

# Juliettes

Winter 2012

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## Dear Juliette Girl Scout,

Welcome to the winter issue of the Juliette newsletter for Girl Scout Brownies! Here is some useful information for you.

### • Programs and Activities

We are so excited about our upcoming programs just for Girl Scout Brownies! The 2011-2012 Activity Guide is available on our website at [www.girlscouts-gsci.org](http://www.girlscouts-gsci.org). Here is a sample of what's coming up:

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| ○ World Thinking Day         | February 26 | Springfield |
| ○ 100 Years of Girl Scouting | March 3     | Champaign   |
| ○ Fizz Factor                | March 10    | Quincy      |
| ○ Maple Sweetness            | March 10    | Peoria      |
| ○ You Paint Ceramics         | March 31    | Springfield |

### • 2012 Summer Camp

It's almost summer time – or at least we hope the warmer weather will be arriving soon. Girl Scouts of Central Illinois is ready to welcome the summer with another fun filled camp season. Make sure you check out our Summer Activity Guide which is located online at <http://www.girlscouts-gsci.org/summer-activities-guide>. Join us at camp and keep the Girl Scout fun going all summer long!

If you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or about the Juliette program, please contact Robin Howard at 800-791-9319 ext. 1302 or at [rhoward@girlscouts-gsci.org](mailto:rhoward@girlscouts-gsci.org).



### Hand Shaped Valentines

Send a touching message with valentines traced from your hands! Just cut from construction paper, and then decorate. You can hand over sweets or a toy ring, or let someone know they are your hands-down favorite.

## Valentine's Day Suckers with a Twist



Take two (per sucker) small candy canes and place them on a greased cookie sheet in a heart shape. Slide a sucker stick in between them like you see in the picture. Place them in a heated 350 degree oven and watch them closely. After 3-5 minutes, they will be melty and bubbly. Quickly remove them from the oven and pinch the ends of the candy canes together at the top and bottom of each sucker. **Be very careful as the candy will be HOT!** Then set the tray aside to cool. Gently remove them from tray, after they have cooled completely. Place them on parchment or wax paper. Melt some white chocolate or almond bark in the microwave. Pour a small amount into the center of the suckers and smooth with your clean finger, add a few sprinkles!



### Organize your art work!

Cover a board of your preferred size with a layer of Mod Podge and then layer a piece of fabric on top of that folding the fabric around the corners and the side. Cover with mod podge.



Cover the front of some large clothes pins in the same way. Hot glue clothespins to the board. Allow to dry.

Hang up on the wall and have a spot to show off your work!

This would work in great with the Brownie Try-it for this month!



## Homemade Sparkling Playdough Recipe

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 cups water
- 1 Tablespoon oil
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- food coloring
- glitter

- 1) Add food coloring to water for easiest, even distribution. This is especially helpful if you're using a gel or paste food coloring.
- 2) Place flour, salt, colored water, oil, and cream of tartar in a large saucepan. Cook over medium high heat, stirring constantly, until it turns into playdough.
- 3) Turn dough out onto the counter to let sit until it's cool enough to knead. Flatten a bit on the counter, and sprinkle generously with glitter. Knead the glitter into the playdough. If you want more sparkle, repeat this step.
- 4) Store in an airtight container. One batch of this recipe filled four jam-jars perfectly.

## **My Great Day Brownie Try-it**

**Life is more fun when it's running smoothly. Try out some great ways to get organized. Help your family and friends stay organized, too. When you're organized, there's more time to play.**

### **Steps:**

- 1. Start your day of right**
- 2. Sort out your stuff**
- 3. Make homework a breeze**
- 4. Plan ahead**
- 5. Help others get organized**

### **Purpose:**

**When you have earned this badge, you will be able to organize yourself and have a great day every day.**

### **Step One: Start your Day out Right (choose one)**

- Set your alarm. Find out how to use an alarm, and then use one to wake you up. How long does it take you to get ready for the day ahead?
- Lay out your clothes. Check the next day's weather forecast before bed, and pick clothes suited to the weather. Make reusable weather symbols, like a sun, cloud, and snowflake. Each day, post the next day's weather so you and your family can plan what to wear.
- Make your bed. Learn how to make your beds with square corners.

