

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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Daisy Bridging Ceremony

Daisy troop stands to the left of the stage or program area. The receiving Brownie troop forms a Brownie Friendship circle on the right.

"Graduating" Daisies receive their "Me" books from the leader. (They have worked on these throughout the year.) The leader gives them their year-end certificates and a Daisy flower before they cross the bridge or stepping stones to join the Brownie circle on the other side. A Brownie may come forward to escort them, if you like.

When all the girls are in the ring, say the Brownie ring chant:
"Twist me and turn me....."

Then they might sing the Brownie Smile Song.

Close with the Brownie Promise.

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Daisy Investiture Ceremony

You will need:

Daisy petals equal to the number of girls in your troop, a golden yellow center, a long green stem reaching toward the seated parents (wide enough for the girls to walk on), a leaf for each leader and assistant. Tape all in place on the floor before the meeting. Daisy pins and certificates for each girl may be placed on a small table by one of the leaders. Simple Daisy name tags may be made for girls and parents. (Be sure these are pinned to the right side of the girl's dress or tunic to prevent confusion when the girls receive their pins.) You might like to present each girl with a Daisy tied with blue ribbon.

Placement:

Girls take their places in a circle around the daisy. Leaders stand near each leaf.

Leader:

Where are the girls who want to be Daisy Girl Scouts?

Girls:

Here we are!

Leader:

You have agreed that you are ready to make a promise and receive your pin as Daisy Girl Scouts. Let us make that promise together. "On my honor....."

Assistant:

_____ (naming girl), as a Daisy Girl Scout would you come forward? (Girl walks down stem to leaders.)

Leader:

Welcome, _____. Here is your Daisy Girl Scout pin. (She pins the girl, shakes her left hand and makes the Girl Scout sign with her right hand.) And here is your certificate. (She continues until all the girls are invested.)

Leader:

Now let us sing our Daisy Girl Scout Song. (Or When'er You Make a Promise)

Leader to Parents:

Daisy Girl Scouts are named after the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low, whose nickname was Daisy. She brought Girl Scouting to the United States from England. Notice that the stem of our Daisy leads to you. As parents, you are very necessary to the growth and development of our Daisy Girl Scouts. We need to know your expectations of how "high" our Daisies will grow and ways that you can help us to reach that growth. We would appreciate your suggestions and participation. Would you please join us in our friendship circle (explain that) as our closing and join us for refreshments?

Girls move back into larger circle - admitting parents and leaders as part of the group.

Have a friendship circle and refreshments. As refreshments are served, parents may help their daughters, and place their invitations and the girl's certificates in the girl's scrapbook.

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Brownie Clean-Up Ceremony

Dilemma:

Your Brownie troop has spent the last 30 minutes cutting and pasting and creating a truly grand wreck of your meeting place AND another group is scheduled to be in there in 10 minutes, and well

Solution:

Here's a way to turn a Kaper into song and ceremony. As the girls clean they sing this song to the tune of "London Bridge."

Weave the magic in and out,
In and out, in and out.
Weave the magic in and out,
We are Brownies!

We have tidied everything,
Everything, everything.
We have tidied everything,
We are Brownies!

Then the Brownies come to the leader for the following:

Leader: Is everything finished?

Girls: Everything.

Leader: Is nothing left?

Girls: Nothing!

Leader: Then begone!

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Bee Hive Brownie B Ceremony

The ceremony is on the left, with comments on the right.

Opening Flag Ceremony	Other openings also work well.
"Girls, please stand to say the Promise. (As each part of the promise is said, a girl lights a candle.)"	You may choose to use whatever candle holders are handy, or you may want to create something new and attractive.
Sing "When'er You Make a Promise"	
Girls may be seated. Six girls, chosen earlier, come to the front. Three are candle-lighters, and three will read the purpose of one of the Brownie B's. As each purpose is read, a candle is lighted.	These candles may be in the same grouping as the candles above, or they may be separate.
The Leader will now read each girl's name and what badges she is to receive. When her name is read, a girl will come to the front carrying a bee with her name on it. She will stick her bee on the hive and will be given her badge.	Leaders may prepare a hive ahead of time using cardboard, styrofoam, etc. The badges might be pinned to the hive and removed as presented. Bees can be made ahead of time using pipe cleaners.
In closing: Sing together a special Brownie B song such as the one written by Ann Roberts and Sara Squires and sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells".	You can easily make up your own song, using any tune the girls know well. Just make up the words to fit the occasion.

