

GIRL SCOUTS' OWN At the Birthplace: A Guide

Speaker 1: Here at our Founder's birthplace, please join me in 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.

Speaker 2: This house belongs to every Girl Scout. Now that we have come here, we are Daughters of the House.

Speaker 3: I will now give the Girl Scout handshake to my neighbor to my right. After that, in turn, each of you shall shake the hand of the person on your right.

*If your troop has purchased **Birthplace pins** (symbols that they are Daughters of the House) each person can pin her neighbor to the right. In a Girl Scout Friendship Circle, each girl can share what her time at the Juliette Low Birthplace and/or being a Girl Scout means to her.*

Speaker 4: Join with me in a friendship circle as we sing this song to celebrate our time here together.

*The song is of your troop's choice. Below is a sample song, **Make New Friends**:*

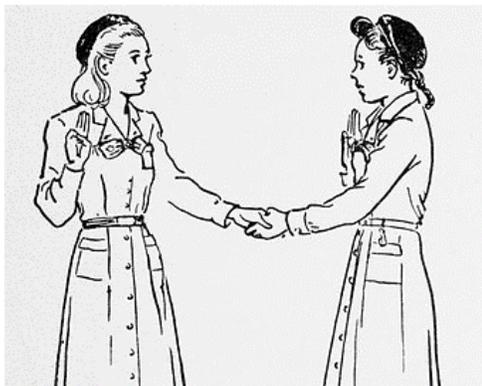
Make new friends, but keep the old,
One is silver and the other is gold.

A circle is round, it has no end,
That's how long I will be your friend.

Speaker 5: We come here to learn from our past and dream for the future. What is your wish for your future? Make a silent wish as we pass a friendship squeeze around the circle.

WHAT IS A GIRL SCOUTS' OWN?

The 1933 Girl Scout Handbook describes it as a ceremony "for all Girl Scouts...the pause that Girl Scouts take to pay tribute to the ideals which are the foundation of Girl Scouting". It is a tradition, an important time when Girl Scouts can reflect on their experiences in Girl Scouting or mark a special occasion. A Girl Scouts' Own is not a religious ceremony or service, but a moment for Girl Scouts of all faiths and creeds to come together for reflection and celebration. It is girl-led, and can include sharing a song, a memory, word, or movement that helps you reflect on your time and experiences as Girl Scouts.



Girl Scout Handshake

Friendship Circle: *Representing the unbroken chain of friendship among Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world, Girl Scouts stand in a circle, cross right arms over their left, and hold hands. Everyone then makes a silent wish as a **friendship squeeze** is passed from hand to hand around the circle.*