

5 Stepping Stones

(Arts, Out of Doors, People, Today and Tomorrow, Well Being)

As the Daisies step over the stepping stones, the Leader says:

Stepping stones are for you Daisies,
Cross them while you sing.
Your Daisy days are over now,
Come and join our Brownie ring.

Girls now join the Brownie ring, where they repeat the Promise and are pinned by a sister scout or the leader.

When you were a very young girl
You wore Daisy Girl Scout Blue,
You learned the joy of singing
With Daisy friends so true.
But now that you am older
You will be trying something new,
You will bring along your happy smile
To Brownies we are welcoming you.

The Brownies are in the Brownie Circle and the Bridging Brownies are in the middle.

Now is the time to say good-bye.
Break the ring and away you'll fly.

Brownies then cross over the Bridge to Juniors, they repeat the Promise and are pinned by a sister scout or the leader.

When you were a young girl
You learned through "trying" many things
Now you are ready for new adventures
As Juniors, your ideas can take wings.

Juniors cross over the Bridge to Cadettes, they repeat the Promise and are pinned by a sister scout or the leader.

When you were a young girl you learned a lot of things
By singing, badge work, and helping others
You learned what happiness you can bring
Now you come to Cadettes ready to take a greater part
In Girl Scouting and your community,
And Cadettes is just the start.

A Leader reads to all:

When I hear of young girls who haven't been a Girl Scout
I think of all the wonders That she has never seen.
We've watched you girls grow and marveled at the sight,
Your caring, talents and abilities and using them just right.

THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law

Closing Ceremony: Retire the flags by the Color Guard.

We would like everyone to join us in a big Friendship Circle and sing "Taps" with us.

Thank you for coming.

Adult Candlelight Rededication

Materials: 9 candles, 3 for promise, plus six for value statements

Leader: Today (or tonight) we came in silence as we rededicate ourselves to Scouting. We light three candles signifying the three parts of our Promise as together we renew it.

All: On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Leader: Our opportunity comes to us through value - the right to grow through our experience in the Promise and Law. This candle becomes a bright as we realize our golden opportunities. (light candle)

Adult: On my honor I will TRY. I cannot succeed if I do not try. So I will try, I may not always succeed but I will grow with every new experience as I put into practice the Promise and Law.

Leader: Our goal is to help girls be good citizens today and active citizens tomorrow. (light candle)

Adult: I am proud of God and my country. And on my honor I will try to serve God, my country, and help people at all times to the best of my ability.

Leader: The Scout loves her country and has knowledge of it's relationship to the world. (light candle)

Adult: All women are sisters. We learn that there are many likenesses in all people, but where there are differences we gain exciting opportunities of understanding.

Leader: The pathway of Girl Scouting grows broader and other people become involved. (light candle)

Adult: Others need me. It is good to know that I have skills and knowledge, which can make someone else happier.

Leader: Opportunities to develop into a more capable person are given to the Girl Scout as she assumes her role in the troop and in her patrol. (light candle)

Adult: I am a link in the golden chain of Girl Scouting. It can be no stronger than each link.

Leader: Each Scout is an individual and by keeping herself forever fit, she is better ready to serve others and to enjoy everyday living. (light candle)

Adult: It is my privilege to keep myself physically fit, to live with kind thoughts and unselfish deeds and to keep myself morally strong.

Leader: And so the light grows brighter as it now fills this room and these hearts with the flame of accomplishment.

Pin new leaders, having them each repeat the Promise, if desired.

Submitted by Jacqui Brindlinger

A Symbolic Investiture/Rededication

(This ceremony can also be adapted for use on Thinking Day)

All: Repeat the Girl Scout Promise

Speaker:

Juliette Gordon Low knew well that time flies swiftly,
Today is soon tomorrow,
And all of our tomorrows lie in the hands of our youth
Her gift to youth was Girl Scouting
And her dream a tree of fellowship grown from a tiny seed
She knew the seed would ripen
The tree grew
Nourished by faith
Watered by service
Tended by love

(Light one small candle to light the rest of the candles with)

Girl 1: This candle is for the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low.

Girl 2: We watch the glowing flame with grateful thoughts of Girl Scouts here and abroad who have put their friendship to a special test and found it true.

Girl 3: This candle is for the founder of all Guiding and Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell.

Girl 4: We light the candles of friendship. These are symbols of our pledge as Girl Scouts of friendship to all the world, and a special friendship to Girl Scouts everywhere. The flames are small, but burn steady and bright. We light them with the thoughts of friendship glowing steadily and brightly in our hearts.

Girl 5: This candle is for all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides wherever they may be tonight.

Girl 6: This candle is for service to our country.

Girl 7: This candle is for the hope of peace in every land.

Girl 8: This candle says "Good luck to all who are away from home."

Girl 9: This candle is for the Girl Scout law.

Girl 10: This candle is for the Promise we make as Girl Scouts.

Speaker:

We quench the flame of our candles, but the flame of friendship still glows in our hearts. May we always be true and helpful friends to each other and to all mankind. (Leader pins each girl and gives the Girl Scout handshake)

All candles are extinguished EXCEPT the Juliette Low candle. This candle is put out after the final song.

All: Sing "Girl Scouts Together" (or other appropriate song)

Sing "Green Trees and Taps

A Thinking Day Ceremony

Use any method of production you wish-----one idea would be to have the individual letters on poster board, with the readings accompanying them attached to the back so the girls could read them as they held the cards.

- T** Thinking Day is celebrated February 22nd. This is the birthday of Lady and Lord Baden-Powell, who organized and did so much for scouting.
- H** He, Lord Baden-Powell, founded Boy Scouting in 1907. At a boy rally in 1909, girls appeared, who were most interested in the movement. They wanted in too.
- I** In 1909, as a result of the Boy Scout rally, Lord Baden-Powell founded the Girl Guides of England, out of this grew our own Girl Scouts.
- N** Nothing went very smoothly at first, small companies were formed who did mostly Boy Scout drills and badges. In 1912 the girls had their own handbook.
- K** Knowing little about Girl Guiding, Princess Mary did have an interest and inspected companies on different occasions. She gave many gifts of money to help Girl Guides really get on their feet.
- I** International Council was founded in 1928. This helped bind the Guides closer together. In wars they have done quite a good many things. Their biggest aid was in hospitals and telegraph offices.
- N** No one can ever forget Juliette Low, who founded our Girl Scouts here in America in 1912. She had lived in England and had received her interest there. She was a good friend of Lord and Lady Baden- Powell.
- G** Great was this organization started in Savannah, Georgia, Mrs. Low's main wish, at first, was to have an International Conference in the United States. In May, 1926, at Camp Macy, in New York, twenty-six different countries had this conference.
- D** Day by day this movement, started by Lord Baden-Powell , has increased, not only in size, but also in its activities. Even though girls from different countries do not wear the same color or style uniform, their interest and activities are very similar.
- A** And let us remember that the word "Friendship" means much to all, and "International Friendship" means even more.
- Y** You are a part of this, so let us all join hands in a friendship circle with wishes for all that is good for all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides the world over.

