

TEA SEMINARS

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ESPECIALLY FOR GIRL SCOUTS:

Daisy Tea – for friendship and fun

After introductions (GS Promise, teapot song with team building, name cards), the tea party will be in two parts: the first in stations, e.g. cookie decoration, hats and photos, table manners and how to decorate a tea table, Tea with Teddy (story corner); the second part is the actual sit-down tea party with tea, juice and foods. (1½ hour) Great for friendship building with sister troop or Brownie troop assisting with a bridging. The Tea Party Patch from the GS store will enhance the girls' memory of this very special day.

Brownie Tea – Traditional English Tea

After introductions (GS Promise, teapot song with team building, name cards), the tea party will run in stations, e.g. sandwich making, trifle making, tea and your senses, tea brewing, tea history bingo, manners and etiquette, hats and photos, service project: "Tea Party in a Bag" for meals on wheels, and a proper and joyful sit-down tea party. The program will fulfill the requirements for the "Manners" Try-It.

Junior Tea – A World of Tea

After introductions (GS Promise, teapot song with Hot Potato Chip, and service project: "Tea Party in a Bag" for meals on wheels) girls will travel around the world of tea and different foods and artifacts. They will learn about cultures around the world and get a chance display their own heritage. Great program for Junior International Day. Girls can be involved in planning or just participate.

Cadette and Senior Career Tea

The girls will help prepare this tea as part of their requirements for the Dreams to Reality Award or Career Exploration Pin. A seasonal tea party will be arranged and hosted for ladies of various careers. The girls will learn how to set up a proper tea for any occasion and how to be a great hostess.

Tea with Juliette Low

Juliette Gordon Low, our founder of Girl Scouts in America, was an avid tea drinker and loved tea parties. In honor of her birthday on Halloween we will have a tea in her name and recreate activities that she and the first American Girl Scouts did around the 1920s. The activities will also reflect the history and values of the Girl Scout foundation. This tea is for all Girl Scouts although the activities will be adjusted to each level of Girl Scouts. The Juliette Low Patch from the GS store will enhance the girls' memory of this very special tea. The Juliette Low Tea can also be incorporated into the Junior Badge "Girl Scouting in the USA".

Cookies and Tea

It's Girl Scout cookie time and what is better to accommodate the Girl Scout cookies than a selection of teas and a great party! The Cookie Tea can be incorporated into the Cookie Pin, the Junior "Cookie Connection" badge or Studio 2 B "On the Money: Cookies and More" Charm.

Other educational, themed teas related to Girl Scout activities:

Library Tea with Bluestockings (Back to school in September – around books/reading)

Fall Harvest Tea (early fall around fruit harvest)

Lady Liberty Tea (around 4th July celebrating Daughters of Liberty)

Tea for Thanks (around Thanksgiving)

Winter Solstice Tea (December 22 – around the winter holidays)

Boston Tea Party (December 16, 1773, historic tea)

Tea with Dr. Seuss (March 2nd – America Reads Challenge, book club incl. service project)

Camp Fire Tea (Girl Scout camp or backyard)

Caribbean Tea Party (summer or anytime to recreate vacation time)

American Girl Tea (any or all American Girl eras including historic games and activities)

Nursing Home Tea (service project, any time or around holidays)

THEMED TEA PARTIES FOR CHILDREN:

Teddy Bear Tea

Bring your favorite bear and dress up for a cozy tea time. The program involves teddy bear and tea related crafts, story time, and afternoon tea.

Victorian Tea Party

Ever wondered how it was like in the Victorian Time? Dress up in your nicest dress and step back about a hundred years to enjoy an afternoon tea as a young lady of that time. The little ladies will dress up in hats and more for a great photo opportunity and work on handicrafts from the 1800's. We will all learn about manners and traditions of proper Victorian tea taking – whether it be cambric tea, low or high tea. The tea table will be laid with all the fancy accessories.

Valentine Tea Party

Don't we all want to sit down with our little ones and enjoy a nicely decorated table and a hot cup of tea, all prepared by our prince or princess? The youngsters will learn to properly lay a tea table and the importance of good table manners, while mommy will learn to brew the tea. Invitations will be prepared, tea songs sung, and fairytales about tea will be told. Cookies will be decorated to touch mommy's heart. Let's dress up nicely for this very special Mommy & Me Tea.

