

TRAVELING EXHIBITS: Japanese American Girl Scouts at Heart Mountain Relocation Camp 1942-1945

After Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, in the name of national security, people with Japanese ancestry, including many U.S. citizens, were uprooted from their homes and businesses and relocated to camps in other regions of the country. The Heart Mountain Relocation Center between Powell and Cody, Wyoming, was home to more than 10,000 Japanese Americans between August 1942 and November 1945. Scouting programs for both boys and girls were prominent throughout the United States during World War II and Heart Mountain Relocation Camp reflected the rest of the United States. World War II was a time in the United States of heightened patriotism and the Girl Scout program fit the model of patriotism for people who were eager to be seen as patriotic Americans.

Size: 24 framed items (17" x 20" ea., 2 crates).

Girl Scouts in front of their headquarters.



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