

USA Girl Scouts Overseas

100 YEARS

CELEBRATION GUIDE

100 Years of Stars Across the Globe

Honoring the Past,
Celebrating the Present,
& Lighting the Future.



Dear USA Girl Scouts Overseas members, stakeholders, staff and supporters,

Thank you for joining us in this momentous celebration of 100 years of USA Girl Scouts Overseas! Whether you're tuning in from a living room or a gathering space across the globe, your participation in this event reflects the strength, spirit, and resilience that define our Girl Scouts Overseas family.

As we look back on the incredible milestones we've achieved, we are also filled with excitement for the future. Girl Scouts living overseas embody the core values of courage, confidence, and character, and continue to create positive change in their communities and the world. You are not just part of a century-long legacy; you are the leaders, trailblazers, and change-makers of tomorrow.

While our journey has been rich in tradition, our work is far from finished. The future of Girl Scouts Overseas is bright, with new opportunities to serve, inspire, and empower girls to make a difference—no matter where they live. This celebration is a reminder of how much we've accomplished together, and how much more we will do, hand-in-hand, as we continue to grow, learn, and lead in an ever-evolving world.

Thank you for being part of this historic moment. Your commitment to the values of Girl Scouting and to each other is what makes our sisterhood so special. Together, we are building the future.

With gratitude,

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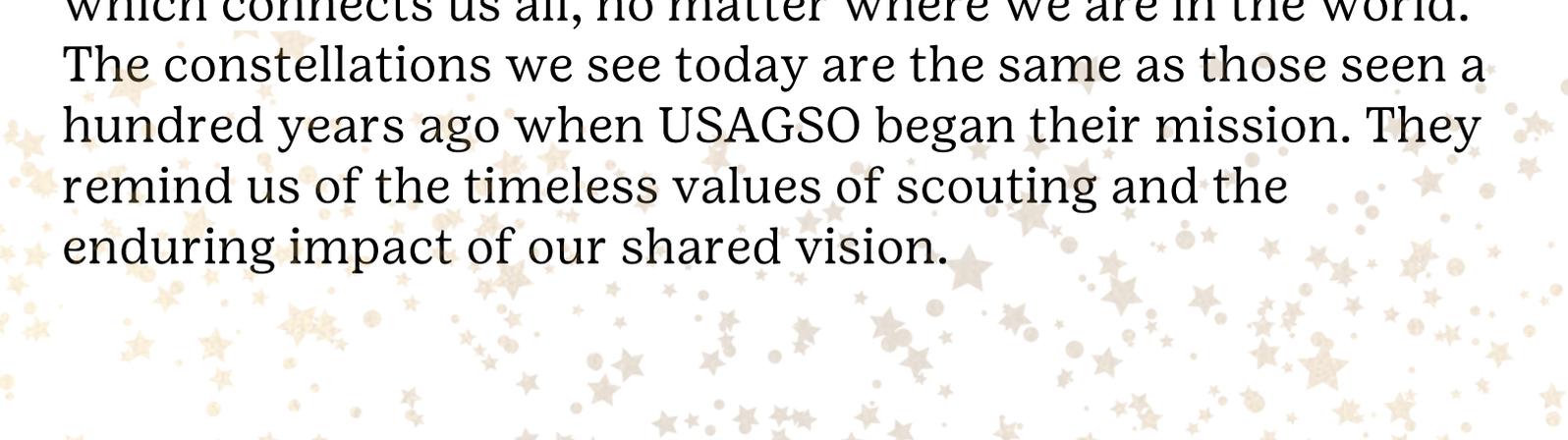
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Welcome to “100 Years of Stars Across the Globe,” a celebration of the incredible legacy and bright future of USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO)! For the past century, Girl Scouts have been a shining light in communities around the world, embodying the values of courage, confidence, and character. This year, we gather to honour this journey and to celebrate the remarkable individuals—like you—who continue to make a difference.

