evening session. All troops who visit may also choose to follow Juliette Low's Savannah Historic Trail, a taped walking tour which introduces Savannah as it was in Daisy's time. NOTE: The GSHV is not open to Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts; however, they may want to start planning to visit after they fly up to Junior Girl Scouts.

Following are descriptions of the Special Interest Sessions available to girls who participate in the Girl Scout Heritage Visit. Please note that some of the sessions are only open to certain levels / ages, while others are open to all levels. When you make your reservation, you should consider what level the girls will be when they come for their visit. Please remember also that the Birthplace reserves the right to change your Special Interest Session if there are problems with scheduling or staffing. The Special Interest Sessions are held in either the Carriage House or Stable Building of the Birthplace.

COME INTO MY PARLOR

Equipment: None; Maximum 25

What did Daisy and her friends and family do for fun when they got together? The children loved to invent plays to present to the adults, tell stories, and play games—so Come into Our Parlor as we play favorite Victorian games, all the while behaving like proper Victorian young ladies. We will play old-fashioned games, recreate one of Daisy's own plays and play parlor and party games beloved by children and adults! This is not a dress-up session but girls do wear Victorian smocks and make a paper hat to wear.

FASHION, FABRIC AND FRILLS

Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts Equipment:

None; Maximum 25 Do you know the difference between a hoop skirt and a bustle skirt? Exactly how small can a corset make your waist? What was under those dresses to make them look like they did? Using period pictures, we will investigate fashions from 1860–1900. The highlight of the session is when each girl laces up a corset to feel what it was like to be a nineteenth-century girl. Fashion, Fabric and Frills is the only opportunity to see pieces from the Birthplace costume collection, particularly rare Victorian undergarments. Fashion, Fabric and Frills is not a dress-up session.

FORWARD MARCH

Equipment: Comfortable shoes; Maximum 25

Join us in commemorating the beginning years of Girl Scouting! The Girl Scouts are “making good,” as you will see in the first Girl Scout movie, *The Golden Eaglet*. Try your hand at some Girl Scout skills from *How Girls Can Help Their Country*, the 1913 Handbook for Girl Scouts. Setting up exercises, marching, Kim's game, and semaphore signaling will help you qualify as an old-style Girl Scout. Put on medieval pageant costumes to reenact musical tableaux, plays and skits popular with early Girl Scouts. You will also investigate old handbooks and Girl Scout uniforms and customs, as you become one of Juliette Low's Girl Scouts. The girls dress up in skit costumes for one part of the session.

POP GOES THE WEASEL: A Textile Adventure

Equipment: None; Maximum 25

Did you know that Juliette Low's first Girl Guide Company in Scotland learned spinning along with compass and map reading, semaphore signaling, and outdoor cooking? Textile investigations have played a part in Girl Scouting throughout the years. During this session, your group will learn about fibers and how they are processed. You will try your hand at spinning and weaving. Each participant will begin a take-home project. This is not a dress-up session.

RAINY DAY IN 1870

Junior Girl Scouts Only Equipment: Tote bag for carrying your projects home; Maximum 25

Dress up in costumes and try out a girl's life in Daisy's day. What did girls do? They learned to be proper young ladies, to do fancy needlework and all kinds of paper crafts. So, try your hand at some fun things Daisy did as a child: cut silhouettes, use a fan, start an embroidered bookmark like the one Daisy made for her papa, use a stereoscope viewer, make tinsel pictures and color Daisy's paper dolls. The costumes for this session are simple cotton dresses donated by troops as a service project. Lots of projects are started to be finished at home. Girls get to keep everything they make, but equipment like hoops, needles and scissors need to stay for the next troop session. This Special Interest Session is recommended for troops with younger girls.

SISTERS OF THE PALETTE: Victorian Arts and Accomplishments

Equipment: Tote bag for bringing home art projects; Maximum 25

Why do we remember Daisy? Because she founded Girl Scouts of the USA, of course, but she was also an artist. Women sculptors and painters called themselves the “Sisters of the Palette” in her days. During this session you learn about women artists during Daisy's lifetime and about her art-work. You will try your hand at several art forms including sketching, watercolors, print-making and Daisy's favorite—sculpting. The session is geared to beginners and is not a dress-up session.