**Dashing through the land... With a Brownie book in hand,
O'er the hills we go, Never are we slow.**

To be a Discoverer and Ready Helper too,
All we need is to make a friend, and we'll have the other one, too.

(Sing chorus twice)

Rio Grande Council knows that we're really on our toes!
Cause all the Brownies in the land are wearing their badges bold.

(Repeat Chorus once more)

CHORUS:

Oh, Brownie B's, Brownie B's, We are working for.....
Oh, what fun it would be, if we could work for more.

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Invocation

May the time be not too distant, O God, when all your children will understand that they are brothers and sisters, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be forever united before you. Then shall your kingdom be established on earth, and the word of your prophet shall be fulfilled: " The Lord will reign forever and ever."

From the Jewish Service of the Heart

Girl Scout Benediction

May the *Great Leader* of all *Girl Scouts*
Be with us until we meet again
May we run the race at the Scout pace
Up the trail that leads to Him.

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A Girl Scout Litany

Guests: On My Honor

Speaker: Is a promise made by each Girl Scout to her family, friends, community and to God.

Guests: I Will Try

Speaker: Sometimes people try and they fail; they make mistakes. But a Girl Scout will try again because she knows that trying means not quitting. She will start over...time after time.

Guests: To Serve God

Speaker: By serving everywhere that she is needed - in her church, in her community, at school, and at home, a Girl Scout shows her dedication to God.

Guests: And My Country

Speaker: Pride in her country, its people, its history, its flag - commitment to its future is a significant part of a Girl Scout's belief. She values the land and its vast resources and teaches others the importance of keeping the country at its best.

Guests: To Help People At All Times

Speaker: A Girl Scout learns to appreciate all people. She discovers that people around the world are different yet very much alike. While learning about others, she begins to know herself. A Girl Scout develops pride in who she is.

Guests: And to Live By the Girl Scout Law

Speaker: A Girl Scout faces her greatest challenge in striving to fulfill the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law! She tries her best to be:
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what she says and does, and to
respect herself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

A Call to Worship

The Girl Scout Law

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be honest.

Congregation: "Keep that which is committed to them trust, avoiding profane and vain babbling."
(I Timothy 6:20)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be fair.

Congregation: "Don't pay back a bad turn to anyone. As far as your responsibility goes, live at peace with everyone." (Romans 12:17,18)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be friendly.

Congregation: "A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones."
(Proverbs 17:22)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be helpful.

Congregation: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father, which is in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be considerate and caring.

Congregation: "Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone." (Colossians 4:6)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be courageous and strong.

Congregation: "Be strong and courageous, do not be terrified, do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to be responsible for all that I say and do.

Congregation: "His gifts were made that Christians might be properly equipped for their service, that the whole body might be built up until we arrive at real maturity." (Ephesians 4:12, 13)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to respect myself and others.

Congregation: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."
(Psalms 51:10)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to respect authority.

Congregation: "Obey your leaders and submit to them for they are keeping watch over your souls, as men who will have to give account." (Hebrews 13:17)

Girl Scouts: I will do my best to use resources wisely.

Congregation: "He who is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys." (Proverbs 18:9)

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

Congregation: "There are friends who pretend to be friends, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 18:24)

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The Girl Scout Law

Leader: When Girl Scouts across the country make their promise, they agree also to live by the Girl Scout Law. The basic principles of this law are not new but have existed for centuries. I will do my best to be honest and fair,

People: Speak truth to your neighbors, for we are members of one another (Ephesians 4:25). Justice, and only justice you shall pursue (Deuteronomy 16:20).

Leader: friendly and helpful,

People: Love one another with mutual affection (Romans 12:10). How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a person in need and yet refuses to help? Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action (1 John 3:17-18).

Leader: considerate and caring,

People: Thus says the Lord of hosts: show kindness and mercy to one another (Zechariah 7:9).

Leader: courageous and strong,

People: Be strong and courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord God is with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9).

Leader: and responsible for what I say and do,

People: Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father through him (Colossians 3:17).

