

Candle Lighting Ceremony

The scene for the first Girl Scout encampment was May 1926, at Camp Edith Macy in New York. The camp was built to host the 1928 World Camp, however, due to Juliette Lowe's determination the site was ready earlier than planned.

It was an amazing undertaking! Roads had to be built, wells dug, buildings raised, cook sites and camp sites created – nothing was overlooked. 56 campers from outside the United States and 400 from within the United States attended.

Although we didn't have as much work to do as Juliette Lowe, we did have two years of planning! After getting the go ahead from Girl Scouts of San Francisco Bay the search for an appropriate site began, a core team was recruited and we were underway. A total of 344 campers, more than 30 volunteers, a patrol of local men and boys to perform night security and heavy lifting and we have seen the first ever international Girl Scout Camporee in Northern California.

As in that first encampment, we would like to pass along a thought and have you take on a promise of peace, caring and renewed vigor in spreading the work of Girl Guides and Girl Scouting. This candle was lit from a candle, that was lit from a candle, that was lit from a candle lit from Juliette Lowe's candle that night in May 1926. Take this candle and use it to relight the promise made tonight with others.