

The official Girl Scout curriculum places an asterisk by the word God in the Girl Scout promise and explains that that "individuals may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word God." The page scan below is from the Girl Scout book for girls in grades 4-5, entitled *Agent of Change* (purchased from the Girl Scout organization in July 2013).

(see additional related concerns on the following pages)

## THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God\* and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## GIRL SCOUT DAYS TO CELEBRATE

- **Founder's Day**, October 31:  
Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low's birthday
- **World Thinking Day**, February 22:  
A day for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the world to think about one another
- **Girl Scout Birthday**, March 12:  
The day Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low started the first Girl Scout troop back in 1912

\* Girl Scouts of the USA makes no attempt to define or interpret the word "God" in the Girl Scout Promise. It looks to individual members to establish for themselves the nature of their spiritual beliefs. When making the Girl Scout Promise, individuals may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word "God."

Through social media, Girl Scouts USA also communicates to girls that they may “substitute God with the deity of their choice or remove [God] from their pledge.” <https://twitter.com/girlscouts/status/172149368932155392>



Girl Scout leaders are implementing this “asterik” option. For example one leader shares: “I proudly tell my Brownie Girl Scouts on a regular basis that the Girl Scout Promise, which includes the word ‘God,’ can be, according to Girl Scouts USA, replaced by any Girl Scout to reflect her own spiritual beliefs. I model this in my troop meetings by replacing the word ‘God’ in the GS Promise with ‘love,’ ‘earth,’ ‘peace,’ and another of other terms.” <http://revcyn.blogspot.com/2011/11/girl-scouting-and-uua.html>