Leader: and to respect myself and others,

People: God's temple is holy and you are that temple (1 Corinthians 3:17). Pay to all what is due them - respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7).

Leader: respect authority,

People: Whoever resists authority resists what God has appointed (Romans 13:2).

Leader: use resources wisely,

People: The person who uses well what she is given shall be given more, and she shall have abundance (Matthew 25:29).

Leader: make the world a better place,

People: Let us not grow weary in doing what is right. Whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all (Galatians 6:9-10).

Leader: and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

People: You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 12:31). Encourage one another and build up each other (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Leader: These are the laws which Girl Scouts promise to keep. They are laws of the past and the present which can help us to build a better future.

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Speaking the Law

A responsive reading written for a joint Girl Scout / Boy Scout worship service, by Rev. Jerry Daily, Avondale United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO

Girl Scout: I will do my best to be honest and fair and to be responsible for what I say and do.

Boy Scout: A Scout is trustworthy and loyal.

All: God, help us all so to live.

GS: I will do my best to be friendly and helpful.

BS: A Scout is helpful.

All: God, help us all so to live.

GS: I will do my best to be considerate and caring.

BS: A Scout is cheerful, friendly, and courteous.

All: God, help us all so to live.

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

BS: A Scout is kind.

All: God, help us all so to live.

GS: I will do my best to respect authority.

BS: A Scout is obedient.

All: God, help us all so to live.

GS: I will do my best to use resources wisely.

BS: A Scout is thrifty.

All: God, help us all so to live.

GS: I will do my best to be courageous and strong and to make the world a better place.

BS: A Scout is brave.

All: God, help us all so to live.

GS: I will do my best to respect myself and others.

BS: A Scout is clean and reverent.

All: Guide us, O God, that we might live the ideals taught us this day by our children and youth.
Through Christ. Amen.

A Girl Scout's Prayer

Lord, help us to be good Girl Scouts
Ones whom the world can trust,
Help us respect our neighbor's rights
And never be unjust.

Help us as Americans
To be worthy of the flag we bear.
Then help us as real Girl Scouts
To be proud of the uniform we wear.

Help us to be clean, Dear Lord,
In thought, word, and deed
And help us to follow the law
That is in the Girl Scout creed.

Teach us to love our neighbors
And then to serve them, too
Help our actions to count, Dear Lord,
In everything we do.

Give us strength to carry on
And do our part each day,
Make a place in this world for us
And help us to fill it, I pray.

Make us what we ought to be
And in Thy footsteps fall,
Help us to live for others
O great Leader of us all.

A Prayer for Thinking Day

"This day we have set apart to think of our sister Guides in other lands, beyond racial frontiers, beyond lands and seas. We are many and we are strong; grant us to grow in numbers and in strength that we may resolve to work steadfastly for Thee in this world that is Thine. Grant that the uniform we wear may never be put on simply from force of habit or for convenience; let it be a perpetual reminder to us of whom we are, and of what we are striving to be. Grant that the law which we have promised to obey may never become to us a mere string of empty words; let it be the guiding principle of our lives. Grant that our Promise may be a help to us each morning, as we prepare to face a new day, and a strength to us each evening, when wearied by our work, cheered or saddened by the events of the day, we turn to rest."

by a Swiss Guider.

The Girl Scout Prayer

Our Father, help each Girl Scout
To be ever ready to serve Thee,
Kind, obedient, modest, meek,
Mindful of the words we speak,
What is right, may be possess,
What is wrong refuse to do,
What is evil, seek to shun,
This we ask of everyone. AMEN.

A WAGGGS Prayer

Great Teacher, help us remember,
That we are members of a worldwide organization;
That every Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, and leader,
And every Girl Guide the world over,
Has promised to love and serve you.
Teach us to be worthy of the name Girl Scouts of the USA,
And to be strong about what is right.
Help us to do our best in your service,
And to be true to the Girl Scout Promise.

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A Girl Guide Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we pray thee,

That thy blessing may rest upon us and all other Guides.

Help us with thy grace to serve our country

And keep our Guide Promise and Law.

Make us humble and friendly, eager for adventure,

Alert and prepared for service.

Give us the courage to dare to do right.

Make us both strong to fight and steadfast to endure,

And may our lives be filled with the joy that spreads happiness everywhere.