For a closing girls form a friendship Circle and sing "Girls Scouts Together" or "World Song"

Thinking Day is also a good time to contribute to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. The money goes to provide opportunities for the international exchange programs which enables a widening of friendship around the world. It makes it possible for those who are enthusiastic about scouting, have worked hard in their respective communities but, because of finances are unable to afford such an extensive trip to places such as Our Chalet, Macy's, Our Cabana, Olave House and Sangam.

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Adult Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

Leader: Today (or tonight) we come in silence as we rededicate ourselves to Scouting. We light three candles signifying the three parts of our Promise as together we renew it.

All:

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to help people at all times, and to
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Aloha Ceremony

Setting: Girls sit in chairs on platform. Kneelers in front of altar steps draped with raffia table skirts. Card tables with candles and tablecloth in front. Candles lit on altar. Piano bench with pins, leis, vests. Palm trees on poles and hung from altar light area. Pond is set up in front of "bridge".

I. Welcome and explanation of "Aloha" theme.

The Girl Scouts of Troop #_____ welcome you to our bridging and closing ceremony. Our theme tonight is "Aloha". In the Hawaiian language, Aloha means Farewell and Greetings. Leis are given to people arriving and leaving Hawaii. They represent love and friendship. Leis are also used to mark special achievements. Tonight we will say Farewell to those girls who are leaving their troop and bridging to the next level of Girl Scouting. We also Greet our new troop members by presenting them leis as they join new troops.. Tonight we show our love and friendship and celebrate the accomplishments of our sister scouts.

II. Flag ceremony:

III. Prayer:

A Girl Scout's Prayer

Lord, help us to be good Girl Scouts Teach us to love our neighbors Ones whom the world can trust And then to serve them, too. Help us respect our neighbor's rights Help our actions to count, Dear Lord. and never be unjust. In everything we do. Help us as Americans Give us the strength to carry on to be worthy of the flag we bear, and do our part each day and help us as real Girl Scouts. Make a place in this world for us to be proud of the uniform we wear. And help us to fill it, we pray. Help us to be clean, Dear Lord. Make us what we out to be in thought, word and deed. And in Thy footsteps fall, and help us to follow the law Help us to live for others. That is in the Girl Scout creed. O great Leader of us all.

IV: Candle Ceremony performed

V. Court of Awards:

Leaders give brief synopsis of year's activities and hand out Membership Stars, badges, patches. Girls will pick up any badges and patches after the ceremony from their leader.

VII. Brownies Fly-Up:

Brownie Leader Says: "Since you first stood at the magic Brownie pool you have been exploring the world of Brownie Girl Scouting by participating in Try-it activities from the five different worlds. You are just about to become Junior Girl Scouts. In the troop, you will find, Junior Girl Scouts are true and kind. So now I give you Brownie Wings, that you may fly to bigger things." Pins wings on each girl. Girl crosses bridge, stops at end of bridge and knocks 3 times.

Renee says: Who goes there?

Girl: Says her name

Junior: By what rite to you come here?

Girl: By the rite of my wings!

Junior: Enter. Renee pins her with GS pin and shakes hand, welcoming her to Junior Girl Scouts. Vest or sash is presented by "Vest" Junior.??? As she joins Juniors, the "Lei Junior" presents her with her lei and says Aloha.

VIII. Juniors Bridge

Junior: May I present Junior GS _____ who is eager to accept the challenge of Cadette Girl Scouting.

Cadette Girl Scout: I, _____, challenge you _____. To serve your younger sister Girl Scouts, your church, your community and your country as we have served you. If you accept this challenge, I will light your candle in respect, that you will live your challenge to the fullest. Do you accept this Challenge?

Junior: I accept this challenge.

Cadette will then light the Junior's shell candle. The junior will carry the candle over the bridge and leave it on the altar. A leader will present her with her Cadette vest and another Cadette or leader will present her with a lei, saying "aloha".

Girls will sing the song "Aloha my Friends"(our girls sang"Make new Friends")

X. Leader Awards (this is what the troop that made this up did, it can be changed and done or not)

Girl presenter: "We are very proud of our all of our leaders. The Chesapeake Bay Girl Scout Council has awarded the following leaders these adult recognitions"(any awards for adults)

GS In-charge :We would like to thank Cadette_____ for her help in bridging our 6th grade Juniors to Cadette Troop

GS In-Charge: Assembly sings Taps

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American Girl Scout Birthplace Pinning Ceremony

As to your pinning ceremony at the Birthplace... I offer this:

When we took a wider op to Savannah, we had 40 girls plus 8 adults to pin. The Birthplace gives you a slip of paper with the pins. It says:

(copied from Birthplace info)

When a Girl Scout tours the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace, she earns the Birthplace Pin. It is the Official recognition that may be worn only by individuals who have visited Daisy's childhood home. It may be worn forever.

(more here about another special pin..)

Juliette Low said, "Ours is a circle of friendship united by ideals." When you wear the official Birthplace pin, you will tell all our circle that you are a "daughter of the house".

(end of copy)

..... my suggestion would be to summarize the decision, plans, fund raising and trip to the Birthplace. Something like:

'When we voted to visit the Birthplace of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, we had many steps to take before we arrived at our destination. We planned, held _____ to raise the funds for our journey. We have spent ____ hours on the road over ____ days. Look around.... we are here.

(Pause)

Juliette Low once said, "Ours is a circle of friendship united by ideals." (pause) The Merriam-Webster Dictionary includes this as a definition of "ideal": an ultimate object or aim of endeavor : a GOAL. As you receive your pin, you will have a symbol of our unity in achieving our goal, and when you wear the official Birthplace pin, you will tell all in our circle that you are a "daughter of the house."

(Pinning of leaders, by patrol leaders or one another. Pinning of patrol leaders by leader/assistant leader... - - depending upon # of girls in each patrol - - patrol leaders assisted by leader and assistant leader can pin girls within a patrol. Last to be pinned... registered adults who toured the Birthplace with the troop. It is important with large numbers to not pin attendees one-by-one. The ceremony moves smoother in the time allotted.)

Ending... the troop's favorite Girl Scout song or recite the Girl Scout Promise. :)

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Another Daisy Bridging Ceremony

(to Brownie Girl Scouts)

Each Daisy Girl Scout who is Bridging receives a Daisy.

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: These flowers represent the spirit of Girl Scouting. This spirit is often represented with the Daisy, which was our founder, Juliette Low's, nickname.

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: The first three flowers represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To help people at all times

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: And to live by the Girl Scout Law

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: I will do my best: To be honest and fair

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means that you will always tell the truth and that you will share things and take turns with others.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To be friendly and helpful

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means that you will ask a new girl to play with you and when you see a job that needs to be done, and you can do it, you will be willing to help do it.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To be considerate and caring

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means that you will respect the feelings of others and care about how they feel and what they think.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To be courageous and strong

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means you are willing to try new things, even though you may be a little scared and that you will stand for what is right.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To be responsible for what I say and do.

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means that you will be careful about what you say and do so that you don't hurt other people or things.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To respect myself and others

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means you will try to be the best person you can be, and will be courteous to others.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To respect authority

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means you will respect adults, obey the law and will cooperate with others.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To use resources wisely

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means you will try not to waste paper, will turn off the lights, and turn off water faucets after you use them.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To make the world a better place

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means you will help with a neighborhood clean up, put litter in trash cans, and treat all animals kindly.