Your 100 year event will bring together the rich traditions of Girl Scouting with the awe-inspiring wonder of the stars above us. Whether under a starlit sky at a campsite or within the glow of celestial decorations indoors, we are reminded that each of us has a unique light to share with the world.

The theme, “100 Years of Stars Across the Globe,” reflects both our shared history and the brilliant future ahead. The stars symbolize the countless ways USAGSO have illuminated their communities over the decades—through leadership, service, and friendship. Just as stars guide travelers through the night, Girl Scouts have provided guidance and inspiration to others, lighting the way for positive change.

This celebration also draws inspiration from the night sky, which connects us all, no matter where we are in the world. The constellations we see today are the same as those seen a hundred years ago when USAGSO began their mission. They remind us of the timeless values of scouting and the enduring impact of our shared vision.

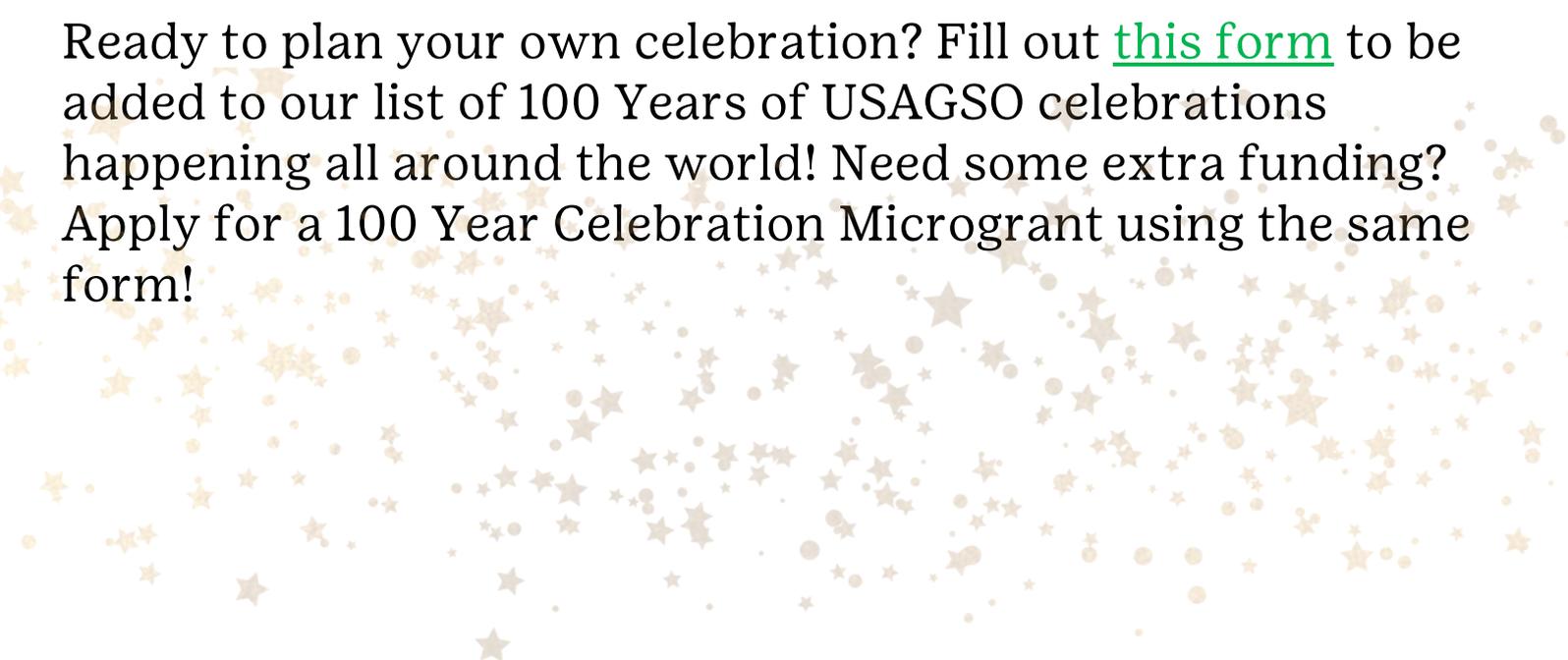


Throughout your event, you'll have the chance to:

- Learn about the incredible work of USAGSO through a global map and inspiring stories.
- Engage in fun and meaningful activities, from stargazing workshops and celestial crafts to star-themed games and songs.
- Savor flavors from around the world, celebrating the diversity and unity of Girl Scouts.
- Reflect on the contributions of leaders who've paved the way and consider the legacy you are building for future generations.

As we look back on a century of achievements, let this event inspire us all to dream big and think boldly. Whether you're 5 or 105, remember that your actions today are the stars of tomorrow's sky. Together, let's celebrate our shared history and commit to continuing this legacy of leadership and service.

Ready to plan your own celebration? Fill out [this form](#) to be added to our list of 100 Years of USAGSO celebrations happening all around the world! Need some extra funding? Apply for a 100 Year Celebration Microgrant using the same form!





Global Map of Girl Scouts Overseas

USAGSO is proud to have Girl Scout members all around the world! Take a look at our [community map](#) and find your community listed there. See if you can find another community near you who you could visit or a patch program for your next family vacation!

Leadership Tribute

Girl Scouts of all ages build their leadership skills by participating and volunteering with Girl Scouts. Who are the superstars in your community who are making the world a better place? Celebrate your [Highest Award](#), [Adult Award](#), [Lady Baden-Powell Award](#), and other girl award earners with a poster, presentation, or ceremony at this event! Don't forget to nominate them for our [100 @ 100](#) list of people who have made USAGSO great in the last 100 years!

Night Under the Stars: Celestial Activities

Take a look at the Celestial Activities below. Adapt your favorites to work in your event space and schedule!

- [Stargazing Workshop](#): Time for stargazing! Read through the [American Museum of Natural History's guide to stargazing](#) and see what you can do in your area! Too bright out? Check out the Skyview app that lets you view celestial bodies any time of day ([Apple](#) | [Android](#)). For more fun, look at NASA's [Astronomy Picture of the Day](#) and the [Hubble Telescope's picture archive](#)!

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- DIY Constellation Projector: Learn all about the [constellations](#) - where they are, what they look like, and [ancient myths](#) written about them. Check out the [National Park Service's guide](#) to creating your own DIY Constellation Projector. Also consider some fun [constellation-themed crafts!](#)
 - Glow-in-the-Dark Scavenger Hunt: Hide glow-in-the-dark stars or glow sticks around the camp area or venue and have different clue cards or questions related to astronomy or USA Girl Scouts Overseas history.
 - Space Fact or Fiction Game: take turns reading 3 space related facts and players need to work together to decide which one is fact and which 2 are fiction. You can use [this quiz](#) to compile your facts!
 - Edible Science Activities:
 - Cookie Moon Phases: Use your favorite sandwich cookie to recreate one of the moon phases. Here is a [reference sheet](#) with the 8 phases of the moon: New moon, Waxing crescent, First quarter, Waxing gibbous, Full moon, Waning gibbous, Third quarter, Waning crescent. Work together with your fellow Girl Scouts to create a full cycle of all the phases!
 - Mini Marshmallow Constellations: Print out or make available this [reference sheet of constellations](#). Participants use either toothpicks and mini-marshmallows, or stick pretzels and mini-marshmallows to build their own constellations.
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- 100 is a lot of years but not a lot of STARS (D/B/J)

This is an activity and a snack! You will need 10 different trail mix items (ex: Chex, Cheerios, Fruit Loops, M&Ms, raisins, dried cranberries, peanuts, almonds, mini pretzels, yogurt drops, etc.). Have the Girl Scouts make a placemat with 10 circles, each circle to have 10 items in it, counting to 100. This will show them that 100 is a lot of snack but not a lot of stars! A sample is below. This can be done on construction paper, done ahead and laminated, decorated with theme stickers, or whatever is fun for your group!