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Planting Seeds

(Have an apple and a plate with a few apple seeds) If I gave you a choice, which would you rather have, the apple or the seeds? I guess most of us would choose the apple. A long time ago there was a guy who would have taken the seeds. He was a nut about apple seeds - so much so that people called him Johnny Appleseed. For many years he walked across hundreds of miles of our country, back when most of it was frontier land, and everywhere he went he planted apple seeds. The trees from those seeds fed many thousands of people in later generations. That's real long range planning! Many of us are interested mainly in the present. We don't think ahead like Johnny Appleseed. Maybe you don't want to go around planting apple seeds like he did. But there's another kind of seed you should be planting every day - the seed of good feelings between you and your fellow man. You can do it by living the Girl Scout slogan, "Do A Good Turn Daily. " Every time you do a Good Turn , you are planting a seed of good feelings. That seed may start the growth of a tree of Good Turns in each person you help. One Good Turn may lead to many other Good Turns through the years, affecting the lives of hundreds of people.

The Girl Scout Law and The Bible

Today's sermon is on what it means to be a Girl Scout. The scripture is I Corinthians 13:4-7.

When I think of The Girl Scout Law, I think of it as a list of characteristics that Girl Scouts should try to live up to. "A Girl Scout is honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong and responsible for what she says and does. And a Girl Scout respects herself and others, respects authority, uses resources wisely, makes the world a better place, and is a sister to every Girl Scout."

The Girl Scout law makes me think of I Corinthians 13. In fact, I think God wouldn't mind if you inserted the words of The Girl Scout Law into I Corinthians 13. It would read something like this: "Love is honest and fair. Love is friendly and helpful. It is considerate and caring. It is courageous and strong and responsible for what is said and done. Love is being respectful to yourself, others and authority. Love is using resources wisely and making the world a better place. Love is being a sister to everyone we meet."

I don't think Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts of the USA, would mind if we substituted the words of I Corinthians 13 for the Girl Scout law: "A Girl Scout is patient and kind. She does not envy or boast. A Girl Scout is not ill-mannered or selfish. She is not rude or self-seeking. A Girl Scout doesn't anger easily. She doesn't remember when someone has done her wrong. She doesn't delight in evil things, but loves the truth. A Girl Scout always protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres."

The Bible and The Girl Scout Law are both held in high esteem by people all over the world. Every day, perhaps a billion people around the world read their Bibles. And every week at Girl Scout meetings, millions of Girl Scouts recite The Girl Scout Law. These words from the Bible and the Girl Scout Law are recited over and over again because they are right and they are worthy of our actions and of our thoughts. Furthermore, we know that behavior that goes against these words is wrong. How long would Girl Scouting have lasted if the Girl Scout Law said: "A Girl Scout is a thief and a cheater, hurtful and hateful, unkind and discourteous, weak and cowardly, a gossip and a liar. What if the Girl Scout Law said she is disobedient and disrespectful, wasteful, selfish and nasty to everyone?"

The Bible and The Girl Scout Law are more than just words in books or they would not have lasted this long. People just like me and you make the Girl Scout Law and the words of the Bible live because we live these words. How about you? What laws do you live by? Is the Girl Scout Law important to your life? Are the words of the Bible a priority to you?

A great man said, "the world will ask you who you are, and if you don't know the world will tell you." If you have not decided to follow the words of the Bible and the Girl Scout Law, what have you decided to follow? The world is sometimes telling you to go one way, while Girl Scout Law and the Bible are telling you to go a very different way.

But you need to decide. Are the Bible and the Girl Scout Law going to be a just bunch of words, or are they going to be the trail signs pointing the path that you choose to follow for the rest of your life? I think we know the path God wants us to follow. Which path will you choose? I challenge you today to follow the path that is shown to you by The Bible and the Girl Scout Law.

(follow with appropriate prayer and hymn)

Globe and Candles Guide Enrollment Ceremony

Submitted by: Wendy Baker

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

Materials needed:

large Globe of the World

1 large blue candle

1 large white candle

7 small white candles

11 small Blue candles

plasticine or small candle holders

Ceremony:

Globe is placed in the centre of a table

Horseshoe is formed

As the large blue candle is lit and placed on one side of the globe the *Guide Promise* is said by the entire Unit.

