

# GIRL SCOUT HANDBOOK

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# This is my BOOK

NAME . . . . . Troop . . . . .

ADDRESS . . . . .

## MY GIRL SCOUT RECORD

INVESTED AS A GIRL SCOUT . . . . . *Date*

SECOND CLASS GIRL SCOUT . . . . .

FIRST CLASS GIRL SCOUT . . . . .

## POSITIONS HELD IN TROOP

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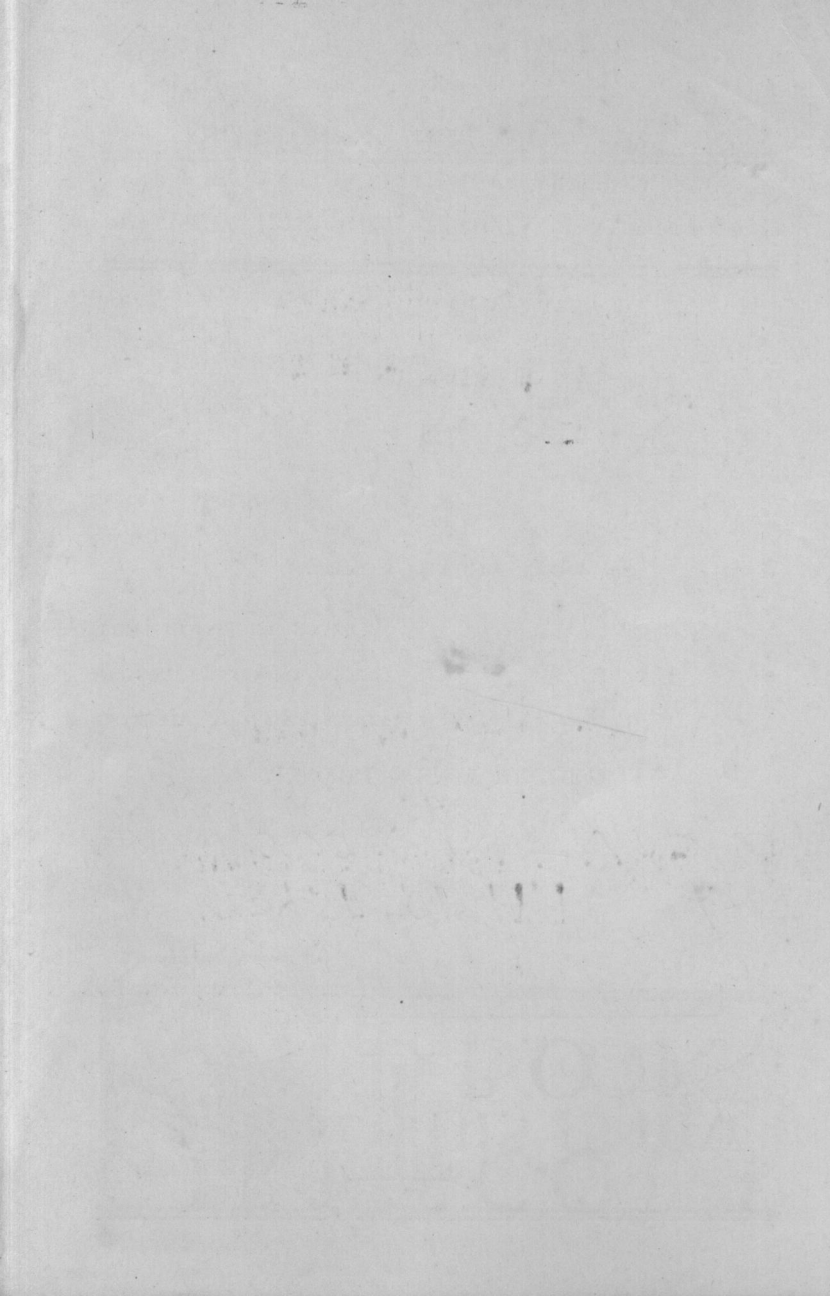
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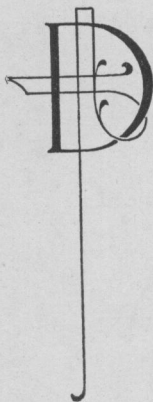
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THE GIRLS OF THE  
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1860-1927

*Founder of Girl Scouting  
in the United States*



# A MESSAGE

Hallowe'en, 1924

DEAR GIRL SCOUTS:

I hope that we shall all remember the rules of this Girl Scouting game of ours. They are:

To play fair,  
To play in your place,  
To play for your side and not for yourself.