I'm a USAGSO STAR/ 100 star necklaces (D/B/J)

Girl Scouts are the stars of USAGSO! Using star-shaped beads, have the girls create a friendship bracelet to swap with a USAGSO friend. You can also bend pipe cleaners into star shapes and decorate these with star beads.

OUR USAGSO 100 Year Stars!

(all ages, C/S/A can organize)

Make a sign, create a Canva...however you can, get a group shot of your Girl Scout stars celebrating our 100 Year Anniversary! Share it on social media (following all privacy guidelines) and use the hashtag #USAGSO100, or email it to overseascustomercare@girlscouts.org to be included in our #USAGSO100 posts!

I wish I had 100...! (D/B/J)

If you could have 100 of something, what would it be and why? Can be themed to sections of the law, silly, tied to a journey that you are doing...the sky is the limit! You can make a page with the prompt and a place to draw, have it as a writing activity, or just discussion!

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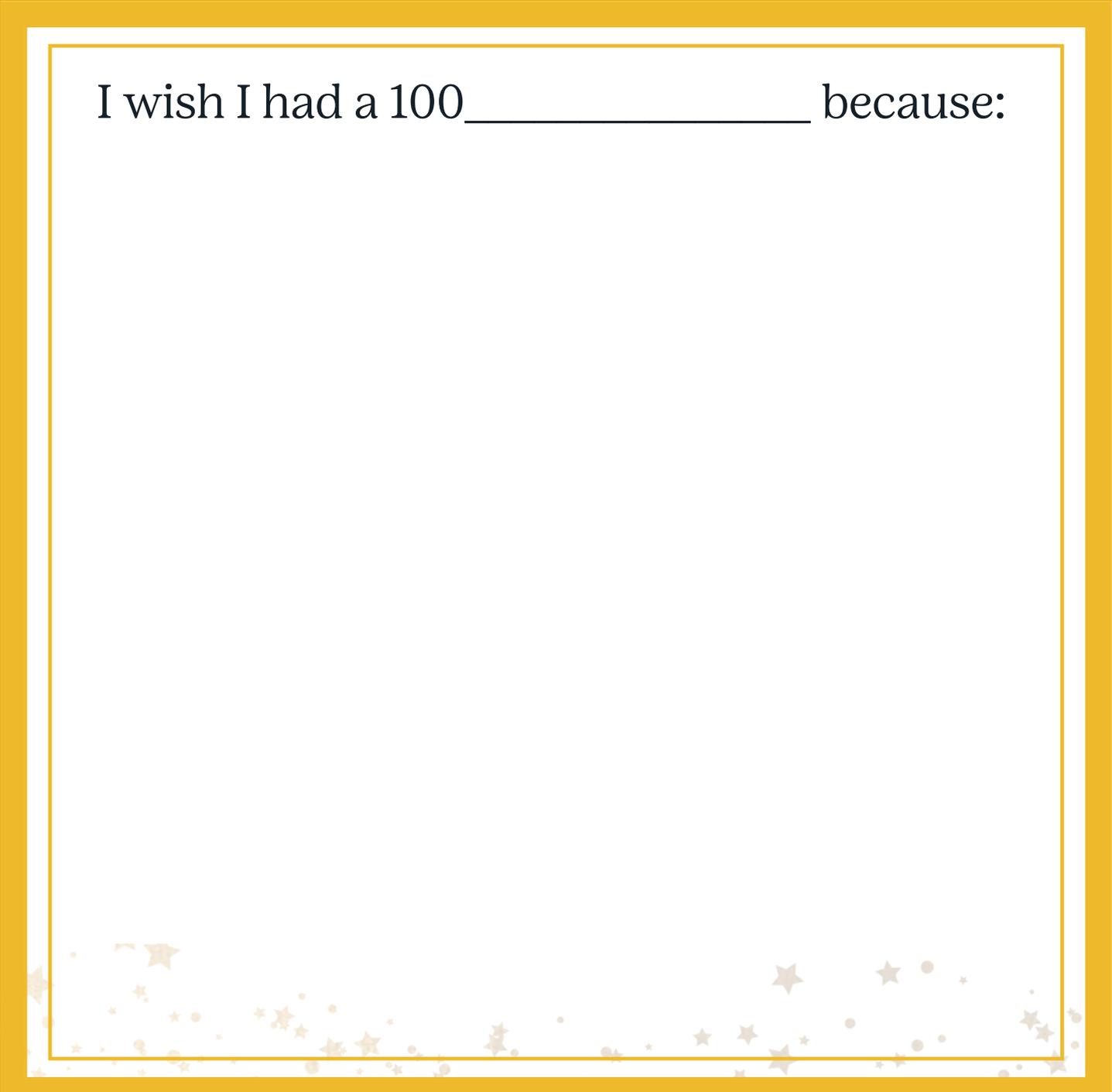