### **Step Two: Sort out your Stuff (choose one)**

- Sort your school supplies. Make a list of the items you need to take to school each day. Then choose a place to be your school set up area and keep your supplies there. Post your list nearby to check that you have each item each day.
- Make and label play-stuff bins. Use shoe boxes for smaller stuff that could get lost easily. Use large bins with lids for larger items. Label boxes with words or pictures.
- Organize your clothes. Find the clothes that you wear most often and keep them in an easy to reach space. Give away clothes that are too small or that you don't like anymore. Decorate your clothes hamper like an animal or a basketball hoop and make a game out of using it.

### **Step Three: Make Homework a Breeze (choose one)**

- Create your own homework space. Decorate the space, a corner, nook or even a lap desk with artwork so you will like to spend time there. Having a special place will help you stay organized so you can get your schoolwork done better and more quickly
- Make a homework station. If your homework is in the same place you won't forget to have someone check it and you won't forget to take it to school. Use one side of a shirt box, wrap it in cool paper and add your name and some decorations
- Make a homework schedule. If you procrastinate (don't do things till the last minute), make a schedule! Write down your activities for each day and include a set time for homework. Stick to your homework schedule for two weeks.

### **Step Four: Plan Ahead (choose one)**

- Make a special date's calendar. Create a calendar for your family that list special dates such as birthdays, anniversaries, vacations, holidays and more.
- Make a family activities schedule for one month. Help keep your busy family organized and on time. Use a predesigned calendar, make your own, or just write one on paper. Ask family members about work and sports schedules or appointments.
- Be a family grocery helper. Work with your family to make a grocery list for two weeks. Keep track of who likes what to eat and how much you think they might need. Check your refrigerator and pantry for what needs to be replaced.

### **Step Five: Help Others Get Organized (choose one)**

For this step, ask the people in charge of the place you want to organize what you can do, and tell them some of your ideas. Decide together what would be most useful.

- Organize a community place
- Help a relative, friend or neighbor
- Help at a helping Hands event at a Girl Scouts of Central Illinois camp property



## Other fun things you can do!

1. Check out the GSCI website at [www.girlscouts-gsci.org](http://www.girlscouts-gsci.org). While you are there take a look at the monthly patch program at [www.girlscouts-gsci.org/monthly-patch-program](http://www.girlscouts-gsci.org/monthly-patch-program) and complete the January and February Monthly Patch Program.
2. Join us at a council program! Take a look at the program guide located on our website – we would love to see you there!
3. Check out the camp section of our Council website and complete the Camp Patch program!
4. Try a Science/Physical Fitness Experiment!

### *Make some Stretchies:*

For each "stretchy", cut two strips of swimsuit lycra 4" X 45". Sew them together at both short ends to create a long, skinny circle (measurements depend on fabric stretchiness & size of child.) You can leave the long ends of the circle unfinished since the knit won't fray and it will begin to curl in. Swimsuit lycra can be expensive at the local fabric store (especially in the "off-season") so make sure to save your coupons if that's your only source for fabric.

**Activity Cards:** Go to

[http://thismamamakesstuff.com/wpcontent/uploads/2011/07/game\\_cards\\_joined.pdf](http://thismamamakesstuff.com/wpcontent/uploads/2011/07/game_cards_joined.pdf) and print off a sheet of activity cards. Take turns drawing a card and completing the activity.

## Winter Award Form

Help your Girl Scout complete the requirements for her Brownie Try-It, Monthly patch program or 2012 Camp Patch program. Once she has completed the activities, send this form to the Decatur Service Center, 462 W. William Street, Decatur 62522. Or e-mail Robin Howard at [rhoward@girlscouts-gsci.org](mailto:rhoward@girlscouts-gsci.org) with the information below. The appropriate award will be mailed to you.

Girl Scout's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

My daughter has completed the requirements to earn the:

\_\_\_\_\_ My Great Day Try-It

\_\_\_\_\_ January      \_\_\_\_\_ February      Monthly Patch program

\_\_\_\_\_ 2012 Camp Patch Program