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A Visit with Girl Scout Founder Juliette Gordon Low at Pennypacker Mills
Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10:00am to 11:00am

Schwenksville, PA (March 6, 2015) – One hundred years after the founding of the Girl Scouts, discover how Girl Scouting began on Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 10:00am to 11:00am at historic Pennypacker Mills. Historical actress Carol Spacht will portray Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts, and intrigue her audience of Daisy and Brownie troops with stories about her early life and what she hoped the Girl Scouts would do for girls. Following the program, participants are encouraged to take a guided tour of the Pennypacker mansion where they'll discover what life was like in the early 1900s when Pennsylvania Governor Samuel Pennypacker's daughters were embarking on their educations and careers.

Juliette Gordon Low always remembered that scouting is, first and foremost, about the girls. As a young girl, Juliette, known as "*Daisy*," was fascinated by nature, hiking, and outdoor activities, rather than finishing schools. Later in life, she brought girls from all walks of life into scouting and introduced them to the outdoors, which gave them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She encouraged girls to not just become good homemakers, but to also consider the possibility of being professional women in the arts, sciences, and business. She also welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when many were excluded from activities.

The fee for this program is \$7.50 per person, by pre-registration and pre-payment only. Please call

610-287-9349 to register and pay. There must be one adult chaperone per every 10 girls.

Pennypacker Mills is operated by the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails, and Historic Sites.

The site is located at 5 Haldeman Road, near the intersection with Route 73 (Skippack Pike) in Schwenksville, PA and is open year-round for guided tours, seasonal events, educational programs, and changing exhibits.

Pennypacker Mills is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. The site is closed Mondays and major holidays. Please call 610-287-9349 or visit the website at <http://www.montcopa.org/pennypackermills> for more information.