

Girl Scouts visit Salem to celebrate 100 years

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Today's 4 p.m. gathering at the Capitol will mark the capstone of a day that brought an estimated 400 Girl Scouts together in Salem.

The local event is staged in celebration of the 100th birthday of the Girl Scouts of America.

"We will sing some songs, of course 'Happy Birthday' will be one," said local organizer Sheryl Lewis of Dallas. "Actually, the (Girl Scouts) birthday was the 12th, but we've been celebrating all week."

That celebration locally included visits to Deepwood Estate, the Bush House and Mission Mill where a wide variety of activities took place.

"We had a lot of things here at Mission Mill," Lewis said. "We had a fabric-to-fabric workshop and we made blankets for the (Willamette) Humane Society for their dogs and cats."

Lewis said scouts from as far away as Pendleton's Troop 51436. All are part of the Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington, and included visitors from Eugene, Albany, Lebanon and the Portland metro area.



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Girl Scouts and their families gather to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of America at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, Ore., Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Attendees at the Capitol will include Oregon State Sen. Jackie Winters and Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington CEO Karen Hill.