DAISY GIRL SCOUT: To be a sister to every Girl Scout

OLDER GIRL SCOUT: This means you will be a kind friend to everyone, not just to a few people.

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Another Thinking Day Ceremony

The Scouts stand in a circle or horseshoe with ten candles in the center, arranged in the form of a trefoil. As each girl representing a country steps forward to say one part of the Law, she lights one of the candles.

Narrator: Today is Thinking Day, the joint birthday of our founders, the late Lord Baden-Powell, and his wife, our World Chief Guide. On this day Guides and Scouts everywhere gather to think of their Sister Guides throughout the world, and to send them greetings. In our international family we are bound together by the unseen chain of our three fold Promise and the Guide Law. Let us now bring in the Law in the words of other countries. This is the first law from Sweden.

1st girl: A girl guide speaks the truth and keeps her word.

Narrator: The second law from Finland

2nd girl: A guide is loyal and respects the convictions of others.

Narrator: The third law from Argentina.

3rd girl: A Guide serves and helps other people without expecting reward or praise.

Narrator: The fourth law from Norway.

4th girl: A guide is friendly to all and a good comrade.

Narrator: The fifth law from Australia.

5th girl: The girl guide is grateful and courteous.

Narrator: The sixth law from Austria.

6th girl: A guide sees God in nature and therefore protects plants and animals.

Narrator: The seventh law from Haiti

7th girl: A guide obeys without question and does nothing in halves.

Narrator: The eight law from Belgium.

8th girl: The guide is always good-tempered.

Narrator: The ninth law from Italy.

9th girl: A guide is hardworking and thrifty, and takes care of other people's property.

Narrator: The Tenth law from Luxembourg.

10th girl: A guide has self-respect.

Narrator: These are our laws. We try hard to keep them so that the spirit of guiding may bring light into the world, even as our candles bring light into the room. While each part of the law is followed, the flame of the Girl Guide spirit will never die.

Ashes Ceremony

posted by Bev Walkling
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FOUR SPIRITS OPENING:

Obtain silence with a raised hand. Each entered from the appropriate compass point and said their reading.

North: I am the spirit of the North where the great game of Guiding began.

South: I am the spirit of the South and I spread the love of Scouting & Guiding to the world.

East: I am the spirit of the East and I spread the friendship of Scouting & Guiding to the world.

West: I am the spirit of the West and I spread the worth of Guiding & Scouting to the world.

All: Together we join in the fire of friendship.

ASHES CEREMONY:

Ashes taken from a campfire are sprinkled into the flames of the next campfire. The next morning, when the ashes are cold, they are stirred and each Scout takes some along to mix with her next campfire.

"We carry our friendship with us in these ashes from campfires with other comrades in other lands. May the joining of the dead fires with the leaping flames symbolize once more the unbroken chain that binds Scouts and Guides around the world. With greetings from Scouts of the United States, Guiders from Canada, England, and New Zealand, and everywhere."

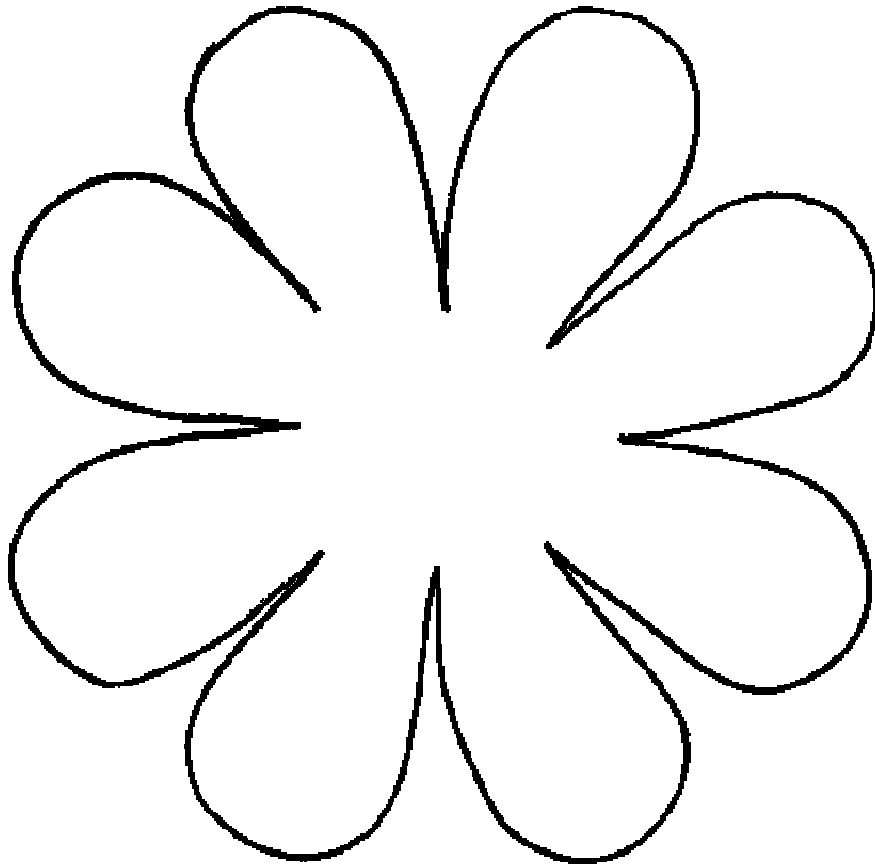
If more than one Scout brings ashes to the same campfire, the lists are pooled, with the dates and places of all campfires recorded and passed on. It is traditional that only those present at the ceremony carry away ashes from that ceremony.

"Each of you present here will receive a portion of these campfire ashes to keep the chain of sisterhood continuing forever. We hope you will carry these ashes further on the journey around the world, and share them again and again."

Bouquets of Badges

Present badge Daisies at your next Court of Awards. Use or adapt the pattern shown here. Cut "daisies" from colored construction paper (red for Well Being badges, blue for People badges, yellow for Out-of-Doors badges, etc.) Use double sided tape or staple badges to the center of each flower. The girls' name, troop number, etc. can be written on the daisy petals.

Girls who have earned several badges can be awarded "bouquets." Add a wire stem and leaves and place in a vase and you have a table decoration for your ceremony.



Bridge to Cadettes Ceremony

(for Bridging Juniors)

All are standing in horseshoe formations. All repeat the Girl Scout promise

Leader: (a poem)

The trail of Scouting winds wide and long
From Brownies and Beanies and sit-upons
To campouts and Juniors and Badges to earn
So much to do, so much to learn
Then over the bridge and on the Cadettes
With memories and pleasures we'll never forget
Now (girl's names), Scouts tried and true
Cross over the bridge, we give them to you
A gift of a girl is a precious thing
Take care and great joy they will bring

Junior leader presents each girl with Bridge to Cadettes patch and a candle with a silk daisy attached. Cadettes cross over the bridge. After all girl are in the horseshoe:

Leader: The daisy symbolizes your dedication to the Girl Scout Movement, which was started by our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, and began in our country on March 12, 1912. Juliette Low's nickname was Daisy. You are following in her footsteps as you become a unique and caring influence in today's and tomorrow's world.

