

Between Earth and Sky

Troop meeting activities

Daisy Troop 5055

Marquette, Michigan

2012-2013



How I organized our Between Earth and Sky Journey's Incredible Journey for Daisy troop 5055 this year:

I connected with troops through several of the Girl Scout groups I belong to including All Girl Scouts (groups.yahoo.com/group/AllGirlScouts) and Daisy Petals (groups.yahoo.com/group/Daisy_Petals) and also from a few Girl Scout related Facebook pages. I explained what we were doing and why we were doing the Journey a little bit differently. Here is the original message.

Our Daisy troop will be working on the Between Earth and Sky Journey this coming year. I would like to set up exchanges with troops across the USA to help us with the Journey. We did this several years ago and it was such a big hit with the girls. We would definitely like to set up exchanges with troops in the states mentioned in the story (Maine, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Utah, Arizona, California and Alaska) but we would also like to include as many other states as possible. We would send you a packet of information on Michigan (we live in the Upper Peninsula of MI and belong to the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes). We would also include some of our favorite games, crafts, songs, badge activities, swaps and recipes. We will ask each girl to select one of the states we set an exchange up with and do a presentation on that state using the ideas shared during the exchange. We are especially interested in ideas for crafts and games that represent your state (we made pine cone ornaments for Maine and ate blueberry muffins, we ate oranges and made seashell ornaments for FL, we made butter, learned about Laura Ingalls Wilder for WI). It is a wonderful way for the girls to earn the Journey and along the way make some new friends, work on the "be a sister to every Girl Scout" petal and just have fun.

Please let me know if you would be interested in exchanging with us this time. I would love to have a lot of this in place before we start our regular troop meetings in September.

*YIGGGS,
Mary Vertanen
Daisy Troop 5055
Marquette, MI*

We received responses from many troops across the USA. We assembled a packet of ideas to send to each of the troops helping us with the project. We included our favorite games, songs, crafts, snack ideas and information on Michigan. We also sent several postcards and brochures. We sent the following email to each of the troops asking them to send us the information listed.

Incredible Journey

We are about to embark on an Incredible Journey across the US and into Canada. It is going to be a trip we will not soon forget. We want to thank you so much for helping us with our journey. We are looking forward to learning more about your troop, your town and your state/province. We are hoping you will be able to send us the following items for our trip:

- ☐ A map of your state/province
- ☐ Brochures of your area
- ☐ A postcard of your town/state/province
- ☐ A recipe from your area or one your troop really enjoys
- ☐ Games your troop likes to play
- ☐ A few craft ideas that your troop has enjoyed or something that represents your area
- ☐ A song your troop likes to sing (more than one if your troop loves to sing)
- ☐ Swaps
- ☐ Flat Daisy or other paper doll mascot

Be creative and send anything else you think Daisy Troop 5055 would enjoy.

We will send our packet to you with all of the same items. We will include age appropriate activities for your troop. We will ask our sister troops for ideas. Once all the packets have arrived in Michigan I will take all the ideas for games, crafts, songs and recipes and assemble a packet for each troop participating. It will be our way of saying "thank you" and to share all the great ideas with you.

Mail your packet by the end of October:

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Thanks again for offering to be a part of our incredible journey. We are so thankful to all of you.

YIGGGS,

Mary Vertanen and Daisy Troop 5055

We set up our schedule for our Incredible Journey. Each girl in the troop selected on the states to represent. She was given a simple worksheet to use to help her plan the meeting. A few of the girls made posters for their reports sharing pictures of the state symbols and other important information. Several girls wrote short reports on their state and shared what they found to be the most interesting facts about their state. We had the parents provide a snack the night their daughter was sharing her report. We had blueberries from Maine, Maple Cream cookies, waffles and maple syrup from Vermont. We had pizza and cheesecake from New York. We had potato chips from West Virginia. Moon Pies and M&M's, and RC Cola from TN (still have to serve the girls the grits). We had cheese and crackers from WI.

We also would use the information that we received from the different troops to plan the activities for the meeting. We learned a song that had been written by a Brownie troop in Vermont. We colored Pennsylvania Dutch designs, we played a fun game from West Virginia. We learned several new songs and found out that many of the troops across the USA sing the same songs.