As the large white candle is lit on the other side of the globe, a leader recites the *Aim of Girl Guides*.

Tenderfoot Guides to be enrolled will have the small candles.

Guides will take turns reciting each Law - As a Law is read, a white candle is lit and placed in the plasticine and when finished, they will encircle the globe.

The same is done with the Objectives - a blue one is lit and placed in between the white candles.

Once all the candles are lit, proceed with Enrolment of the Tenderfoot Guides - this looks really nice if you are able to turn off the lights in the room.

When all of the Guides are enrolled:

Leaders:

As the candles circle this Globe of the World So does Guiding

Each small candle represents a Law or Objective

Leading towards the achievement of meeting the Aim

The keeping of the Promise

Let these flames show you the way.

Unit then sings: "On My Honour"

Gold Award Ceremony

Reading of Description and Challenge

"The Gold Award was established in 1980 as Girl Scouting's highest award. Only Senior Girl Scouts, at least 14 years of age, may pursue this award.

"The requirements for the Gold Award involve the completion of a combination of interest projects, leadership, career exploration and service projects. A young woman must demonstrate ability and skill in goal-setting, planning, putting values into action, and relating to the community. Each scout must earn 4 interest project patches, the Senior Challenge, the Senior Leadership award and the Career Challenge Pin. Upon completion of these requirements, the Scout must plan and execute a community service project spanning a period of at least four months. Each Scout must submit to the Girl Scout Council a project plan for approval before she does her project. Final application for the Gold Award is made to the council upon completion of the service project.

"The Gold Award Advisory Panel reviews each application to determine that the Scout has truly shown the exceptional leadership and organizational skills and has completed the community service required to earn this award. Over the years Girl Scouting's Highest Award has been called the Golden Eaglet, the Curved Bar, First Class and finally the Girl Scout Gold Award. There has never been a time when Girl Scouting has not had a highest award."

The following is the "Challenge to Recipients of the Gold Award" used at some councils' Gold Award ceremonies:

"Will all of those in the audience who have earned Girl Scouting's highest award, please stand.

[Speaker addresses the candidate(s)]

"[candidates' name(s)], the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides constitute one of the most significant movements in the history of the world. By your hard work and dedication, you have earned your right to be counted worthy of the program's highest rank. You have assumed a solemn obligation of service to God, to your country, to your fellow Girl Scouts and to humanity. Remember that the award you are about to receive is not only yours, but holds great significance for all of us as well. For what you do in the future reflects not only upon yourself but on those of us who with you hold Girl Scouting's highest award."

Golden Link Ceremony

This version of a golden link ceremony works well because each girl has a part and the finished product (the chain) serves as a great visual for the concept of how each of us as individuals is important in making the whole chain strong.

Example:

Each girl stands in a circle with a strip of yellow construction paper with a small piece of tape on the end. On each strip is written the name of a country where there are Girl Scouts or Girl Guides, and possibly what one of the different age levels is called in that country, or a portion of the Promise or Law from that country. (A few countries are listed below, but additional info can be found in "Trefoil Around The World" in the Service Unit Library).

Leader: As Girl Scouts we are not only members of our own troop, and Girl Scouts of the United States of America, but we have 'Sister' Girl Scouts or Girl Guides in 136 countries around the world. Each of our Sister Scouts has accepted a Promise and Law much like our own.

In the Netherlands, a Girl Guide is called a Padvindster. As Padvindster's close their meetings with a friendship circle, each girl says in turn. "I am a link in the golden chain of world friendship, and I will keep my link strong and bright."

As each of us adds a link to build our Golden Chain of Friendship, let's think about our Sister Scouts in other countries. About how things may be different for them but also about how much we are the same and about how each of us is an important link in the Golden Chain of Friendship. (This section can be separated into 3 parts for older girls to read.)

All together: Say Promise or Promise and Law.

Each girl in turn reads her country and information and adds her strip to the growing chain. The last link added should close the chain.

*Optionally, each girl could also add a link with her own name on it.

Leader: Repeat after me the saying from Padvinsters in the Netherlands.

All Together: 'I am a Link in the Golden Chain of World Friendship, and I will keep my link strong and bright.'