I WISH I HAD A 100

USAGSO is 100 years old.... 100 is a lot! If you could have 100 of something, what would it be?

I wish I had a 100_____ because:





Campfire Songs & Global Tunes

Make New Friends from GSUSA

USAGSO Camp generally uses the following verses:
Make new friends; A circle is round; Across the land

Make New Friends New Verses (J/C/S/A)

Make your own verse for USAGSO's 100th! You can use the 100 Year Celebration themes...global, girls, stars, or write about your local community.

- Watch [this video from GSUSA](#) for tempo, key, ideas
 - It's in the key of C major, starting at a middle C
 - The tempo is about 120 on the metronome, vacillating slightly
- Create your own verse! Here's an example:
 - 100 Years of Girl Scout Stars, we light the future where'er we are

Make sure to post it with the hashtag #USAGSO100 and email it to overseascustomer@girlscouts.org to share with the rest of USAGSO as part of our 100 Year Celebration!



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The Flicker of a Campfire

The flicker of a campfire: the wind in the pines;
the moon in the heavens; the stars that shine;
a place where people gather to be friends of all kinds
A place where all your (var. people's) troubles are always left
behind

So give me the light of the campfire, warm and bright
And give me some friends to sing with; I'll be here all night
Love is for those who find it; I found mine right here
Just you and me and the campfire, and the songs we love to hear
Dah dum, dah dum dah dum dah dum (repeat)

Variation: some people say "to hear" instead of dah dum and
repeat the chorus To hear, to hear, to hear, to hear (first time SO
give me the light...)

There are No Bananas in the Sky (Motion and repeating song)

There are no bananas in the sky (in the sky)

There are no bananas in the sky (in the skyyy)

There's a sun and a moon and a coconut cream pie

But there are no bananas in the sky! (in the sky)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvHeyh9M3Ew>

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

For a fun twist on a classic, learn this American Sign Language
(ASL) version of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star!



The Moon is a Very Fickle Fellow

(by Pippi, USAGSO Germany CIT 2024)

The moon is a very fickle fellow,

I watch him wax and wane

The moon is a very fickle fellow,

I watch him wax and wane, I watch him wax and wane.

(Structure of repeats same for all verses)

- The sun is a very magic fellow, he shines down on me each day
(repeat)
 - The rain is a very sad lady, she falls down on me sometimes
(repeat)
 - The sea is a very, very old man, deeper than the deepest blue
(repeat)
 - The wind is a very chatty lady, her stories blow me away
(repeat)
- The stars aren't so very far away love, just between you and me (repeat)

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World Center Songs

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is a proud member of the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)! WAGGGS has 5 world centers all around the globe where Girl Scouts and Girl Guides gather for international friendship. Each world center also has its own song!

