

Currently in the Community Case is a display celebrating the Girl Scouts.

Juliette Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in 1912, with an emphasis on inclusiveness, the outdoors, self-reliance, and service. Girl Scouting in Humboldt County dates back to 1952 when Virginia Marshall started a lone troop in Hoopa. Atti Lee Hasz started a second troop in Samoa a few years later. These early troops went camping where they enjoyed friendship, songs, and adventure learning outdoor skills much like today's girls. They worked on badges and completed many community service projects. Girls sold cookies to finance their activities. Did you know girls are building their entrepreneurial skills through the cookie sale by developing key skills like organization, decision making, people skills, business ethics, and money management? Goal setting helps them decide their future activities and learn to budget. Great skills that help them plan their adventures whether it's camp, community projects, or travel.

In the 1950's, Girl Scouts responded to the Korean War by assembling "Kits for Korea," pouches of items needed by Korean citizens, and continued to press issues of inclusiveness and equality. In the 1960's and 70's, Troop Leaders Jeanne Grundhofer and Joann Hinrichs of Fortuna and Byrd Lochtie of Eureka carried on Girl Scout traditions of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place in their respective communities. Their troops focused on the Girl Scout values using patrol systems for different levels. Popular activities continued to concentrate on camping, hiking, and outdoor cooking. The girls also wrote and put on plays, badges, and planned many service projects.

As technology plays a larger and larger role in Americans' lives, Girl Scouts stay connected to nature and the great outdoors. So whereas Girl Scouts introduced new badges to promote outdoor activities, they've also continued to provide opportunities for girls to grow their strengths, passions, and talents with activities ranging from teaching STEM concepts, to team building, outdoor cooking, and getting ready for camp experiences. From archery clinics to camp, girls love to explore the outdoors, especially on the beautiful North Coast. Camp Tall Trees, a volunteer run summer camp held at Prairie Creek State Park, serves over 150 girls annually with extended outdoor experiences and technology activities.

Today, Girl Scout groups in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties have over 700 girls and adults participating. Many of our leaders such as Elaine Reed, Melissa Morrison and Cheryl and Derek Kingham, continue to provide Girl Scouting opportunities for girls even though their own girls have moved onto college or even have Girl Scouts of their own.

Does someone you know want to join Girl Scouts or volunteer? Available troops are listed online at [gsnorcal.org](http://gsnorcal.org) or call 443-6641.

Please visit the Clarke Museum and consider becoming a member, we're located at 240 E st. in Old Town Eureka