

JULIETTE CANDLE CEREMONY #4

I like this for a ceremony with just leaders. It is a bit long for young girls but it ensure that Troops are able to receive the flame for their Troop and understand it's full significance.

This candle is very special, I lit your candle using a candle I had. My candle was lit for me at a candle lighting ceremony (*explain the pedigree of your candle*) Juliette Low told the girls to take their candles home and use them in candle lighting ceremonies in order to pass the flame onto others. If you look at your candles, you will see the wick is black, and that is what is left of the old flame. When you eventually relight your candles, you are not only sharing the flame of this (camp, troop etc.), but you are also sharing a bit of every flame that went before it, right back to the one lit by Juliette Low. When your candle burns down, be sure to use it to light a new candle. In this way, you will be able to carry on the tradition.

In a candle ceremony, we are not only sharing a link to our past, but the light is a symbol of our hopes and dreams for the future of Girl Scouting. Just as a tiny flame is passed from person to person, growing brighter and brighter as more candles are lit: it was Juliette's dream that Girl Scouting would be a bright beacon for girls everywhere. May we all keep her dream alive forever, passing the Light and Spirit of Girl Scouting.

When Juliette established Girl Scouting in 1912, the tradition of the candlelight ceremonies was an important part of the various activities. Through the early years, she passed the light and spirit of Girl Scouting on to others through investitures and campfires. They in turn continued to pass the light and spirit of Girl Scouting on to others through investitures and campfires. They in turn continued to pass the light and spirit. Over the years the light and spirit of Girl Scouts has taken many paths. The following is a brief history of one such path.

One of the first leaders-in-training was Ethel Cooper, and she like so many others, received the light from Juliette Low. Ethel went on to establish a Troop in 1917 in Plymouth, Pennsylvania. Through her years of Girl Scout involvement, she too passed the light on to her girls with hope that they would continue to pass the light and keep the spirit alive. Over the years, the light from Ethel's candle was passed to many others throughout our organization.....at meetings, camp outs, as well as investitures and rededication ceremonies just like this one today. And on _____ (date)
_____ (person's name) passed the light on to the members of Troop _____.

May we always remember the spirit in which Juliette began this organization to spread to all girls the confidence, determination, courage, and knowledge that they can do anything. May we develop that same spirit within ourselves and the girls we lead. In the spirit of Girl Scouting, let your lights shine!