Have on table - 1 candle for each world color (red, orange, yellow, blue, and purple) and a green candle representing Girl Scouting. Also, need one more white candle with a daisy.

Have Cadettes light appropriate candles and read the following scripts:

While lighting white candle w/daisy (this candle is used to light all other colors):

The light of Cadettes I share with you as you explore the Girl Scout World through Interest Projects, Service, Career Exploration, and leadership opportunities.

While lighting the red candle:

The red candle stands for the World of Well-Being, which helps young women understand themselves, their values, needs, emotions, and strengths, while also being aware of what it takes to be physically fit.

While lighting the orange candle:

The orange candle stands for the World of Today and Tomorrow, which lets a young woman look into the how's and why's of things, to solve problems and to recognize the ways their present interests can build toward future ones.

While lighting the yellow candle:

The yellow candle stands for the World of the Out-of-Doors. Explorations in this world can help a young woman to enjoy and appreciate her natural environment and to take action to protect and preserve her world and environment.

While lighting the blue candle:

The blue candle stands for the World of People. This world can help a young woman to build pride in her own heritage, while appreciating the uniqueness of each culture and the common theme of all peoples.

While lighting the purple candle:

The purple candle stands for the World of the Arts. To develop a personal taste and appreciation for the many art forms and things of beauty in the world around them.

After each Color of the Worlds candle is lit, light the green candle saying:

From the light of the Five Worlds, may your Girl Scout world ever grow

Then, each girl takes her white candle and lights it from the green one as the leader says:
From the Girl Scout Worlds, take your light into the world and let it shine forth with love and knowledge.

All girls return to horseshoe. Sing an appropriate song, such as "Girl Scouts Together" or "Whene'er You Make A Promise"

Bridge to Senior Girl Scouts Ceremony

as performed by Amy B. and Jennifer

Bridge to Senior Girl Scouts Ceremony (for Bridging Cadettes)

Cadettes should be in a horseshoe on one side of the bridge, and a Senior or Seniors on the other side of the bridge. After the cadettes cross the bridge and are met and given the Girl Scout handshake by the Senior Scout(s), they should then form a horseshoe with the Senior(s).

Leader:

"When you are a Senior Scout, your life is filled with action. In addition to group activities, Seniors have many individual opportunities coming their way. You can take part in special events and activities planned by Seniors for Seniors. You can be a delegate or a member of the Council board and help plan council activities. You may be selected for one of the many Wider Opportunities open to Girl Scouts each year. And you can now begin work on the Gold Leadership Award and the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts. We invite you to get involved!"

Need eight white candles in holders. New Seniors may alternate lighting candles and saying the parts of the following pledge:

I pledge as a Senior Scout to:

1. Uphold the highest ideals of womanhood as expressed in the Promise and Law
2. Be thoughtful and considerate and assume my share of responsibility in the activities of my troop
3. Be a better citizen of my community and prepare myself for the duties and responsibilities of adult citizenship in a democracy
4. Realize my deep commitment to volunteer my services wherever and whenever needed
5. Keep myself healthy and the world around me as safe as I can make it
6. Seek new knowledge and the skill to use it
7. Increase my knowledge and understanding of the peoples of the world toward the goal of peace
8. Prepare myself for the future

Return to horseshoe

Leader:

As you begin your Senior journey to the Gold Award - we give you a gold key to help you unlock the doors to the Five Worlds of Girl Scouting. Keys have quite a history. They were first used back in Biblical times. They were quite large and made of wood; they were carried as a sign of prestige. We hope that you will carry your key as proudly as the first keys were carried - and that this key will open many doors and worlds in your Senior years of Scouting.

Welcome to Senior Scouts.

Bridge to Seniors Ceremony #3

(for Cadettes bridging to Seniors)

The speaking parts can be split up into a few more parts if you have more girls available. This ceremony can be adapted to bridge girls into Adult Scouting with a few wording changes

Senior Scout Speaker:

Tonight we Seniors celebrate with these Cadettes who are ready to bridge into Senior Girl Scouting. It is our aim during this evening to see that you have a glimpse into the different options of the Senior Girl Scouting program and that we can get to know each other. We know that you have prepared yourselves well and will want to use your experiences to extend your knowledge and to explore new interests. We know too, that you will adhere to the belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law which underlies the activities in the Senior Program. May we all repeat the Girl Scout Promise and Law together.

Senior Scout:

There are so many worlds to explore! There is the World of Yourself, partly known, but still full of mysteries and surprises. There is the World of People, like you and unlike you, girls and boys, men and women, little children and senior citizens. There is the World of the Out-of-Doors, and there are the worlds of laughter and beauty and career and growing up to be a woman.

Speaker:

It now gives us much pleasure to present you with a gift to represent your bridging from Cadettes to Seniors. As your name is called, will you please come forward to receive your gift.

Speaker: (after all girls have received gifts)

Let us be friends in everything of duty and of play
And in whatever other deeds we do from day to day
Let us be kind and generous to those who cross our path
And not allow ourselves to live in jealousy or wrath
Let us consider what we have and how much we can spare
To spread the sunshine with us to others everywhere
For, after all, our happiness to some degree depends
On how we go about the task of comforting our friends
So let us follow friendliness with every step we take
And do some worthy deed each day for someone else's sake

Close with an appropriate song

Gift ideas:

Daisies

Yellow Roses

Personalized I.D Pin

Membership Star

Part of the Senior Uniform

Certificate

Bridging Patch

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Bridging Guides to Pathfinders

Bridge: with blue and yellow streamers at Guide end and Green and yellow at the Pathfinder end. You can also have pennants hanging over the side of the bridge saying "Law" "Promise" "Be Prepared", "World", "Outdoors" "Home", "Camping", and "Community"

The Guide Guider has a supply of green candles, each with a girl's name on it.

Guide Guiders say: The Guide program has taught you new skills and experiences that will help you mature to become responsible, resourceful and happy member of society. We have watched with pride as (name girls) have progressed through the Guide programme. You are now ready to go on to Pathfinders to meet new challenges and make new friends.

We are proud of (name girls) they are fine examples of Girl Guides. We wish them all the best as they continue in Pathfinders. We would like to present each of you with the Pathfinder Program book to help you with these new challenges.

"What promise did you make as a Guide?"

The Guides then says their promise together. They are then asked if they are ready to cross the Bridge and they are then presented with a green candle and wished "The best of luck and good guiding." They then proceed to cross the bridge.

They are met at the end of the Bridge by a Pathfinder who says: "Welcome to my Pathfinder World come and light your candle and join our group.

The Pathfinder Guider then welcomes the girls, lights their candles from hers and says: "Take your light into the world and let it shine forth with love and knowledge."

The other Pathfinders then read the following and light candles: Use circles of cardboard with the following written on them and ask the girls to speak up nice and loud so everyone can hear.

First Pathfinder: Our promise and Law help us to develop personal values and teach us to respect ourselves and help others.

Second Pathfinder: The pathway of camping and outdoors lead to new experiences and outdoor adventure.

