

# Timeless Treasures: Where are they now?

## **INTRODUCTION:**

As we prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA in 2012, we are asking troops to participate in a patch program to help us find women (and men) who were formerly involved in Girl Scouts as a girl member or an adult volunteer. We have a wide array of activities planned to honor our anniversary and are currently hosting a council-wide search for Girl Scout alumnae. We want to invite local alumnae to join us in the celebration and offer them the opportunity to share their memories and reconnect with past friends.



## **REQUIREMENTS – All Age Levels**

1. To earn the Timeless Treasures patch, each girl must find a minimum of three individuals who are former Girl Scouts.
2. Submit a Girl Scout Alumnae form for each individual.
3. Interview at least one of the individuals and find out what she/he learned from Girl Scouting that made her courageous and strong.
4. Document what steps and/or activities were used to complete the patch requirements.

In addition to the above requirements:

### **Daisies & Brownies:**

- a. Must submit a legible copy (typed or handwritten) of the questions asked during the interview and the answers.

### **Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors:**

- a. Must submit a legible copy of the questions asked during the interview.
- b. Submit a record of the interview(s). The interview(s) may be submitted in one of the following formats:
  1. Audio (tape or digital format on DVD/CD)
  2. Video (tape or digital format on DVD/CD)
  3. Written (typed or handwritten)

## **TO ORDER THE PATCH:**

To receive the Timeless Treasures patch, each girl will need to submit an individual envelope with the following items to Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.:

1. Clearly mark on the outside of the envelope the girl's name, address, telephone, and troop number
2. A completed Girl Scout Alumnae form with at least (3) three alumnae names; forms are downloadable from our website: [www.gsgcf.org](http://www.gsgcf.org).
3. At least one interview, in one of the approved formats (audio, video or written).

***If sending in submissions for more than one girl at a time, please ensure each girl's items are sent in separate envelopes and clearly identified.***

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.  
Attn: Alumnae Timeless Treasures  
12651 Girl Scout Lane  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

### **HAVE QUESTIONS?**

Call 239-561-1800 ext 408 or  
email: [meganf@gsgcf.org](mailto:meganf@gsgcf.org)

## **GUIDELINES**

- ❖ First and foremost, have fun searching your community for sister Girl Scouts.
- ❖ Use one or all of the below Discover, Connect, Take Action suggestions to complete the patch program or come up with your own ideas to help you find alumnae.

## **DISCOVER**

- ❖ Find out what is an alumnae/alumni?
- ❖ Who does GSUSA identify as an alumnae/alumni?
- ❖ Can men be considered Girl Scout alumni?
- ❖ Initially, the United States Girl Scout program, which started in 1912, had one level for girls ages 10 - 17, but it soon added two more levels. Learn about the various Girl Scout program levels and when they were established.

## **CONNECT**

- ❖ Ask relatives, neighbors, and friends for individuals who may have previously been involved with Girl Scouts.
- ❖ Create a poster or flyer to hang up at your house of worship or school to find alumnae.
- ❖ Write a letter to a senior association asking if any of their members may have previously been involved with Girl Scouts.
- ❖ Visit a retirement facility to find individuals who may have previously been involved with Girl Scouts.

## **TAKE ACTION**

- ❖ Host an event or information booth to connect existing Girl Scouts with Girl Scout Alumnae, distribute information on the GSUSA Alumnae Association and collect names of former Girl Scouts to add them to Alumnae Association.
- ❖ Ask your newly discovered alumnae to complete a Girl Scout Alumnae form.
- ❖ Schedule an interview with at least one alumnae in order to learn more about them and their Girl Scout experience.
- ❖ Make a list of questions to ask your alumnae to answer. Some samples include:
  - ❖ Tell me about your favorite memory of your Girl Scout experience.
  - ❖ Do you remember your troop leader? How important was she in your life?
  - ❖ Tell me something you learned as a Girl Scout that is still important to you today.
  - ❖ Do you still have your Girl Scout sash, your badge book, a badge you earned, or some other Girl Scout keepsake? What makes it special?
  - ❖ Did you travel any place special while in Girl Scouts?
  - ❖ What did your uniform look like?
  - ❖ What favorite badge or skill you learned?
- ❖ Share with your alumnae some things that you have done in Girl Scouts. What are things that you both have in common or learned in Girl Scouting?
- ❖ What did you learn about this person that was a surprise or interested you the most?
- ❖ Have a Girl Scouts Own ceremony with your troop and invite your alumnae to participate.

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