My State Report

Name: _____

My state is _____.

The state capital is _____.

The state bird is _____.

The state animal is _____.

The state tree is _____.

The state insect is _____.

The state rock is _____.

A famous person from my state is _____.



A map of my state or a picture of my state.

My report will be given on _____.

Date of Report

Our Journey Begins

I created a passport for the girls to use while on our Incredible Journey. It included the names of each of the states we would be visiting plus a few of the activities found in the Journey book. A copy of the passport is attached to this outline. The girls used rubber stamps and stickers to show they had visited the state. We used a pinecone for Maine, a pine tree for Vermont, a heart for PA, an apple for NY. We tried to tie the stamp or sticker to something they learned about the state.

Meeting One:

We started our Journey in Maine. We read the *Between Earth and Sky* chapter about the flowers starting their trip in Maine. We learned about the state of Maine and sampled blueberries and apple juice. We talked about the items we would take on a long trip and what preparations we would need to make. The girls wrote their ideas for what they would need to bring on the journey in their passport.

Our next stop was Vermont. We received a box from a troop in Vermont. They shared many brochures, postcards and maps with the troop. The girls were able to look at the postcards and brochures while we learned about Vermont. The girls sampled maple cream cookies, waffles and maple syrup for Vermont. They learned a song that was written by my Brownie troop in Vermont many years ago. We incorporated the role playing activity from Session One in the leader guide. The girls showed how they would help a friend. They also received a swap from the troop in Vermont. The swap was a wooden circle cut from a tree branch and attached to a leather cord.

Juliette Low's Girl Scouts

Our Girl Scout Song (sung to the tune of "She'll be Coming Round the Mountain")

Juliette Low started Girl Scouts, yes she did!
Juliette Low started Girl Scouts, yes she did!
Juliette Low started Girl Scouts, Juliette Low started Girl Scouts
Juliette Low started Girl Scouts, yes she did!

We will learn the Girl Scout Promise, yes we will!
We will learn the Girl Scout Promise, yes we will!
We will learn the Girl Scout Promise, we will learn the Girl Scout Promise,
We will learn the Girl Scout Promise, yes we will!

We will live the Girl Scout Law, yes indeed!
We will live the Girl Scout Law, yes indeed!
We will live the Girl Scout Law, we will live the Girl Scout Law
We will live the Girl Scout Law, yes indeed!

Meeting Two:

Tonite the girls visited both Pennsylvania and New York. We received a box from a Daisy troop in Pennsylvania. We read the chapter in the Journey about the flowers stopping to visit their friend in Pittsburgh. The girls learned about Pennsylvania and shared Hershey Kisses and hot cocoa. We read the cute Daisy petal notes that were sent to the girls from the troop in PA. I have attached a copy of the form they used for this activity.

They learned about New York and sampled pizza and cheesecake. We incorporated some of the Journey activities into the meeting including the Blue Bucket of Words. The girls shared words that show their feelings and then also acted out the feelings. We added the words to our little blue sand bucket to use at future meetings. We incorporated the role playing activity from Session Two in the leader guide. The girls showed how they would help a friend by acting out various scenarios.

We were unable to do any of the outdoor activities because of the weather. We plan to incorporate them into the meetings in the spring.

Meeting Three:

Tonite the girls visited Virginia. We received a box from a troop in Virginia. The girls learned about the state and about the city of Woodbridge. The girls were able to look at the brochures and postcards sent to us from the troop in Virginia. They shared a snack of cookie and juice just like their sister troop in Virginia do at troop meetings.

Our journey is taking us south and away from the chapters in the story. We will catch up with our flower friends when we visit Wisconsin at the next meeting.

Meeting Four:

Tonite the girls visited West Virginia. We received a box from a troop in West Virginia. They sent the girls potato chips that are made in their town of Parkersburg, WV. They sent many brochures and postcards. The girls learned to play a game called "Friendship Circle Game".

