

# Remembering September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001, happened over 20 years ago. Our Girl Scouts today were not yet born. Some of their parents were young children. We have created this toolkit to support Girl Scout leaders who want to work with their troop to remember and honor this day. As this topic is sensitive in nature, please remember to utilize our [Sensitive Issues Permission Slip](#).

## What happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001?

Four coordinated terrorist attacks carried out by al-Qaeda, an Islamist extremist group, occurred on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

Nineteen terrorists from al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial airplanes, deliberately crashing two of the planes into the upper floors of the North and South Towers of the World Trade Center complex in New York City and a third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The Twin Towers ultimately collapsed because of the damage sustained from the impacts and the resulting fires. After learning about the other attacks, passengers on the fourth hijacked plane, Flight 93, fought back, and the plane was crashed into an empty field in western Pennsylvania about 20 minutes by air from Washington, D.C.

The attacks killed 2,977 people from 93 nations: 2,753 people were killed in New York; 184 people were killed at the Pentagon; and 40 people were killed on Flight 93.

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## Activities for Daisies - Juniors

- During the attacks on September 11<sup>th</sup> and in the many days to follow, everyday people became heroes by helping others in need and providing the hope, healing, and information that Americans needed. Who are the everyday heroes you see in your community? Draw a picture or create a piece of artwork and present it to an everyday hero in your community.
- Purchase and present a US Flag to a Fire Station, Police Station, City Hall, or Emergency Medical Services Center in your community.
- Write a thank you letter to those who work at a Fire Station, Police Station, or Emergency Medical Services Center in your community. Mail or present your letter.
- September 11<sup>th</sup> has become a day of service, rekindling the spirit of togetherness and compassion that followed the tragedy. Spend an hour or two serving an organization in your community by volunteering.
- Have a “Moment of Silence” on September 11<sup>th</sup> at your troop meeting, at home, or at bedtime.

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## Activities for Cadettes - Ambassadors (The Daisy-Junior activities are appropriate for Cadettes- Ambassadors.)

- Interview someone who was watching TV the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup>.  
What did they see/feel/think about the events that were happening?  
What were the days following September 11<sup>th</sup> like for them?
- Explore [digital exhibitions](#), [interactive timelines](#), and [oral histories](#) from the 9/11 Memorial & Museum.
- Watch first-person accounts of people who were directly impacted by September 11<sup>th</sup> through [webinar stories](#) available from the 9/11 Memorial & Museum.
- Make a collage of photos from September 11<sup>th</sup>. Research when and where the photos were taken.