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Switzerland, and India.

On Sunday, October 23rd, under a bright blue sky and gentle breeze at Kennedy Grove, the Orinda Moraga Girl Scouts celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts in the USA. Although the real date of the 100th anniversary is March 12, 2012, Orinda Moraga decided to celebrate early and in honor of founder Juliette Gordon Lowe's October birthday.

Over 200 scouts ranging in age from Daisy (kindergarten and first grade) through Senior and Ambassador (high school age) participated in the celebration. Part carnival, part educational, and totally fun, the scouts enjoyed face painting, a bounce house, learning about Girl Scout traditions, a vintage Girl Scout uniform fashion show, and an old-fashioned cake decorating contest and cake walk. Other popular booths run by scouts included making s'mores, SWAPS (Special Watchamacallit Affectionately Pinned Somewhere), henna and green "tatoos", and a very special "Pin the Badge on the Girl Scout" game. There was also a booth teaching scouts about the five Girl Scout World Centers in Savannah, Georgia (home of Juliette Gordon Lowe), Mexico, England,

In keeping with the Girl Scout's theme for the 100th Anniversary, Forever Green, the Creative Re-Use Depot, REI, and the Marine Mammal Center were also on hand running activities. Girl Scouts of Northern California also ran a "Girls Go Tech" program.

Two community service activities demonstrated that Girl Scouts "Do a Good Turn Daily" by collecting over 400 books to donate to the Children's Literacy Project in Oakland, and by making cards that will be distributed with meals delivered by Meals on Wheels. The afternoon ended with the singing of songs, and the traditional Girl Scout friendship circle. Happy Birthday Girl Scouts! We wish you a very happy second 100 years!

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