



Celebrate Gold

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Celebrating Yule in the Modern Day

Lily Smith was a Girl Scout for 7 years as a member of Troop 3003 in Service Unit 636. She is currently attending Kansas State University majoring in Horticulture.

Lily worked with her service unit to celebrate Yule as a new tradition for her Girl Scout sisters. The holiday has been celebrated by Lily's family for most of her life and she wanted to share this winter tradition with other Girl Scouts to show them an important historical winter holiday.

The Yule celebration is an ancient, historically significant tradition in many cultures and Lily found it important to teach that tradition to others. By keeping Yule alive in a modern way, and learning about its history, she hopes to inspire her Girl Scout sisters to learn more about the past. This was also a fun way to celebrate the winter season as a service unit.

Lily created a binder that explains the traditions, history and provides a guide for how to host a celebration in the future. She hopes this project will inspire families to learn about their history and find more ways to connect.

“Because of Girl Scouts... I received so many opportunities for growth and met so many people that taught me so many things. I’m a much more confident person now, and I learned so many important skills that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.”