VICTORIAN VENTURE

Cadette Girl Scouts Only - Equipment: None; Maximum 20 Time travel back to Daisy's time and try your hand at young ladies' school activities like using a fan, fancy writing, and making a craft. Each girl will have the opportunity to dress up in a hoop, shawl, ornaments and accessories and practice manners of the day. The session culminates in a tea party using a silver tea service. By the end of the session, you will become a young lady from the 1880s and will have a craft project to finish at home.

VICTORIAN SAVANNAH SUPPER Girl Scouts ages 15-18. Only Equipment: Optional "pretty" shoes to wear with a period dress. We provide costumes but some girls prefer to bring their own shoes; Maximum 20 This session is held in the evening from 4:30-7:30 p.m. and is in addition to a daytime SIS. It provides an opportunity for girls to experience another aspect of life in the 1870s and 1880s by sharing a traditional nineteenth-century dinner while wearing period costumes. Try typical Southern foods: a sample menu could include chicken, stew, okra, squash casserole, sweet potato soufflé, biscuits, greens or black-eyed peas, using our china, silver, glasses, linens and costumes. You will enjoy a country-style dinner prepared by a local restaurant, with a Birthplace staff person. Of course, we'll all clean up together.

RESERVATION PROCEDURES For the best possible experience, careful planning is necessary. In planning your trip, please consider the following information.

1. CALL FOR A TENTATIVE RESERVATION

Select several possible dates for your GSHV. Remember that the Birthplace is busiest during summer vacation and other holidays, so your troop is likely to get a reservation sooner if they are able to come at a different time. Also, you should select first and second choices for Special Interest Sessions. If you have made a reservation before, let us know—we may have your information on file and this will speed up the reservation process.

The Girl Scout troop or group leader herself must make the reservation. We cannot accept reservations from third parties (e.g. travel agents or tour operators).

2. COMPLETE ENCLOSED RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

- Send your Girl Scout Council your Intent to Travel form for authorization. We will notify your council of your reservation. Your council will mail your travel authorization directly to the Birthplace.
- Remember extra adults and tag-alongs are only accepted for Girl Scout programs on a space-available basis. Extra adults may choose to take a general tour of the house, but they will not be in the same room as the girls at the same time, due to space restrictions.
- Return the Reservation Request Form with a credit card number, money order, or council check payable to the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace for your non-refundable reservation fee. The reservation fee is \$25.00 for each Girl Scout Heritage Visit requested. Your request will be returned if a payment is not attached, and you may lose your reservation.
- We do not accept troop checks or personal checks by mail.
- All fee payments must include contact leader's name, street address, daytime telephone number, troop age level, troop number, date of visit—OR—reservation number. Failure to provide complete information with your fees may result in delays and possibly the loss of your reservation.
- If your Girl Scout Council is sending your fee payment, please request your council to include your reservation number on the check.
- Mail the Reservation Request Form to the Birthplace within two weeks of making your tentative reservation.

3. CONFIRMATION

- Wait for confirmation from the Birthplace before proceeding with your plans. If you do not receive confirmation within one month of mailing the reservation request, notify the Birthplace.

- After your reservation is made at the Birthplace, make reservations for your travel, lodging, dining, sightseeing and other activities.
- You will find advertisements from hotels, motels, restaurants and sites that actively seek Girl Scout business in **Birthplace Bound**. We do not endorse any one business over another and urge you to make your selection based on your requirements.
- brief scavenger hunt we will send the troop on!
- On a busy day, we may have numerous Girl Scout troops checking in, so it is important to be ready to check in at the assigned time and for all participants to wear their color-coded tags.
- We welcome troop checks, personal checks and travelers' checks in person.
- If you are coming in a motorcoach or bus, please inquire about dropoff and parking.