Third Pathfinder: The community pathway leads to new friends and fun. As we take this pathway, we learn that by helping others, we make ourselves happier too.

Fourth Pathfinder: The home and world pathways give us new skills so that we will "Be Prepared" to give service and help whenever we can.

Sing one verse of "On My Honour" then hum another verse and blow out the candles one by one at the end.

Wendy Baker

Sparks Guider, Pathfinder Guider, Craft Trainer, Potential Trainer, Chair of Division Composite Camp, District Commissioner Central Area, Ganaraska Division, Sugarbush District

Bridging in Auditorium

We've done Neighborhood bridging ceremonies for several years now. I think they're very effective in keeping older girls. We hold our event in the auditorium of a local middle school. Our Neighborhood Chair had a wooden bridge built for the event when we first started having these ceremonies. We use it year after year.

The most effective one was when a graduating Senior Girl Scout read a poem about all the things she had done over the years in Girl Scouts (about every other line mentioned selling cookies!).

We start with the Daisies. Their leader stands on the left side of the bridge (from the audience viewpoint) with the Daisies. A few Brownie leaders and Brownies stand on the right side of the bridge. The Daisy leader hands each girl her pin and they have a Brownie leader or a Brownie pin it on them (upside down until they do a good deed). It goes up the levels then, Brownies welcomed by Juniors, Juniors welcomed by Cadettes and Cadettes welcomed by Seniors.

We emphasize to the leaders that this does not replace their troop end of the year ceremony. We do not hand out any individual badges or awards during this (it would take all night!). We invite all girls in the Neighborhood and just the parents of the ones who are bridging (due to seating limitations).

Donna Bogert
Penn Laurel Girl Scout Council (York, PA, USA)
Junior & Cadette Leader, Neighborhood Leadership Coordinator,
Group Challenge Course Facilitator, Mom!

Bridging Pathfinders to Rangers

Now our Pathfinders are ready to move on to Rangers. The Link between these groups is our mutual promise and law, by which these girls have lived and we wish to prepare them a pathway.

Your life lies before you
Like a path of new fallen snow
Be careful how you tread it
For every step will show.

Rangers meet them saying:

The Pathfinders are here,
Your hands we'll take
With a smile of cheer Good Rangers make
So now you change to red from green
And we're always here to help you through.

Sing "Make New Friends"

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Bridging Sparks to Brownies

(Adapted for GGC)

Stacy
Vista, California

Mary, Jr. Troop 770, McKean, Pennsylvania: I asked for this a couple weeks ago and Sallie Zeil sent me a copy. I will paraphrase the ceremony here. The original came from Stacey in Vista, CA.

Paint a large box (from a range top) like an oven. Call it the Little Brownie Bakery, with dials and a rainbow. Cut a door on each side and a large hole in the back. On one door was a recipe for a Brownie. Some of the ingredients were a Spark, Brownie Promise, fun, new friends, songs, games. The recipe said to "spend a year slowly preparing your Spark by adding the above ingredients and when the time is right, check for a desire to learn new things, sprinkle with magic (glitter or I might use confetti) add one last hug and pop in the oven".

Before each girl stepped into the oven, she said her Promise, was sprinkled with glitter and got a hug. Inside she put on her sash and when the timer went off she stepped out the other side as a Brownie. Leaders could also wear aprons and oven mitts.

Brownie Enrollment - UK

Vicky White
United Kingdom

Firstly the Brownies all stand in a semi-circle. Parents sitting in the gap and Guiders at the top of the semi circle. The Guider in charge then briefly tells the Brownie story (mainly for the benefit of the parents).

The sixer of the Brownie about to make her promise then Leads her to the Guider.

She (sixer) says: "This is and she wants to be a Brownie"

The Guider then says: "Will you please take her to the magic pool"

The Sixer then leads the Brownie in and out of the Brownies arms (as in 'in and out the dusty blue bell') their arms are like the trees in the forest.

In the centre of the horse-shoe there is some-thing on the floor that resembles a pool. Either a large mirror of some-thing covered in tin foil. For effect you can also make grass, flowers etc.

The sixer then takes the new Brownie to the pool and while the sixer turns her round three times.

The pack says: "Twist me and turn me and show me the elf. I looked in the water, and there saw....."

New Brownie: The new Brownie then leans over, sees her face and says "Myself!"

The sixer then leads her back to the Guider and steps back a few paces.

Guider: "Do you know the meaning of the promise?"

New Brownie: "Yes"

Guider: "You know that when you make a promise you must keep it?"

New Brownie: "Yes"

Guider: "Are you ready to make your promise as a Brownie?"

New Brownie: "Yes"

The Brownie then says her promise.

Guider: "Do you know the Brownie Guide Law?"

Brownie: "Yes"

Guider: "Can you please now say the Brownie Guide Law"

The Brownie then says the law and the Guider pins on her promise badge. Whilst pinning on her promise badge the Guider says some-thing privately to the girl along the lines of, "I trust you to keep that promise at home, school" etc. This is normally some-thing personal to the girl.

The Brownie then turns around to face the pack and the Guider says, "..... is now a member of the pack" and every-one salutes.

Brownie Fly-up

Brownie fly-ups tend to follow this basic flow:

Brownie troop in horseshoe on one side of bridge; receiving Junior troop on other side.

Brownie leader says a few words, then calls the girls one-by-one

Sometimes the Brownie takes off her sash/vest and gives to Brownie leader who sometimes gives the girl a flower Brownie starts across the bridge, stops at apex to say something:

Make a wish for the world and dropped 'wishing dust' into the 'well'

Stated what she is looking forward to as Juniors

Reflect on Brownie experience

Reflect on a girl-determined theme, such as friendship

Brownie continues across the bridge and is greeted by 1 or 2 Juniors who give her a GS handshake, welcome her to Juniors, and put on her vest/sash. Sometimes the sash is made from ribbon. All of her pins, badges, etc. are on one thing which makes the ceremony move faster than having the girls struggle with pins.

Finally, the girls all together sing some song.

Sample Brownie Fly-up, Speaking Parts

[Scouts form two horseshoes facing each other, juniors in one, brownies in the other with the bridge separating them.]

BROWNIE LEADER:

"Brownies, you are just about
To become a Junior Scout.
Next year you will find
that Junior Scouts are true and kind.
So now I give you Brownie Wings
so you may fly to bigger things."

[She pins the wings on each brownie.]

[Brownies all take a few steps forward.]

JUNIOR LEADER:

"Hello there. Who are you all dressed in brown with such cheerful smiles and not one frown?"

BROWNIES:

"We are the Brownies and we like to have fun.
Junior Scouts we'd like to become."

JUNIOR LEADER:

"By what right do you ask?"

BROWNIES:

"By the right of our wings." [Point to wings]

JUNIOR LEADER:

"We welcome you to Juniors. Please cross the bridge one at a time."

[As each girl crosses, she is met by the Junior Leader and a Junior Scout. She is given her Junior Pin and lead to the Junior horseshoe by the Junior Scout.]

[After all the brownies are in the Junior horseshoe:]

JUNIOR SCOUTS:

"Welcome to Junior Girl Scouts

your a Brownie nevermore.