1. In the Bahamas, Brownie Scouts promise to have courage and be cheerful in difficult situations.
2. In Ghana, an Ananse Guide promises to make good use of her time.
3. In Guatemala, Little Riding Hoods promise to smile and sing under all difficulties.

4. In Italy, a Ladybird promises to love and respect nature.
5. In Madagascar, a Little Wing promises to do all she can to create peace around her.
6. In Nigeria, a Ranger Guide promises to be useful and help others.
7. In Papua New Guinea, a Sunbird promises to take care of her own possessions and those of others.
8. In Spain, a Pioneer promises to get to know the place she is living and be involved in its improvement.
9. In Turkey, a Venture Guide promises to be a friend to animals and plants.
10. In Greece, a Star promises to be conscientious in her work and reliable.
11. In Korea, a Cadet promises to be thrifty.
12. In Liechtenstein, a Little Bee promises to seek and convey joy.
13. In Malta, a Dolphin promises to be self-controlled in all she thinks, says and does.
14. In Jordan, a Ranger promises to be frank and make it a point of honor to deserve trust.
15. In Grenada, a Guide promises to be obedient.
16. In Germany, a Caravelle promises to share and be grateful.
17. In Austria, a Brownie promises to pay attention to all human beings and seek to understand them.
18. In Australia, a Gumnut Guide promises to be friendly and a sister to all Girl Guides.
19. In Switzerland, a Ranger promises to rejoice in all that is beautiful.
20. In Sudan, a Bluebird promises to be a sister to every other guide, no matter to what country, class or creed, the other may belong.
21. In Israel, an Ofer (or Brownie) promises to live life correctly and do her duty.
22. In England, a Rainbow promises to love her God and be kind and helpful.
23. In Canada, a Pathfinder promises to be true to herself.
24. In Argentina, Little Wings promise to obey the law of the pack.
25. In Bangladesh, a Yellowbird promises to help other people every day, especially those at home.

Submitted by: Margo Mead; Portland, Oregon

Golden Link Investiture Ceremony

You will need:

11 volunteers/girls/leaders

Stapler

Candle and matches

10 "links" cut out of paper - (write the line from the Law on one side of the link and the "definition" on the back. These will serve as scripts as well as links)

Narrator:

We are gathered here tonight to begin a new year of Girl Scouting. Some of us have been Scouts a long time and some of us are just beginning. But all of us are dedicated to the Promise and Law upon which Girl Scouting is founded. The Promise was brought to America by Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scout movement in our country. She believed that by taking this oath, girls all over the country would better understand their place in their community and, in doing so, join thousands of other girls who share a common belief and commitment. Please join in reciting the Girl

Scout Promise: (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.

Narrator:

The Girl Scout Law is made up of ten "rules to live by". The exact wording of the law has changed over the years but the basic idea is still the same. We pledge to uphold this law because we know it will make us better people and help us to make a positive difference in our lives. So now, we rededicate ourselves to living the Girl Scout law.

Person 1: I will do my best: to be honest and fair. This means I will be truthful, trustworthy, equal and fair in my judgement and dealings with others, and I will honor my obligations and duties. (make the first link in the chain and stand in front, facing out)

Person 2: To be friendly and helpful. I will be sensitive to the needs and feelings of others, I will cheerfully help others in need without regard to personal reward, and I will help my troop to be the best that we can be. (join your link to the first one, stand facing out)

Person #3: To be considerate and caring. I will consider the feelings and beliefs of others before I speak or act. I will not spread gossip and repeat things that are not true. I will try to remember these words: "If wisdom's ways you wisely seek, Five things observe with care, To whom you speak, Of whom you speak, And how and when and where." (join link and stand in line)

Person #4: To be courageous and strong. I will have the courage to say no to my friends when I don't feel comfortable with what they want me to do or say and the courage to stand up for what I believe and have been taught. I will have the strength to resist temptation and the strength to stand by my opinions. (join link and stand in line)

Person #5: To be responsible for what I say and do. If I say or do something that I regret and am asked about it, I will take responsibility for my actions. I will try to speak and act in ways which will not hurt others and in ways which I will feel good about. (join link and stand in line)

Person #6: And to respect myself and others. I will try to treat others the same way I would like to be treated; like the considerate, feeling person I try to be. (join link and stand in line)