4. RECONFIRMATION

- Three months prior to your visit date all fees, your travel itinerary, and a name of an emergency contact person are due. All fees are non-refundable, so please do not pay for any tickets you may not use.
- Please consult us for special provisions needed for any Girl Scout. Our guidebook, [More About the Juliette Low Center](#), is available for individuals with disabilities. We make special arrangements to make all SIS activities accessible, however this often requires sessions to be relocated, so please give us advance notice of any special needs and/or wheelchair visitors.
- You will receive one color-coded tag per participant. The tag serves as a ticket for the reserved programs, indicates your schedule for the day, and identifies your troop. All participants, girls and adults must wear their tags while at the site.
- We do not accept troop checks or personal checks by mail.

5. CHECK-IN

- In the reconfirmation letter, the leader will be given a schedule for the day, including a check-in time.
- During check in, leaders may purchase pins, patches and parking passes, and will be asked to give the final statistics for their group.
- This is a good time to donate troop crafts, costumes or Circle of Friends contributions.
- At this time, the leader will also get a summary of the day and any final instructions.
- Since we do not have a waiting area, the girls and other adults will be asked to wait outside while the leader is checking in. For this reason, it is often helpful for the leader to check in prior to the arrival of the rest of the group. If the whole troop arrives with the leader, we have a

FEES

TROOP RESERVATION FEE

\$25 per group This is a non-refundable fee covering the cost of processing your troop's reservation. It is not deducted from the per-person admission charge. A \$25 fee is required for each GSHV slot reserved. A troop reservation may be transferred one time only at no extra cost.

GIRL SCOUT HERITAGE VISIT

\$22 per person, \$200.00 minimum—Includes orientation and a house tour, scheduled shopping time, troop certificate, souvenir tags and all supplies for one Special Interest Session for each participant. All fees are non-refundable.

JULIETTE LOW'S SAVANNAH HISTORIC TRAIL

\$10 per patrol This optional program includes tape recorder and cassette rental, marked map and information sheet. You will be required to leave \$25 or a credit card while you are using the equipment.

VICTORIAN SUPPER

\$22 per person; \$220.00 minimum. Girl Scouts age 15-18 only. This is an optional part of the Girl Scout Heritage Visit for older girls. It includes a three-hour program including a traditional Southern dinner. A staff person will join you for dinner and provide a program about table setting etiquette and dining.

OFFICIAL JULIETTE LOW BIRTHPLACE PINS

Group purchase – \$3.00 Individual purchase – \$3.50. Pins may be purchased as part of the check-in for the discounted rate. If they are purchased individually during the shopping time, they are full price. Pins may not be ordered in advance.

PARKING PASSES

\$8.00 per vehicle Parking passes issued by the City of Savannah may be purchased at the time of check-in. These passes are good for 48 hours and allow visitors to park at any one-hour or longer meter, or at any municipal parking lot or garage. This price is subject to change without notice.

COUNTDOWN FOR YOUR VISIT TO THE BIRTHPLACE

Carefully read *Safety-Wise*, especially Chapter 5, "Planning trips with Girl Scouts" and Birthplace Bound and share the information with the troop as you plan your visit together.

18 MONTHS BEFORE VISIT

- Read the "Checklist for Travel Readiness" in *Safety-Wise* (pp. 49-51).

- Call Birthplace for tentative reservations.

Reservations are required for **ALL** group visits. Small troops need less advance time

- **Call 18-20 months in advance for June, M. L. King Day, Presidents' Day, & Memorial Day.**

- **Call 12-18 months in advance for July, August, Spring Break, weekends in January, February, March, & Labor Day Weekend.**

- **Call 3 to 12 months in advance for weekends in September & December, and weekdays from September to mid-March.**

- Send intent to travel/travel request to your local Council.

- Get money order for non-refundable reservation fee.

- Mail reservation request with \$25 fee per GSHV within fourteen days.

- Receive confirmation from the Birthplace.

- Review plans for health, safety, and fatigue (*Safety-Wise*).

3 TO 4 MONTHS BEFORE VISIT

- Mail any other activities you plan during your visit, itinerary and emergency contact.

- Research Savannah and Daisy Low. Purchase books from the Museum Store.

- Review "Be Prepared" (page 11) and your itinerary to develop packing list.

1 MONTH BEFORE VISIT

- Call the Museum Store to place any advance orders.