We'll have lots of fun and lots of games

as we teach you Girl Scout lore.

WELCOME BROWNIES!"

[All sing, "Make New Friends"]

Brownie Girl Scout Fly-Up

(to Junior Girl Scouts)

A Brownie Girl Scout "flies up" to Junior Girl Scouting in the spring, and receives her Brownie Wings. If possible, have your fly-up ceremony with a Junior troop in your Service Unit. Often all age groups of Girl Scouts are involved, including the parents.

NEEDS:

- **Order your Brownie Wings ahead of time, also your Girl Scout pins and Membership Stars and green disc if you plan to present them now.**
- **Brown construction paper, cut to represent stones, or paper bags cut the same way. Write a Girl Scout Law on each one.**
- **Refreshments (optional)**

The Brownie Girl Scouts sit on one side of the room in a Brownie Ring, and the Junior Girl Scouts sit in a horseshoe (always make the open end toward the audience) on the other side of the room. Place your Stepping Stones between the two groups and tape them down to the floor.

Everyone sings "Girl Scouts Together", found in the Girl Scout Pocket Songbook (or others)

Girl Scouts together, that is our song
Winding the old trail, rocky and long
Learning our motto, living our creed
Girl Scouts together in every good deed

Brownie Leader:

You've been a Brownie and you've earned your wings of sunlight gold

Now you're ready for Junior Girl Scouts, new adventures you've been told

(The girls all stand)

Brownie Leader:

I would like to present my Brownie Girl Scouts their wings; they are ready to fly-up to the next level of Girl Scouting. As I call your name, would you please come forward? (as they come forward, pin on their wings).

Junior Leader:

Each step of Junior Girl Scouting can be filled with fun and adventure. As a troop, we would like to welcome you.

The Brownies walk on the stepping stones and enter the horseshoe. With the Brownies facing the Juniors, the Girl Scout Sign is made and the girls recite the Girl Scout Promise.

Have the Brownies and Juniors face one another, and walk forward to the stepping stone with the first Girl Scout Law printed on it and have the two girls say the Law. Now the next pair of girls come and stand on Law #2; continue until all the Laws are said. If there are not enough girls in the two troops, they may have to do this as single girls instead of in pairs.

Junior Leader:

With the help of (Brownie Leader's Name) we would like to present our new Juniors with the Girl Scout membership pin. (pin on Girl Scout Pins). At this time you may also wish to give the girls their Membership Stars and green disc.

Brownie Leader:

We will now all sing "Make New Friends"

Make new friends, but keep the old
One is silver and the other's gold
A circle is round, it has no end
That's how long I want to be your friend

Junior Leader:

Junior Girl Scouts you'll be for a few short years

Make the most of each day that goes by
Be cheerful and helpful and do a good turn
And greet each Girl Scout with a Hi!

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Brownie's Gold Walk

Room setting: Room should resemble woods with a "golden" trail marking the way to the Brownie Woods. In the woods is a wise old owl (paper) in a tree. The trail may be made of construction paper, cardboard, or crepe paper. Be creative.

Girls to be invested proceed down "path" accompanied by other members of the troop, girls from sister troop, or the leader may lead the girls. At each obstacle, girls tell about Brownie Scouting, earning their way to the Brownie Woods. The leader or girls may help with the answer.

Girl Scout Member or Leader:

Come along and take my hand

We'll follow the path to Brownie Land
To find the woods, we'll walk the golden mile
But first, sing a song about a Brownie smile
(Girls sing "The Brownie Smile Song")

Obstacle may be a chair to climb over, etc.

Girl Scout Member or Leader:

Becoming a Brownie is a special thing

We do our business in a Brownie _____
(New girls answer "Ring")

Obstacle should resemble a door (strips hung from the ceiling will work)

Girl Scout Member or Leader:

This is the door to the Brownie woods
Knock, then answer the way you should.
(new girls "knock" on the door)

Leader: "Who comes to the Brownie woods?"

Brownies-to-be: "We do"

Leader: "What do you want?"

Brownies-to-be: "We want to be Brownie Girl Scouts"

Leader: Then enter the magic woods

New scouts enter the woods. Leader takes each girl to the pond, one by one. All Brownies in the woods repeat as she is twisted:

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf
I looked in the water and saw _____"

Girl: Myself!

Leader: Now is the time your Promise to make
But first give me the Sign and Shake

All new girls give the leader the Girl Scout Sign and handshake.

The new Girl Scouts say the Girl Scout Promise together

Leader pins the girls' Brownie pins on her upside down and says:
Now your a special Brownie Scout
With your first good deed, turn your pin about.

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Brownie Investiture

(Light Humor)

Three Brownies:

1. Carries a big sign saying "I am an Owl"
2. Carries a big sign saying "I am a Tree"
3. Carries a smaller sign saying "So Am I"

Leader enters with three or four Brownies and all repeat the Promise

They will form a horseshoe on stage so that at the conclusion of the Law all can repeat the Promise and sing a short song.

NARRATOR:

In Girl Scouting we have one Law with ten parts.

I will do my best to be honest and fair

(Three girls enter with each holding a glass and one holding a bottle of opened pop. She pours a little into each glass making sure they are equal and says "Now let's be as fair as we can about this")

I will do my best to be friendly and helpful

(A Brownie enters with a lop-sided cake and proudly announces that she helped her mother make this lovely cake. Mother enters with flour all over her and her hair a mess and a general disheveled appearance)

I will do my best to be considerate and caring

(Two girls appear in archway and take turns saying "You go first - No you go first" Repeat about four times then both crowd through archway together)

I will do my best to be courageous and strong

(Two girls enter, one wielding a whip and a chair, like she is taming a lion, the other lifting a "heavy" object over her head)

I will do my best to be responsible for what I say and do

(One or two girls enter carrying stuffed "pets", pretending that they are real. They are feeding, watering, brushing and walking them. They also talk to them lovingly.)

I will do my best to respect myself and others

(Three girls enter, each holding a small hand mirror. Looking into the mirror, they say to themselves "I respect you, I respect you, I respect you". They then turn to each other and repeat the same thing.)

I will do my best to respect authority

(Three girls and an older scout. The girls form a straight line. The older girl gives orders such as "About face" "Left face" "Right face". Each girl turns in opposite direction for general confusion)

I will do my best to use resources wisely

(A Scout dressed VERY outlandishly such as purple socks, green skirt, red sweater, blue blouse, etc., with everything fitting very poorly.)

She says:

My mother sent me shopping, now wasn't that very nice
I got all these lovely bargains at half their normal price

I will do my best to make the world a better place

(Some girls enter with pet rocks and potted plants. One shows others the new house she just made for her pet rock. Others talk to their plants, etc.)

I will do my best to be a sister to every Girl Scout

(Two girls enter wearing outfits with the sleeves and skirts sewn together)

They then say (in unison)

Some people say sisters argue
I'm sure this you've heard
But the thing that describes us best
You'll find, inseparable's the word

Everyone repeats the Girl Scout Promise and sings "Girl Scouts Together"

Brownie-level New Law Ceremony

Leader: At every meeting, we open by saying the pledge of allegiance and the Girl Scout Law. We don't say the promise as often, so it isn't as well known by our girls, but we try to incorporate the values of the promise into all we do with the Troop.

