

Collecting our History

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama is our new name, but we have an amazing history that comprises Girl Scout people and activities from small towns and cities in 30 Alabama counties. We're compiling our history and want to know about your area events, leaders, service projects, camping, parties, trips, lock-ins, troop members and Golden Eaglet/First Class/Curved Bar/Gold/Silver awardees. We're collecting T-shirts, pins, photos, and scrapbooks of your troop's activities. We also want Annual Meeting reports, Service Unit reports, cookie sale results, and lists of Who was Who in your area.

Volunteers are organizing the items that have been donated over the years, then accessioning, and preparing them for a museum archives that can be enjoyed by all Girl Scouts. Your donations will be handled carefully and preserved for future generations. It is important that you designate your donation for the Heritage Collection in writing, and that the name(s), date, location and activity be noted for each item as applicable. (Please do not mark on the items themselves. Just put the items in a plastic bag with your notes.)

We're also collecting items that have appeared in any of the equipment catalogs that Girl Scouts of the United States has issued. We need uniforms, accessories, pins, badges, collectibles, and program materials from 1912 to the present. Imagine programs for girls that show Girl Scouting over almost 100 years! Displays can be made portable for traveling exhibits, earning awards and doing "old-timey" activities.

"We can't know where we're going if we don't know where we've been." So, please look in your storerooms, attics, file drawers, etc. and donate your Girl Scout memorabilia to the Heritage Collection of the Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama. Take your items to the closest Council Service Center and mark it for the Heritage Collection. Please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. You will receive a receipt for your non-returnable donations.

Our supplies wish list: clear plastic hangers, narrow cotton twill tape, archival-safe storage boxes of all sizes, clear protective sleeves, photo preservation albums with pages and protectors, polypropylene photo corners, white cotton gloves, file cabinets, adjustable-bin trays, clear acrylic book-mounts, acid-free tissue, small clear polyethylene zip-lock bags, and small portable display boxes/cases. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

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