- Plan Girl Scout's Own and pinning ceremony.

- Review your rules and guidelines for the visit.

- Call to reconfirm all your reservations at other sites.

- Review packing list and appropriate uniform or attire for the trip.

1 WEEK BEFORE VISIT

- Check weather forecast for trip dates (see pp. 33-34 of *Safety-Wise*).

- Familiarize all participants with the schedule, rules and emergency procedures.

- Review travel routes, maps and directions.

ON THE DAY OF YOUR VISIT

- Arrive at the assigned check-in time with your color-coded tags on all girl and adult participants.

- Meet us at the garden gate on the west side of the house on Bull Street. The gate will be locked and there is no bell. A staff member will greet you. If the staff member is not already waiting at the gate, be patient, someone will come! The main front entrance underneath the portico does not open until 10:00 a.m.

Monday through Saturday, and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday; therefore it is necessary for you to report to the garden gate on Bull Street so that we will know your troop has arrived.

- Check in with the Birthplace staff.

BE PREPARED!

Be prepared for a variety of temperatures and weather conditions. The museum is kept at a temperature between 68 and 72 degrees to protect the collection. This is a little cool for some people, so you might want to pack a sweater or sweat shirt for your visit.

On the other hand, Savannah's weather in the summer tends to be very hot and humid with temperatures frequently in the 90s and the possibility of sudden afternoon thundershowers. In the winter, Savannah's temperatures are relatively mild, but may seem

colder because of the wind and high humidity. Keep these conditions in mind when packing for the trip.

You might want to include some insect repellent to ward off the mosquitoes and gnats which can be a nuisance in the summer months. Be prepared for occasional crowded conditions during the busiest times of the year. The house was built for a family, not hundreds of visitors. As a consequence, the number of people visiting must be limited and they must sometimes move along quickly or wait their turn to allow others a chance to see the house.

The site is often operating on a tight schedule, so it's necessary that everyone be on time for programs. This is particularly true when two or more troops are participating in the same activity.

The house has limited restroom facilities and limited waiting areas. Please keep all of these factors in mind when visiting. **Be prepared** for a good deal of walking. Most important sites in the historic district are in walking distance of each other, but when you visit several of them in a day, you might find yourself on your feet for a number of hours at a time. Bring comfortable walking shoes, and be sure to allow adequate time to walk from one place to another so you won't have to rush. **Be prepared** to make plans for all meals ahead of time. Make reservations or place take-out orders ahead of time to avoid a long wait. If you bring a picnic lunch, label your coolers and boxes with your name and troop number. **Be prepared** to observe all rules necessary to protect the Birthplace and its historical collection. We ask that no food, drinks, or gum be taken into the museum. Also remember that photography (still or video) is not allowed in the house itself, but photos may be taken in program rooms during Special Interest Sessions.

Please try to avoid touching or leaning against any of the items in the museum, and please turn off all cellular phones during your program and your house tour.

Since the rooms in the house are not large, please try not to bring backpacks and unnecessary items that will add to the crowding. Re-

member that regulations set by the Fire Marshall limit the number of persons allowed in a room at a time and also prohibit using lighted candles, sparklers or other fireworks during Girl Scouts' Own Ceremonies.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

- Use the buddy system and large groups for safety in numbers.
- Leave all jewelry and valuables at home. If you must bring valuables along, like cameras, don't give criminals opportunities by leaving them unattended. Do not leave anything of value unattended in your hotel room, even for a few minutes.
- Never leave anything visible in your vehicle; it invites theft.
- Purchase a lock bar or alarm for your vehicle. Always lock your vehicle.
- Parking can be difficult, so plan to purchase a parking pass, and to walk some distance.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can Leaders visit Savannah prior to the troop visit for a test run?

Many leaders choose to attend Sojourn in Savannah before bringing a troop to the Birthplace. For details, contact the Birthplace.

How do I get to the Birthplace from Interstate 95?

Take I-16 East to Savannah. Do not exit. I-16 ramps to Montgomery Street. Get into right lane. Proceed to the second light. Turn right at Oglethorpe Avenue. The Birthplace is four blocks east on the corner of Bull Street and Oglethorpe Ave.