Brownies, you know that each week we promise to "obey the Girl Scout Law". Each candle that you hold represents a part of that Law. When only one candle is lit, it is just a small, flickering light, but when every candle is lit, we have a bright light. It's the same with you. If you only obey one of the parts of the Girl Scout Law, you have a tiny flicker of being a good Brownie Girl Scout, but if you obey all parts of the Girl Scout Law, you become a bright and shining Brownie Girl Scout.

(Co-leader), will you please light my candle? (Lights it) I will pass this flame to each Brownie after they explain the Girl Scout Law. (Then turn and light candle of the next speaker after she reads her part.)

2nd speaker: I will do my best to be Honest and Fair -- This means I will never tell a lie, and that I will treat all people the same, even my brothers and sisters. (Turn and light the candle of the next speaker after next speaker finishes)

3rd speaker: I will do my best to be Friendly and Helpful -- I will always help out at home, at school, in Girl Scouts or where ever I can. I will also have a smiling, friendly face when I help. (Continue lighting candles)

4th speaker: I will do my best to be Considerate and Caring -- A good Brownie will notice when other people may be sad, lonely, or not feeling good. I will be kind to those people and care for them as best as I can.

5th speaker: I will do my best to be Courageous and Strong -- When we do new things, sometimes we are scared, but Brownies learn to not be afraid. None of us are afraid to camp out in the woods! I will also stand up for what I believe, too.

6th speaker: I will do my best to be Responsible for What I Say and Do -- You have to be careful what you say, because you can hurt people's feelings. If you are not responsible for what you do, you can break or damage things, too. A Brownie Girl Scout is responsible for everything she says and does.

7th speaker: I will do my best to Respect Myself and Others -- Each of us are special people. I am proud of what I do. I also respect other people, even if they believe in different things than I do.

8th speaker: I will do my best to Respect Authority -- Everyone in our Brownie Troop respects authority. We listen to our parents, our teachers and our leaders. We also respect people like police officers, our clergy, and other adults.

9th speaker: I will do my best to Use Resources Wisely -- All Brownie Girl Scouts know it is important to recycle to protect our environment. When we go camping, or anywhere else, we always leave the area better than when we found it.

10th speaker: I will do my best to Make the World a Better Place -- Even though we are small girls, each of us can do things to make the world better. For instance, we collected food to help people who are hungry.

11th speaker: I will do my best to Be a Sister to Every Girl Scout -- All the Brownies in our troop are friends and we always make sure we take care of each other and treat each other with respect and friendship.

12th speaker: That is what the Girl Scout Law is all about. Would all Brownies please join me in the Girl Scout Promise: On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Brownie Pond Investiture

Props Needed: Brownie Girl Scout "Pond" (can be constructed from a piece of cardboard covered with foil and border with greenery, or use a mirror and border with greenery, or use a real one!) Also need Brownie Pins for each new member. They can be placed on the floor by the pond.

Lay pond on the floor in the middle of the ceremony area. If desired, new members can be sent outside with the assistant leader. If new girls stay in the room, they should be on one side of the pond and the other girls should be on the other. All stand or sit around the "pond" and then the leader says the magic words:

Cross your little fingers, stand upon your toes
That's a bit of magic every Brownie knows
Now we all are standing in a forest glade
Listen very carefully, see the magic made

If the new Brownies have been sent outside, the girls knock on the door

The leader with the troop asks: "Who comes to the Brownie woods?"

Brownies-to-be: "We do"

Leader: "What do you want?"

Brownies-to-be: "We want to be Brownie Girl Scouts"

The leader may ask why, and the girls may give their own reasons (help them prepare them before the ceremony if you plan on asking).

Then they enter and gather around the pond.

At this point you may have a simple dramatization of the Brownie Story by the older Brownies or the leader may tell or read the story to the girls.

Leader: Who comes first (or next) to the Magic Pond?

Co-Leader: (Reads girls names, one by one, alphabetically)

Leader: Turns girls, one by one, while saying:

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf
I looked in the water and saw _____"

Girl: Myself!

Leader pins on Brownie Pin, gives the girl the Girl Scout handshake and welcomes her to Girl Scouting.

After each girl receives her pin, the Leader says:

Uncross your little fingers, down from off your toes
Then the magic goes away, everybody knows

Older Brownies can help clean up the "magic" while the leader sings this song:
(Sung to the tune of London Bridge)

Weave the magic in and out, in and out, in and out
Weave the magic in and out, for we are Brownies
We have tidied everything, everything, everything
We have tidied everything, for we are Brownies

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Brownie Thinking Day Ceremony

This is the Thinking Day ceremony I used to use with my Brownie Pack in England. It was originally the ceremony my Mum used to use when I was a Brownie in her Pack, and is one of those wonderful timeless ceremonies that keep their magic no matter how long they've been around.

The Brownies sit in a circle. In the middle is a picture of the World badge, map of the world, or anything else you think is appropriate. The leader begins by talking about what Thinking Day is, why it is February 22nd, and how there are Brownies in lots of countries across the world. If you have a picture of the world badge, it is also an ideal time to introduce it to the Brownies, explain who can wear it and why we wear it, and what the different parts of it mean.

For the second part, each Brownie is given a nite-light (small, short, fat candle!) on a foil tray. An adult (or sometimes, even an older responsible Brownie) lights all the candles, and switches the lights off. This is also a good point to demonstrate how to light a match and candle! Each Brownie is also given a piece of card with the name of a country on it that has Guides / Girl Scouts. In turn, each Brownie picks up her candle and card, walks to the middle of the circle, says 'I'm thinking about Brownies in ... ', put the candle and card down, and goes back to her place. (One variation I have heard, is to light the candles one by one in the middle of the circle, so that they don't have to be carried.) At this point, each Brownie can also give in her donation (traditionally a shiny Thinking Day penny) in to a pot. The leader finishes off by thinking of all the other countries in WAGGGS, and scattering the names all around the circle of candles (the Brownies are always impressed by how many countries there are!)

At the end of the ceremony, sing songs by candle-light - my Brownies always remember this bit the most, and the Parents were equally impressed when they came to pick them up.

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Ex Guider and Adviser, UK

Brownie Try-It Ceremony

Decorate the ceremony site with samples of the activities girls did to complete Try-Its; or have girls draw pictures of Try-It activities they did.

Leader:

To complete a Brownie Try-It, girls choose and do four activities in one of forty Try-Its. There are forty Try-Its, eight in each of the five Worlds of Interest. Today we are celebrating the completion of the _____ Try-It(s) in the World(s) of _____. Let's tell about what we tried and learned.

Ask each girl to name one thing they tried to do as part of a Try-It activity. Girls may hold up samples of their work, etc. Present each girl with her Try-It patch(s).

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Brownies Adventure To Guides

Brownies in ring

Presentation by Brown Owl of any insignia the girls have earned in Brownies and their Brownie Fun and Adventure Pin. (Have all the girls line up beside Brown Owl and have Brown Owl move down the line presenting the badges and pins so that the girls face the audience.)