And as for the score, the best thing in a game is the fun and not the result, for:

*"When the Great Recorder comes  
To write against your name,  
He writes not that you won or lost  
But how you played the game."*

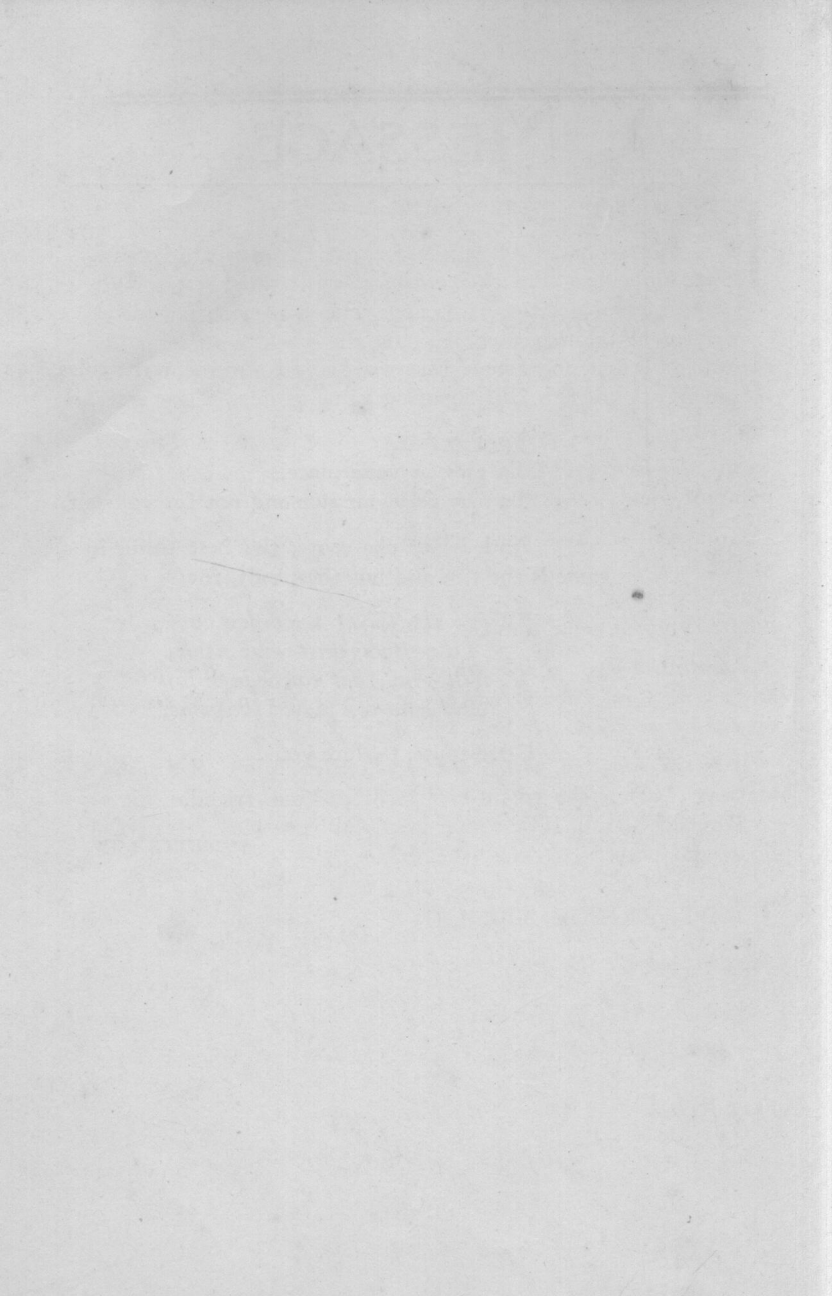
Girl Scouts, I salute you.

Your friend,

JULIETTE LOW







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## FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT

A new handbook is like a rising barometer. It points to all being well with Scouting in the United States, with promise of yet better to come. This barometer is equally true of the movement all over the world whither it has spread and is flourishing and gives promise of greater things yet before it.

Girl Scouts, as you work and play together at the different forms of Scouting, you are sure to understand the other girl's point of view, even when it differs from your own.

Go ahead; stick to your Scouting, make yourselves efficient as you can; be good friends with your sister Girl Scouts from other countries, and when you are older, don't forget the comradeship of your Scouting days.

Remember that your promises were made on your honor, and a Girl Scout's honor is a very big thing. She may be trusted on her honor to do her best.

It is the spirit in which the law is carried out that really matters. That is the whole essence of our success. The spirit of Scouting may be summed up briefly as "the work of friendliness and cheerful service."

June, 1933

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# Girl Scouts



## EMBLEM



The three leaves of the trefoil symbolize the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

MOTTO: BE PREPARED

## THE PROMISE

ON MY HONOR, I WILL TRY:

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY,  
TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES,  
TO OBEY THE GIRL SCOUT LAWS.