Are you open to families and the general public?

We are open to the general public daily: Monday—Saturday from 10:00 am—4:00 pm; Sunday from 11:00a.m.—4:00 p.m. We are closed on Wednesdays November through February and for major holidays, including St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. During busy season there is generally a 15—30 minute waiting time.

Is a reservation for a general admission group tour needed?

Reservations are required for all groups, including Girl Scout troops coming for a general admission tour only so that we may ensure that staff and space are available.

Are there free accommodations?

Your local clergy may be able to arrange free sleeping bag space. Check with them. Is there a place to picnic near the Birthplace? Downtown Savannah has twenty-two park-like squares that are suitable for picnics and games. Several of these are close to the Birthplace.

Where can our tour bus drop us off?

Tour buses may not stop at the Birthplace. The nearest bus drop off is two blocks away at Abercorn Street at Oglethorpe Avenue.

What is on the top floor of the house?

The offices for the staff are on the top floor. This is where we process reservations, pay our bills, schedule staff for tours and programs and do research. This floor was added to the house in 1886 right before Daisy got married.

Will we get to meet other Girl Scouts?

During summer, spring break and on Saturdays, there will more than likely be other troops visiting. Call and ask us about the number expected on the day you visit.

Can adult trip chaperones participate in Special Interest Sessions?

All our rooms have space limitations, but if space is available, they are welcome to participate. We do not have a provision for people who want to watch only, however. Everyone must be committed to active participation.

What can the other adults who are not participating in the program do while the girls are busy with their Girl Scout Heritage Visit?

The other trip chaperones are welcome to visit the house by purchasing general tour tickets. They will not be in the room with the girls, but staff can help them time the tour conveniently. If you have a whole "group" of adults who wish to tour, you can make a reservation.

Most adult chaperones appreciate some free time to pursue their own interests in Savannah.

Can we invite another troop to join us?

You can make a reservation for as many as you like, as long as the space is available. Once you have made your reservation, you must check with the reservation staff before you add any participants. Your sister troop may prefer to make their own reservation.

Where can I park?

We are located downtown where parking can be difficult. Plan to park some distance away and walk to the Birthplace. You can purchase a 48-hour City of Savannah parking pass for your vehicles so you do not have to "feed" the meters.

Will we learn about the first Girl Scouts on our Girl Scout Heritage Visit?

Your orientation will introduce you to early Girl Scouting, but the focus is on Juliette Low. If you are especially interested in Girl Scout history, select Forward March for your Special Interest Session.

Will we need to pay taxes and tips?

Yes. Tax in Savannah is 6%. Girl Scouts are not exempt in Georgia. A 15%-20% tip is customary. It may be added automatically to your bill in restaurants.

How far is the Birthplace from the train station and the airport?

The train station is approximately 10 miles away in a remote area, and transportation must be prearranged. The airport is approximately 20 miles from the Birthplace.

What can we read about Juliette Low before we come?

Lady from Savannah is a very informative book about Juliette's life and family. Read about Daisy in your Girl Scout Handbook, order books from the museum store, or check your library.

May I have extra copies of Birthplace Bound?

No. They are expensive to print, so we only have a limited supply. You may duplicate any or all parts for co-leaders, parents or girls. You

may not publish any part in print or on the internet.

If a girl or adult in my troop decides not to come on the trip, can she get a refund?

No. Once fees are paid, three months prior to your visit, they are not refundable. Do not pay for anyone who is tentative.

Where do we wear our Birthplace pin?

It is worn directly across from the membership pin, below the numbers or name tag.

ADVICE FROM BIRTHPLACE VETERANS

Here are some suggestions from other troop leaders:

- Remember that you do not have to feed the parking meters after 5:00 p.m., on Sundays or major Holidays.
- For safety, make sure each girl has emergency phone numbers and coins for two phone calls.
- Check and reconfirm hotel plans at least twice. Remember to note the names of everyone you talk to.
- Watch the Weather Channel for nationwide weather predictions, especially if you are coming by car.
- Remember that you are representing Girl Scouts. Please let your behavior reflect well upon Girl Scouts.
- Get enough rest the night before, so you can really enjoy your visit.
- If you have a disabled participant, let staff know in advance.
- Talk to other leaders who have been there to get helpful tips.
- Plan! Plan! Plan! Allow a whole day for the Birthplace.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Read **Birthplace Bound** carefully.