- Kusafiri: this is the newest world center and the only traveling world center! It's currently based in Accra, Ghana!
- Nuestra Cabaña: this world center in Cuernavaca, Mexico just reopened in 2024 and will be the host of a USAGSO mini-camp and volunteer retreat in 2025!
- Our Chalet: the first world center, located in Adelboden, Switzerland, where USAGSO held camp in 2023 & 2024!
- Pax Lodge: this world center is right next to the WAGGGS headquarters in London, England!
- Sangam USAGSO hosted a Destination trip in 2024 to this world center in Pune, India!

Don't forget to learn The World Song, which is the official anthem of WAGGGS!

Global Cooking “Starry Nights” Menu

Outdoor/ Camping-Friendly:

- Main Dishes
 - Meteor Meatballs w/ Space Worms: spaghetti & meatballs
 - Meatballs can be prepared in foil packets on the campfire
 - Omit meatballs / serve on side for a vegetarian option
 - Rocket Wraps: rolled sandwiches
 - DIY sandwich station
 - Omit meat for vegetarian option
 - Loaded Spud-nik baked potatoes
 - Cheese, sour cream, chili or black beans, bacon, onion, corn, avocado... the toppings are endless!
 - Omit meat for a vegetarian option
- Snack/Sides
 - Celestial Fruit Salad
 - Sun Chips
 - Meteors: Cheese balls
 - Astronaut Food: freeze dried fruit & vegetables in snack bags
 - Moon Munchies: Veggie tray w/ ranch dip
- Dessert/Candy
 - S'mores
 - Galaxy Bark: make ahead by melting separately milk chocolate and white chocolate with blue and purple food coloring, swirling onto a sheet pan, and adding colorful sprinkles. Allow to cool before breaking into snack size pieces.
 - Little Debbie’s Cosmic Brownies
 - Starburst candy
 - MilkyWay chocolates
 - Moon Pies
- Drinks
 - Capri Suns (kids drink option)
 - Stellar Lemonade

Indoor Options:

- International Potluck: Encourage attendees to bring dishes that reflect their global Girl Scout heritage.

Reflection and Future Goals

To close out your event, we recommend taking the time to allow everyone present to reflect on their experiences so far, and to begin to plan for the future by identifying a couple goals they want to work towards. We're going to do this across USAGSO by creating a collective 'Galaxy of Goals', with each star belonging to a different member of USAGSO.

Give your participants a bit of space, some time to think, and a large star shape that they can write on. Ask them to write down two goals on that star; one personal goal, and one Girl Scout goal. Have one of the goals be a long-term goal (designed to be achieved over the next year) and one be a short-term goal (designed to be achieved over the next month). Adapt these prompts as necessary to each grade level and to your specific event and location.

After everyone has had a chance to get their goals onto their star, have them talk in buddy pairs or small groups about the following:

- Why are these goals important to me?
- What steps can I take to achieve them?
- Who can help me achieve them?
- How can I set myself up for success?

If appropriate, you could also include a chance for your participants to hold each other accountable for completing their goals by setting check-in dates or writing letters to each other. When the discussions are finished, have everyone add their stars to your 'Galaxy of Goals', while you sum up your event and thank everyone for coming. After you're finished, take pictures of your stars and upload using #USAGSO100 to share them with the rest of our beautiful Galaxy!

Thank you for being part of this celebration. You are the reason our light shines so brightly, and we can't wait to see how your star will light up the future.



Hosting Your Own Fundraising Event

Where to Begin

- This event can be adults only or you may choose to invite girls - it is intended to be a ticketed, formal event.
- Secure a location
- Think about the size of your event when deciding this
- Some places have standing room only
- Decide on catering
- This will depend on your location, they may offer food or you can bring your own
- Create invitations & mail/email out as soon as a place has been secured
- USAGSO can help with this with Canva
- Decide on a ticket price, this ideally will cover the location and food costs



Planning Ahead

Team

- Who is going to be in charge of the event? Build a team with specific duties, such as logistics, food, activities, supplies, etc.
- Do you need volunteers to run activities, presentations, or anything else during the event?