## THE LAWS

- I. A GIRL SCOUT'S HONOR IS TO BE TRUSTED.
- II. A GIRL SCOUT IS LOYAL.
- III. A GIRL SCOUT'S DUTY IS TO BE USEFUL AND TO HELP OTHERS.
- IV. A GIRL SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ALL AND A SISTER TO EVERY OTHER GIRL SCOUT.
- V. A GIRL SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.
- VI. A GIRL SCOUT IS A FRIEND TO ANIMALS.
- VII. A GIRL SCOUT OBEYS ORDERS.
- VIII. A GIRL SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.
- IX. A GIRL SCOUT IS THRIFTY.
- X. A GIRL SCOUT IS CLEAN IN THOUGHT, WORD, AND DEED.



*Do a Good Turn Daily.*

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## CHAPTER I

### FAMOUS TRAIL MAKERS

Trail makers venture ahead and make plain the way for those who follow. Their task requires knowledge, courage, and sacrifice. Their lives are often lives of hardship, yet they are happy in living them.

Many girls of long ago laid trails for girls of today to travel upon. These girls would have been bewildered by the sight of an automobile. They would not have known how to send a telegram or answer a telephone. But they had great practical knowledge which prepared them to meet emergencies readily and efficiently.

Some of these girls were explorers, others were settlers, builders, nurses, and homemakers. Guiding themselves by the sun and stars, the trees and the streams, they were able to find their way in the trackless woods. They knew how to cook and sew, bake and mend. They chopped down trees, planted seeds, and harvested crops. They were brave and resourceful. They gave service to others.

## SAKAKAWEA



One of the most remarkable of these trailmakers was a young Indian girl of the Hidatsa (Gros Ventre) tribe, who found her way over the pathless mountains—Sakakawea,\* “the Bird Woman.”

In 1806 she was taken to Lewis and Clark to act as interpreter between them and the various Indian tribes they had to encounter on their expedition into the great Northwest.

From the beginning to the end of her daring journey, this girl never faltered. She induced the hostile Shoshones to act as guides, and she herself, with her papoose on her back, led the band of men through what had been considered impassable mountain ranges to the Pacific Coast. No dangers of hunger, thirst, cold, or darkness were too much for her. From the Jefferson River to the Yellowstone River she was the only guide the explorers had; on her instinct for the right way, her reading of the sun, the stars, and the trees, depended the lives of all of them. When they fell sick, she nursed them; when they lost heart at the wildness of their venture, she cheered them.

Their party grew smaller and smaller, for Lewis and Clark had separated early in the expedition, and some members of Clark's own party left the group when they discovered a natural route over the Continental Divide where wagons could not travel. Later, most of those who remained decided to go down the Jefferson River in canoes; but Clark, still guided

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\* This name is variously spelled, since it is difficult to put the Hidatsa words into English spelling. Sakakawea is the spelling adopted by the North Dakota Historical Society as coming the nearest to the Hidatsa words. It should be pronounced Săkă'kă-we'ă.



## FAMOUS TRAIL MAKERS

by the plucky Indian girl, persisted in fighting his way overland on ponyback. After days of this journeying, which was crowded full of discomforts and dangers, Sakakawea led Clark in triumph to the Yellowstone where the river gushed from the lower canyon—and the great Northwest was opened for all time!

The women of Oregon have raised a statue to this young scout, which stands in Portland facing the coast, pointing to where the Columbia River reaches the sea.

Sakakawea had no maps to study—she *made* maps, and roads have been built over her footsteps. Such outdoor wisdom and self-reliance are fundamentals of Girl Scouting.



Louisa Alcott, famous author of *Little Women*, lived most of her life in Concord, Massachusetts. She was a girl who was as skilled in the ways of indoors and of the home as Sakakawea was skilled in the ways of the out of doors and of the trail. Her father, though a brilliant man, was impractical, and, from her first little story to her last popular book, all Louisa's work was done for the purpose of keeping her mother and sisters from want. While she waited for money to come in from her stories, she turned carpets, trimmed hats, papered the rooms, made party dresses for her sisters, nursed anyone who was sick (she was particularly good at nursing), and

took part in all the homely, helpful things that neighbors and families at that time did for one another in New England towns.

In those days, mothers of families could not telephone for specialists to help them in emergencies—there were neither telephones nor specialists. But there were always emergencies, and the Alcott girls had to know what to put on a black-and-blue spot, and why the jelly failed to “jell,” how to hang a skirt, bake a cake, and iron a tablecloth. Louisa had to turn from entertaining the family guests to darning the family stockings. Her home did not have every comfort and convenience, even according to the simple standards of her time.

Girl Scouts should remember that the woman whose books are so widely known had to drop the pen often for the needle, the dishcloth, and the broom.



ANNA SHAW



Anna Shaw was a girl who combined the endurance of Nakakawea with the homemaking abilities of Louisa Alcott.