

"Be prepared". This famous motto is internationally well known around the world as the goal of Boy and Girl Scouting. Its history was founded and enriched by the acclaimed couple Lord Baden-Powell, who as the founder of Boy Scouting, and Lady Baden-Powell, who was the helper and co-founder of Girl Scouting. Perhaps the most interesting fact about the couple is that they were both born on February 22nd. Coincidence? You be the judge...

Troop 61212 Girl Scouts of The USA (GSUSA) was founded in Dec. 12, 1995, then officially introduced in May 1996. This is a multi-level scout unit for girls from <u>7 to 18</u> years old. The troop now (2007) has more than 50 girls, and is following the GSUSA program. Girl scouts will try their bests to follow the scout law and promises in order to become productive citizens in society. Troop 61212 has three levels:

- Junior GS (ages: 7 11)
- Cadette GS (ages: 11 14)
- Senior GS (ages 15 18)

The Patrol Method is the only method for girls to run each patrol in the troop. Learning leadership skills, scoutcraft skills, the Vietnamese culture and language, music, dances are main activities of troop 61212. Character development, citizenship, fitness and family life are the main topics for girls to discuss and study. Troop 61212 is a unit of Ra Khoi scout group in San Jose, California. Outdoor activities such as camping, hiking... will help the girls to become more confident in running their own unit and program.

A Girl scout is trying her best to live by:

1 - The Girl Scout Law:

I will do my best to be

- Honest and fair,
- Friendly and helpful,
- Considerate and caring,
- Courageous and strong, and
- Responsible for what I say and do, and to
- Respect myself and others,
- Respect authority,
- Use resources wisely,
- Make the world a better place, and
- Be a sister to every Girl Scout.

2 - The Girl Scout Promise:

On my honor, I will try:

- To serve God* and my country,
- To help people at all times,
- And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

(*Individuals may substitute wording appropriate to their spiritual beliefs.)

A Girl scout is discovering her five worlds of interest:

- WORLD OF THE OUT-OF-DOOR
- WORLD OF PEOPLE
- WORLD OF WELL-BEING
- WORLD OF THE ARTS
- WORLD OF TODAY AND TOMORROW

A Girl scout is:

- DEVELOPING SELF-POTENTIAL
- RELATING TO OTHERS
- DEVELOPING VALUES
- CONTRIBUTING TO SOCIETY

Girl Scout Motto is BE PREPARED.

Scout handshake: All scouts shake hands with their left hand.

Scout sign : This special sign is made with the three middle fingers of the right hand raise and the little finger held down by the thumb, which stands for elder helping younger. The three raised fingers stand for the three parts of the scout oath or promises.