

**SCARSDALE EDGEMONT GIRL SCOUT**  
**Scarsdale Memorial Day Parade 2010**

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*Once again the Scarsdale Edgemont Girl Scouts have the privilege of joining with the American Legion and other organizations to show our pride in and respect for all those who have died in order that we may enjoy the American way of life. Please encourage your girls to participate. If your troop is not marching individual girls who come will be placed with other troops their level.*

**Things to remember:**

- 1. Dress in the Girl Scout uniform.** Neatness is essential. Any style of complete regulation uniform is acceptable. A troop should wear the same uniform if possible.
- 2. All leaders** must wear a Girl Scout uniform. The uniform consists of khaki pants or skirt with an official shirt or a white collared shirt. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the official uniform. Please no purses.
- 3. Wear comfortable walking shoes,** sandals are not acceptable.
- 4. Show your respect** for our veterans by marching in a dignified and serious manner
- 5. White gloves must be worn by the 4 members of the color guard** (2 flag holders and 2 companions) Please contact me if you need gloves, our community has extra gloves. Extra sets of flags and flag holders will be available in front of the Post Office on the day of the parade.
- 6. Brownie troops designate 2-4 girls** to bring a small bouquet of flowers to be placed on a veteran's grave in St James the Less cemetery.
- 7. Be on time and be proud to be a Girl Scout**

**DATE and TIME:** Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 8:45 AM SHARP

**TIME OF ASSEMBLY:** In front of the Scarsdale Post Office across from Chase Park

**TIME/PLACE OF DISMISSAL:** Approximately 10:45 a.m. after the ceremony in Chase Park.

**PARKING:** Park near the train tracks if possible, all meter will be free this day. Chase Road will be barricaded by the time you return. DO NOT park along the parade route.

**FAMILY MEMBERS:** Family members CAN NOT march alongside their Girl Scout, the girls are expected to march with their troop and troop leaders. There will be a section for families AFTER all of the Girl Scout troops. Families and younger children are welcome to march. Parents can also wait for us in Chase Park in the Village Center or stand alongside the parade route and watch the parade.

**IN THE EVENT OF RAIN:** WFAS will have the announcement between 7-8 a.m. that ceremonies will be held at Scarsdale High School due to rain. Meet at the High School auditorium (Brewster Road) by 9:45am. We will line up in the hallway outside of the auditorium and march in as a group at 10:00 a.m.

**PARADE ROUTE:** We march up Popham Road, across Church Lane, down Crane Road to Chase Park in the Village Center. Ceremonies will be in Chase Park.

**GENERAL ETIQUETTE:**

- ✓ Troops stand at attention during the entire service in Boniface Circle and at the Church of St. James the Less and during the playing of our National Anthem at Chase Park.
- ✓ Remind your troop that the command AT EASE means relax but remain silent and attentive. Please no whispering or fidgeting.
- ✓ When a salute is called, the civilian salute (hand over heart) is to be used.

**Get ready to March:**

1. One leader should **check in with the parade coordinator** in order to get your troop shield, flag holders and flags (if needed)

2. **The line up – PLEASE REVIEW THE DIAGRAM BELOW CAREFULLY**

(First) main Color Guard

(Followed by) Flower-bearing Brownies

(Followed by) members of the troop

Leaders stand outside the formation and should set the pace

L2

X X X X X X TG

X X X X X X TF ----->

X X X X X X AF Direction of march

X X X X X X AG Maintain 15 paces between troops

L1

X=Girl Scout

L1=Person who gives commands (Leader, Aide or Troop member)

L2=Leader

TG=Troop Color Guard

TF=Troop Flag

AG=American Flag Color Guard

AF=American Flag

3. Remember **the American flag is always on its own right and should be higher** than the other flags
4. **Troops will line up by level and then by troop number**
5. The **Troop flag is dipped** during The Star Spangled Banner, Pledge of Allegiance, Taps, and Gun Salute (this may or may not have a gun salute). Have a “signal” for your Troop flag holder so you can remind her when to dip.
6. **SPREAD OUT** - maintain an interval of 30 (thirty) paces between different organizations and 15 (fifteen) paces between troops.
7. The parade will move off **promptly at 9:00 a.m.** heading toward Popham Road.
8. **The parade will stop** at the driveway to St James the Less, the Brownies carrying flowers will be directed up the driveway for a short ceremony and the laying of the flowers. Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts who are not in the color guard, will break from their troop and lead the Brownies bearing flowers up the driveway and assist in the laying of the flowers on the marked graves. The rest of the parade will wait on Church Lane. Once the Girl Scouts return to their troops the parade will proceed.

9. **The parade will continue** down Crane Road to Chase Park. Before entering the park, your American flag bearing Girl Scout will leave your troop with all the other Scouts bearing American flags and line up along the sidewalk. Senior, Cadette and older Junior Girl Scouts will help the younger girls.
10. **Stand at attention with your hands over your hearts** as the American flags pass in front of your troop. Your Flag-bearing Girl Scout will return to your troop after the song "America" is played by the high school band. The rest of the Girl Scouts will be directed to the grassy area in front of the stone patio.
11. **Troops stand at attention during the gun salute.** Warn your girls ahead of time that the guns are only blanks but that they are very loud. Jumping around, shrieking or giggling during the salute is not appropriate.
12. Memorial Day ceremonies will continue with the troops **"AT EASE"**. The command **"AT EASE"** means to relax but remain silent and pay attention. Flags are taken out of holders and stood on the ground.
13. The presentation of awards will follow. The Izetta Chattin Wright Award and Gold Award recipients will be honored. Scouts receiving awards will be called up to the Reviewing Stand. Everyone is asked to stay in Chase Park until the ceremony is over.

**Marching Commands:**

"Attention" "Right-Face/Left-Face" "Mark Time" "At Ease"  
"Forward-March" "Eyes-Right"  
"Troop-Halt"

***FOR BROWNIES ONLY:***

1. **Flowers**—Each Brownie troop is to bring four (4) tied bouquets. Use your troop funds to purchase flowers from the supermarket or bring flowers from your garden. They do not have to be huge bouquets. The Brownies should assemble these bouquets themselves if possible.
2. In order to conduct the ceremony at St. James in a timely manner, there should be no more than four Brownies from each troop to carry and place the bouquets. The Brownies should be chosen ahead of time to place the flowers on the graves.
3. The flower bearing Brownies will begin the parade together in the front of the Girl Scout formation. They march off as a unit up the driveway of St James the Less Church on Crane Road with the Marine Color Guard and older Girl Scout escorts.
4. Older Girl Scouts will assist the flower bearing Brownies in placing the flowers on the graves marked with American flags. If possible the rector of St. James will greet the Brownie Girl Scouts and may say a short prayer.
5. The Brownies will then rejoin their troops for the remainder of the march