



A scout in any style uniform is still a scout. Barb Meade (left) and her daughters model uniforms from other days. Mrs. Meade wears a 1930 leader's uniform. The girls are (from left) Julie, in a Brownie uniform from the past, Janet in a former Junior Girl Scout outfit and Jennifer modeling a number from 1918.

For Girl Scouts

Today's emphasis was same in '20s

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The philosophy of Girl Scouting is still the same as it was when Juliette Low founded the organization in 1912. There is still an emphasis on being responsive to the community, knowing one's self and experiencing things to help develop values.

And while it has kept pace with the interests of each succeeding generation of girls, leaders from Southern Oakland Girl Scouts, Inc. say a Girl Scout of 1976 would feel at home in a troop circa 1915. Or that a Girl Scout in the '20s would adapt herself easily to a contemporary troop.

There would be differences, of course, but not in things that really matter to scouting or to the girls.

The 12 girls who formed the first troop wore dark blue uniforms, later supplanted by khaki, that is now the familiar green. Hemlines and waistlines were raised and lowered many times.

The Girl Scout council

was once a small, rather homey organization administering the program for the girls of the immediate community. Today, a council can be as large as an entire state.

The 12 girls in Savannah, Ga. left a legacy for 18.5 million girls and women who followed the basic precepts of scouting from all 50 states and in foreign countries around the world.

INDEPENDENCE was a key factor for the founder who wanted women to prepare to deal with community needs while men were preparing to go off to war.

As the social needs changed, greater stress continued involving those of all ages in making decisions. Girls and their adult advisors work hand in hand planning and doing services which range from soil and wild life conservation, to getting voters to the polls.

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