MUSEUM STORE

The Museum Store provides merchandise related to the Birthplace, its programs and collections, including: **Birthplace Pin** — The official recognition pin of the Birthplace, to be worn only by individuals who have visited the Birthplace. **Friendship Pin** — This pin may be worn by individuals who have not visited the Birth

place and also be used as a “swap” or gift by those who have visited. **Patches** — Choose from over 10 patches to commemorate your visit. **Victorian Replicas** — Books, china, glass, linens, jewelry and crafts. Birthplace souvenirs—Tees, totes, bells thimbles, magnets, charms and pins.

INVENTORY

At any given time the Store carries 900 different items. The Store maintains a variety of affordable items related to the early Girl Scouts and to the Victorian Era.

OFFICIAL GIRL SCOUT “NES” ITEMS

Since we are a Museum Store we do not carry many official Girl Scout National Equipment Service (NES) items. GSUSA patches, pins and uniform components can be purchased five blocks away at the Savannah Council Store (also know as Daisy’s Garden / Girl Scouts First Headquarters).

PRICES

It is our goal to provide a variety of affordable items to all visitors (\$1–\$30). In addition to store merchandise we have a special Troop Craft Section, which contains crafts made and donated by Girl Scouts (10 cents to \$2.00).

SHOPPING TIME

Shopping time is scheduled on the day of the GSHV. Troop members generally have 20 minutes in the store. A troop may be split into small groups to keep within safety requirements. Check with the Store Manager if you would like to shop on a day other than your scheduled visit.

ADVANCE ORDERS

Pins and patches are purchased during the check-in process on the day of the GSHV. Tee shirts, maps, guidebooks and Juliette Gordon Low biographies can be ordered in advance. Due to space restrictions orders cannot be held and are shipped. Currently we carry three tee shirts, one for \$14 and two for \$20 (prices are subject to change). The Store staff will be glad to answer your questions either through e-mail or by phone.

PAYMENT

You may pay for merchandise with cash, personal or troop checks with a valid driver's license, US travelers' checks and the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

SERVICE PROJECTS

"Do a Good Turn Daily" Service projects provide an opportunity for you to serve the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace and all of the Girl Scouts who visit here. Troops providing donations, costumes or troop crafts will receive a certificate in thanks for volunteer service. If your troop is planning a trip to the Birthplace or if you want to be represented by your contribution to the Girl Scout National Center, may we suggest one of the following projects:

COSTUMES FOR PROGRAMS

The Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace costumes approximately 10,000 people annually during Special Interest Sessions. We particularly need fancy dinner dresses for Victorian Suppers. Our visitors come in all sizes and shapes, but we particularly need large sizes. Please contact the Birthplace for information about fabrics, patterns and sizes needed.

TROOP CRAFTS

Handicrafts made by Girl Scouts are donated to the Birthplace to be sold in the Museum Store. Troops deliver their crafts when they visit or send them by mail in support of the Birthplace—we are glad to receive them anytime! The crafts provide visiting Girl Scouts with ideas for future activities, or fun inexpensive items to buy, and provide the Birthplace with an additional source of income. We rely on you for our supply!

Any item that is carefully made is welcome — the more unique, the better! We cannot accept food or crafts made with food or pot-pourri. Please attach your troop number, council and where you are from to each item and include instructions for making the project if appropriate.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS and RESTORATION PROJECTS

In 2001, twelve restoration projects at the Birthplace were identified to be completed by 2006. The most critical of the projects was the need to restore the spiral staircase in the main house. After forty-six years of heavy use by visiting Girl Scouts and other guests, the staircase was sinking and needed a major structural restoration and repair. The house closed to undergo this restoration and reopened April 1, 2002. Two additional projects of the twelve identified projects were also completed during this time. A new visitors' orientation center was created and an updated information and ticket sales desk were installed. The lower level of the piazza was enclosed to house a modern catering kitchen. In addition, two upstairs bedrooms were restored and the Museum Store and program rooms were renovated. One of the most important improvements to the Birthplace was the installation of an elevator, thus making the building accessible to everyone. Money raised through the Campaign to Restore the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace was used to fund these projects.