Brown Owl says: "Now your adventure to Guides Begins follow me into the centre of the Brownie Ring. "

(Girls advancing in middle and girls staying on outside).

2nd Leader says: Do you want to do the Grand Howl to show how proud you are of being Brownies?

All: Grand Howl

3rd Leader: Let's all say our Brownie promise.

(make sign)

I promise to do my best, To be true to myself, my God and Canada
I will help other people, And Keep the Brownie Law.

Each of the Brownies who are staying have butterflies and the girls going on to Guides go around the circle and collect their butterflies.

Blue for World Friendship
Green for Our Environment
Pink for the beauty of the out of doors
White for helping others

These can be cut out of the coloured construction paper with the word written on them. Have each girl who is staying have one of each colour to hand out as you say:

4th Leader says:

Here is a Blue Butterfly to represent World Friendship
Here is a Green Butterfly to represent Our Environment
Here is a Pink Butterfly to represent the beauty of the out of doors
Here is a White Butterfly to represent helping others

"Now that you have all your Butterflies to remind of you of some of the things you have learned in Brownies, it is time for you to have a rest under the toadstool."

When the girls advancing are all pretending to be asleep under the toadstool the rest of the Brownies tiptoe in and remove the toadstool and make a circle around the toadstool leaving the Brownies asleep. The Guides tiptoe in and form a horseshoe around the Brownies leaving the opening where the Guide Guider is standing. The Patrol leaders then one at a time touch the Brownie on the shoulder to awaken them and take them to their Guider.

Guide Guider will say: Welcome to Guides. Here is your Passport to Guides, please take it home and keep it over the summer to remind you to come back to Guides next fall.

NOTE:

After all the ceremonies have all the Girls and Leaders joint hand and do snail and then with hands still joined sing Make New Friends.

Then refreshments will be served

Ceremony made up by Wendy Baker
May, 1996

Building the Girl Scout Pin

(Contemporary)

Girl 1: Our pin is symbolic of our fundamental beliefs. Beliefs which have not changed since our beginning, although methods change with the times. Beliefs which help each girl attain the highest development of which she is capable. This pin is in the shape of a trefoil, meaning three-fold, and reminds us of the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

All: "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country..."

Girl 2: We learn to find God in nature, to recognize spiritual values as more important than material ones, to seek the beautiful, and to see God in other people. Girl Scouts learn devotion to and seek pride in their country.

All: "On my honor, I will try: to help people at all times..."

Girl 3: In her consideration for others, a Girl Scout learns to give generous, selfless service. She comes to realize that service to others is an expression of dedication to people.

All: "On my honor, I will try: to live by the Girl Scout Law."

Girl 4: The Girl Scout Law is a guide for daily living - stated simply enough for a young girl to apply to her own life, profound enough to serve as a measuring post for adults. Think about the people you admire; what makes you admire them? Friendliness, dependability, enthusiasm to serve. These are the qualities that the Girl Scout Law helps us attain.

Girl 5: Tying together all parts of the Promise and serving as its foundation is the fact that we pledge on our honor to try. When we are discouraged, when we have made mistakes, our Promise reminds us that the best we can do is to keep on trying with a sincere effort. We do more than believe in our Promise, we try to live by it. Our pin is symbolic of our Promise, and we are here to explain the parts of our pin tonight.

Girl 6: Our pin retains the original trefoil. However, Girl Scouting is changing and we want the public to see what we are today, so we present a new symbol, a new face for Girl Scouting.

All: We are contemporary

Girl 7: Girl Scouting offers informal and useable education to help prepare us to live in a world of fast changing needs and resources. The open edges of the trefoil signify our openness and flexibility to change. The three faces face to the right - to the future.

All: We are pluralistic

Girl 8: Girl Scouting is available to all girls. We must commit ourselves to a goal of racial, cultural, and socio-economic diversity and respect and appreciate that diversity.

All: We are independent

Girl 9: Through new concepts of volunteerism, Girl Scouting is a major organization - locally, nationally, and worldwide - will help us grow and develop values and achieve our full potential.

Girl 12:

There is a destiny that makes us brothers

None goes his way alone

All that we send into the lives of others

Comes back into our own

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Building the Girl Scout Pin

(Traditional)

As each girl says her part, lighting a candle can be symbolic of the three parts of the Promise and the ten parts of the Law.

Girl 1: Our pin is symbolic of our fundamental beliefs. Beliefs which have not changed since our beginning, although methods change with the times. Beliefs which help each girl attain the highest development of which she is capable. This pin is in the shape of a trefoil, meaning three-fold, and reminds us of the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

All: "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country..."

Girl 2: We learn to find God in nature, to recognize spiritual values as more important than material ones, to seek the beautiful, and to see God in other people. Girl Scouts learn devotion to and seek pride in their country.

All: "On my honor, I will try: to help people at all times..."

Girl 3: In her consideration for others, a Girl Scout learns to give generous, selfless service. She comes to realize that service to others is an expression of dedication to people.

All: "On my honor, I will try: to live by the Girl Scout Law."

Girl 4: The Girl Scout Law is a guide for daily living - stated simply enough for a young girl to apply to her own life, profound enough to serve as a measuring post for adults. Think about the people you admire; what makes you admire them? Friendliness, dependability, enthusiasm to serve. These are the qualities that the Girl Scout Law helps us attain.

Girl 5: Tying together all parts of the Promise and serving as its foundation is the fact that we pledge on our honor to try. When we are discouraged, when we have made mistakes, our Promise reminds us that the best we can do is to keep on trying with a sincere effort. We do more than believe in our Promise, we try to live by it. Our pin is symbolic of our Promise, and we are here to explain the parts of our pin tonight.

Girl 6: The eagle is a bird of great endurance and strength. It is used on the Great Seal of the United States to represent power and strength. We wear it on our pin because we are chartered by the Congress of the United States.

Girl 7: The Shield represents protection. In the design of the Great Shield of the United States, it rests only on the eagle to show that we are a self-sufficient government. One of our aims in Girl Scouting is to become self-reliant citizens.

Girl 8: In the right talon of the eagle is an olive branch representing peace. To show that we are a peace loving nation, the eagle's head faces the olive branch. Girl Scouting is similarly a peace- time movement.

Girl 9: However, the arrows show preparedness to fight for our ideals. As Girl Scouts, we prepare ourselves to cope with every situation and emergency.

Girl 10: On the scroll are the words "E Pluribus Unum," meaning one from many. There are many states but one nation. In the United States we have three million in Girl Scouting. Each one is an individual personality, each one has her own place, but we are working in one organization toward one goal according to the ideals that we have in common.

Girl 11: The G.S. on the pin stands for Girl Scout. It means many different things to many different people. All of us have to decide what it means to us - new friends we have made, things we have learned, understandings about people we have gained, experiences we could have not have had except as a Girl Scout. The list is almost as endless as the number of people in the organization.

Girl 12:

There is a destiny that makes us brothers

None goes his way alone

All that we send into the lives of others

Comes back into our own

Girl 13: Three candles lighted here represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. Ten candles lighted here represent the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law. All rise and join us in singing "Girl Scouts Together".

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