Mad Hatter's Spring Tea Party

Tea doesn't always have to be a dress-up occasion. Put yourself in Alice's shoes and come to this Mad Hatter's Tea Party with your favorite bunny. Dress up in colorful spring clothes and wear a funny hat. As Alice says, "If I haven't had any tea yet, I cannot very well take more," but at this party you will get plenty of tea, food, fun, and games. Youngsters will learn to prepare a themed tea party, make savories, and appreciate tea as a way of entertaining guests.

Mother's Day Tea Party

What better way to show mom that you are really thankful for all she does for you than to prepare a special Mother's Day Tea for her. Youngsters will learn the basics of how to host different tea parties, why manners are important, and will create surprises especially made for Mom. Mini-moms are welcome to bring a favorite doll for this afternoon tea, both dressed properly for the occasion.

Tea by the Sea

Summer is vacation time and the beach is calling. Learn how to host your own summer tea party with gourmet summer teas and delicious savories at the beach, in the garden, or as a picnic in the park. Bring your best friend and her mom and prepare healthy iced teas and sandwiches for a specially prepared and unforgettable "Tea by the Sea" party near the spectacular shore. Dress appropriately for a summer party.

Tea for Mommy & Me

(5-8-year-olds with mommy and/or grandma)

Don't we all want to sit down with our little ones and enjoy a nicely decorated table and a hot cup of tea all prepared by our prince or princess? The youngsters will learn to properly lay a tea table and the importance of good table manners while mommy will learn to brew the tea. Invitations will be prepared, tea songs sung, and fairytales about tea will be told. Cookies will be decorated to touch mommy's heart. Let's dress up nicely for this very special Mommy & Me Tea and remember to bring an apron for preparations).

MOSTLY FOR ADULTS:

A World of Tea

Take a journey into the exciting world of tea. Learn about tea and its differences, health benefits, different types (green, white, black, etc.), their origins and various cultures of tea around the world. Learn to properly brew and taste a broad selection of teas from all over the world. One 2-hour session.

Find Your Cup of Tea

Are you so-so about tea? Maybe you have never had a chance to find one that is just right for you. In this workshop, you will have a hands-on chance to see, smell, and taste a huge variety of different teas to help you find your favorites. Learn about tea qualities, proper brewing techniques, and try out different tea accessories. One 2-hour session.

Japanese Tea Ceremony

Join us in a guided ceremony and learn the secrets of the Japanese Tea Ceremony. This workshop will focus on the importance of the little details and history behind the ceremony. The tea hostess will prepare and serve Japanese Matcha (powdered green tea) as well as original Japanese savories. You will also be introduced to a variety of orthodox Japanese teas. One 2-hour session.

Tea – Or Just A Hot Drink

Tea is a drink brewed from the leaves of the *Camellia sinensis* plant. Any other hot beverage that does not contain these leaves is technically not a tea, but some still have the same healthy benefits. Learn about the variety of teas, tisanes, herbals, rooibos, and yerba mate. See, smell, and brew a selection while learning about their health benefits. One 2-hour session.

Host your own Tea Party

Why is it that we feel so special when we are invited to a tea party with a good friend? Learn about the history of tea parties, how to prepare your own, the do's and don'ts of tea etiquette, how to brew a selection of the best teas, and what to serve with tea. Let us have our own Afternoon Tea Party and enjoy the healthy benefits of tea, savories, and good friendship. One 2½-hour session

If Teacups Could Talk

Imagine the stories an old teacup found in an antique shop or thrift store could tell. What stories are behind your teacup? Bring your own favorite teacup and let us hear your story while we sip a cup and enjoy tea sandwiches and a freshly baked scone from the Victorian Tea Table. What is behind teacups, what is the story behind their design, fine china and teapots in the first place? Learn about the origin of tea and tea taking, the historic development through the last 5,000 years, its importance in the Revolutionary War, and how tea is reinvented as the new 'hot' drink in today's modern world. You are welcome to dress for the occasion – a hat would not be inappropriate! One 2½-hour session.