SIGHTSEEING

The hometown of our founder, Daisy Low, is filled with sites associated with her. Many troops elect to walk Juliette Low's Savannah Historic Trail during their stay. This cassette and tape player can be rented in the Museum Store. Favorite "Juliette Gordon Low" places to visit include

LAUREL GROVE CEMETERY

Juliette Gordon Low's grave is in the Gordon family plot at Laurel Grove Cemetery, a park-like Victorian cemetery. Girl Scouts may like to plan a Girl Scouts' Own to hold at the gravesite. The Gordon family requests that nothing be left at the grave site. Do not leave money, food, paper, flowers or plastic—instead honor Juliette Low with a song, a poem, or the Girl Scout promise. If you find trash, dead flowers or other debris, please dispose of it. A map with directions to Laurel Grove is available at the ticket desk. Laurel Grove is not within walking distance of the Birthplace. Large buses

must park outside the cemetery. All groups need a permit to visit the cemetery. Write: Laurel Grove Cemetery, 330 Bonaventure Road, Savannah, GA 31401.

CHRIST CHURCH

This is Daisy's home church where she was baptized, confirmed and married, and where her funeral took place. This Episcopal church welcomes Girl Scouts.

OTHER SITES

Savannah has a rich variety of historic houses and museums as well as some unusual ways to tour the city. You could easily spend a week getting to know Juliette Gordon Low's hometown.

Beyond the city, Coastal Georgia and South Carolina have a wealth of historic and natural sites– Beaufort and Charleston, South Carolina to the north and Hofwyl-Broadfield, Sunbury and Fort McAllister State Historic Parks, Jekyll Island, Fort Frederica National Monument and the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia.

JULIETTE GORDON LOW BIRTHPLACE GIRL
SCOUT TROOP RESERVATION REQUEST

Age Level: ___Junior/ age 8-11, ___Cadette/ age 12-14, ___Senior/ age 15-18, ___Council Group/Service

Unit Group _____

Troop Number _____ Reservation Number _____

Council _____

Troop Contact _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening/Cell Phone _____

Fax _____ e-mail _____

Total # of Participants _____, # of Girls _____, # of Leaders _____, # of Others _____

___ I have attended **Sojourn in Savannah**. ___ I am a repeat visitor.

___ We are **Circle of Friends** members

PLEASE CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING FOR OUR GROUP ORIENTATION & HOUSE TOUR Day of

Week _____, Month/Date/Year _____, or Time _____

SPECIAL INTEREST SESSION (*Topics are assigned on a first come, first served basis. The Birthplace reserves the right to change topics in case of staffing problems, space considerations or weather conditions.*)

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

VICTORIAN SUPPER SAVANNAH STYLE

(Girl Scouts Ages 15-18 ONLY)

Day of Week _____ Month/Day/Year _____

Does anyone need assistance for accessibility? ___Yes ___No

If yes, please specify _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

My non-refundable reservation fee of **\$25.00** per Girl Scout Heritage Visit is enclosed. I am submitting my payment by a ___Money Order, ___Cashier's Check, ___Girl Scout Council Check, ___Credit/Debit Card

NOTE: We do not accept troop checks or personal checks by mail.

For credit card payments (check one):

___Mastercard, ___VISA, ___American Express, ___Discover Name as it appears on the card (Please print clearly) _____ Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Signature as it appears on card _____

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Our troop wants to (join / renew membership) in the **Juliette Low Birthplace Circle of Friends**. We have _____ members in our troop (minimum \$1.00 per member, \$10.00 minimum per troop. We would like to purchase \$_____ Circle of Friends patches for \$3.00 each for a total of \$_____. Enclosed is our donation of \$_____ Please charge our donation in the amount of \$_____