Rules:

- *Divide group into 2 equal teams
- *Each team should form a circle and join hands
- *The object of the game is to use team work to keep a balloon from hitting the ground, and using feet only, to bounce the balloon 100 times.
- *If the balloon hits the ground, the other team gets a turn
- *The first team to 100 wins
- *No do overs
- *Remember your own team score each round

- *No kicking above the waist
- *Kicks only score with knees and feet
- *Play fairly and shake hands at the end of the game

Our Cadette Program Aides were overseeing this activity. They decided it was really hard for the Daisies to play by the rules above so they just gave each girl an opportunity to try and keep the balloon up in the air using any body part or with a partner. The girls loved this game. We also read the notes that were sent to our troop from the girls in West Virginia.

Next we stopped in Tennessee. We received two boxes from TN. The girls were able to check out the brochures, maps and postcards sent to us from TN. They also received swaps from one of the troops in TN. It was a "Happy 100th Birthday" Girl Scouts swap. We read the notes from the Cadette troop in TN. They girls sampled banana and/or chocolate moonpies, RC Cola and M&M's. The M&M's are packaged in Cleveland, TN. We were also sent grits but will share them another night.

The girls also made a stop in Wisconsin tonite. They learned about the state and also learned that our council is made up of the northern third of Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. They sampled cheese and crackers for Wisconsin. We read the portion of the story about the flowers visiting Dairyland. We talked about foods that grow near us which is one of the activities from the story on page 51. They added the foods to their passport.

Meeting Five:

Tonite the girls are visiting Illinois and Kansas. They will learn about the state of Illinois from Daisy Girl Scout Sophie. They will learn about Kansas from Daisy Girl Scout Natalie. The girls each made a poster with information on their state. They learned two new songs from IL.

Alice the Camel

Alice the camel has 4 humps, Alice the camel has 4 humps
 Alice the camel has 4 humps so go Alice go
 wibble wobble wibble

Alice the camel has 3 humps, Alice the camel has 3 humps
 Alice the camel has 3 humps so go Alice go
 wibble wobble wibble

Alice the camel has 2 humps, Alice the camel has 2 humps
 Alice the camel has 2 humps so go Alice go
 wibble wobble wibble

Alice the camel has 1 hump, Alice the camel has 1 hump
 Alice the camel has 1 hump so go Alice go
 wibble wobble wibble

Alice the camel has 0 humps, Alice the camel has 0 humps
 Alice the camel has 0 humps
 Because Alice was a llama.

The Grand Old Duke of York

Tune: "A-Hunting We Will Go"

Oh, the grand old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men,
He marched them up to the top of
Everyone stands up
The hill and he marched
Them down again. *Everyone sits down*

And when they were up they were up.
Everyone stands up
And when they were down they were down.
Everyone sits down
And when they were only half way up,
They were neither up nor down.
Everyone half-way up
(repeat)

The girls really enjoyed singing the new songs. They added creative ways to walk for Alice the Camel.

The girls also played a new game that a troop from IL sent to us. The girls divided into two teams. They all took their shoes and boots off and they were placed in a large pile across the room. The first two girls would run to the pile locate one of their shoes/boots, pick it up and run back to the next girl in line, tag her and then run to the back of the line and put their shoe/boot on. The game continued until all the girls had one shoe/boot. They then continued to play until all the girls had both shoes/boots. They really enjoyed playing this game.

The girls went to Kansas next. They talked about The Wizard of Oz and tornadoes. We read the letter from the troop in Kansas. They learned that Kansas grows lots of corn. We were going to make edible fires for Kansas because that was one of the activities sent to us from our sister troop. We knew we wouldn't have time to do it tonite so we will do it at a future meeting. They also received a cute Juliette Low Pearl swap from the troop in Kansas.

Healthy Pretzel Campfire Snack

- For a healthier edible campfire, slice three or four grapes in half and lay them cut side down in a circle to form a campfire [ring](#). Rip or cut pieces from the top of a slice of cheddar cheese to form the campfire flames. Stand the cheese slice up in the middle of the grape campfire ring. Place sliced carrots on the sides of the cheese slice and fill in the edges with pretzel sticks to serve as the campfire wood.

The girls enjoyed a snack of Cracker Jacks to represent Illinois and popcorn for Kansas