Location

- Think about the size of your event when deciding this. How many girls and adults do you want to attend? Should girls bring a parent along?
- Think about the location and what it has to offer. Is there an aquarium, zoo, museum, etc. nearby that would offer a unique experience? Do you want to have seating or have standing room only?

Catering

- This will depend on your location. They may offer food, or you can bring your own. Don't forget to ask about accommodations for allergies and dietary restrictions.

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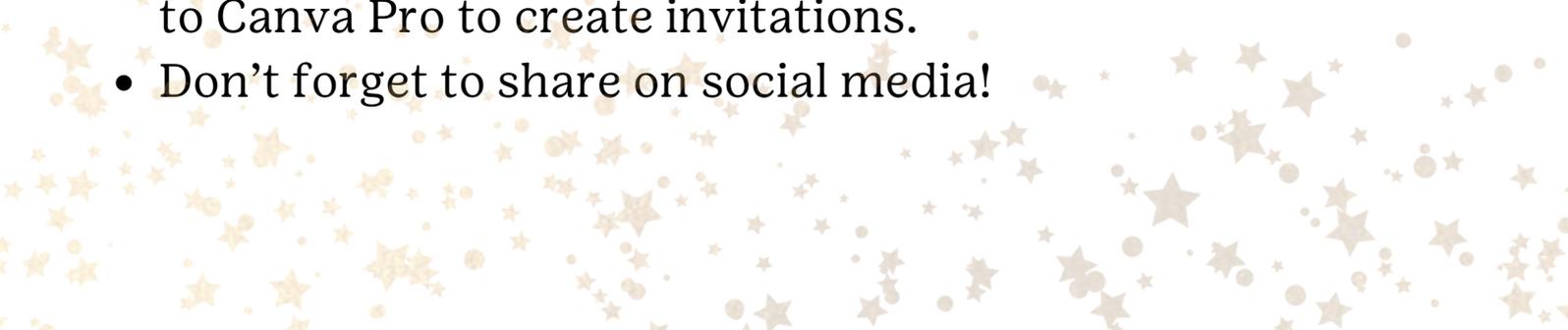
Cost

- Decide on the per-person cost. This ideally will cover the location and food costs.
- For example: \$50 for at least 50 tickets would give you a \$2,500 budget
- USAGSO has microgrant funding available for communities hosting 100 Year Celebrations. Reach out to your membership manager for more information if you would like to apply.

Registration

- What platform will you use to register?
- USAGSO can host on Eventbrite. If you would like to do this, please use [this form](#) to submit the information. Be sure to submit at least 3 weeks ahead of the day you want it to be available.
- Set a firm date for registration to close that allows enough time for the event planning team to finish up any details that are dependent upon number of registrations.

Spreading the word!

- Create invitations & mail/email out as soon as a place has been secured
 - Reach out to your membership manager if you need access to Canva Pro to create invitations.
 - Don't forget to share on social media!
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Event Schedule

Use the rest of the guide to determine which activities will be interesting to your gala guests and feasible in your chosen location.

Order of Events (suggested)

- Welcome and Theme Overview
- Adult friendly swap/craft
- Placed at each seat or handed out when people arrive
- Leadership Tribute
- Reflection and Future Goals

Welcome Message & Theme Overview

Welcome attendees to a worldwide celebration, where Girl Scouts across the globe have become bright lights in their communities. Encourage reflection on past achievements while looking forward to continued growth and leadership.

Night Under the Stars: Celestial Activities

Leadership Tribute

A section dedicated to leaders who have made significant contributions globally. This could include Gold Award recipients, girls and adults that have made a huge impact on USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

Reflection & Future Goals

A space to write or draw their goals for the future, what they can do for their communities.

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Notes