Person #7: To respect authority. I will give the respect that is due to those in charge. I will listen when spoken to and question authority only when I feel very strongly about something. (join link and stand in line)

Person #8: To use resources wisely. Being a Girl Scout means being aware of the daily bounties I am given. I promise to use whatever resources I am given, such as craft supplies, firewood, or water, in the best and least wasteful ways possible. (join link and stand in line)

Person #9: To make the world a better place. I promise to leave places cleaner and better than I found them. I promise to help make the world a better place for others less fortunate than I am. And most of all, I promise to make my own part of the world a better place for me , my family, and my friends. (join link and stand in line)

Person #10: And be a sister to every Girl Scout. As a Girl Scout, I am a part of the worldwide association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. Although we all come from different countries and speak many languages, we are woven together by a common thread; a common belief and commitment. We believe in ourselves and what we stand for and we are committed to living the Law and Promise in our everyday lives.

All: May the paper links that join us together tonight be like pure gold: strong and bright and long lasting, in our lives and in our hearts.

***If you are doing this with your girls, the next part is for the leaders to read to the girls). Light the candle then read the following :

As your leaders, we pledge our dedication, our commitment, and our friendship to you. This candle stands for sunshine, the sun that warms us all. Just as the sun warms us, may we in turn spread warmth and friendship to those we meet. Let's make Girl Scouting fun for all of us, but at the same time not lose sight of the Promise and Law that we have pledged to uphold.

All: Please join hands and sing, "Make New Friends".

Submitted by: Karen Norgard

Great Thoughts Rededication

Part 1: "Girl Scouting is not a world apart, but a part of the world." As we dedicate ourselves today, let us keep in mind ways in which we can make Girl Scouting an even stronger part of our world.

Here are some thoughts:

Part 2: Juliette Low frequently reminded the National Board, when much organizational planning had to be done, "We mustn't lose sight of the girls. The girls must always come first."

Part 3: Thomas Edison said, "Genius is 99% perspiration and 1% inspiration."

Part 4: "Thank you for loaning me your daughter, For letting her make me smile, Thank you for letting her be a Girl Scout

It's an organization worthwhile" - Author Unknown

Part 5: "We cannot learn from one another - until we stop shouting at one another; until we speak quietly enough so that our words can be heard as well as our voices." - Richard Nixon

Part 6: Girls are the only reason for Girl Scouting. Everything in Girl Scouting is designed for their particular needs and interests.

Part 7: "You don't have to think about doing the right thing. If you are for the right thing then you will do it without even thinking." Maya Angelo (I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings)

Part 8: Girl Scouting is multi-cultural. We not only welcome, but seek, members from all racial, ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic groups.

Part 9: Look up and not down - Look forward and not back - Look out and not in - Lend a hand

Part 10: According to Peter Drucker, often called the founding father of the discipline of management, "The best run organization in the United States is the Girl Scouts. Tough, hardworking women can do anything."

Part 11: When in charge - ponder. When in trouble - delegate. When in doubt - mumble

Part 12: "Ideas are clean. They soar in the supreme heavens. I can take them out and look at them, they fit in books, they lead me down that narrow way. And in the morning they are there. Ideas are straight - but the world is round, and a messy mortal is my friend - come walk with me in the mud..."
- Hugh Prather

Part 13: Girl Scouting is people, people like you who give their time, their energy, and their love to help prepare today's girl for tomorrow's world.

Part 14: Let's all join in saying the Girl Scout Promise

(All say the Promise together)

Submitted by Jacqui Brindlinger

In the Land of the Brown

Brownie Enrolment Ceremony

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An exciting Enrolment ceremony with a theme that continues on through Advancement the following Spring. Take time to make the props and rehearse.

Once upon a time, long long ago in a far off land called Brown there lived a fair and kindly ueen - her name was Queen Brown Owl. Within her kingdom lived trumpeters, (trumpeters - do, do, do), guards (riding back and forth in front of the castle on their horses), ladies in waiting (serving tea, mending clothes, sweeping the floor) and even a jester of two (cartwheel in front of the Queen).

Queen Brown Owl ruled her kingdom wisely and was very popular with all of her little Brownies, but she was often quite sad and melancholy (QBO look sad - big sigh). You see, one day, many years ago, Queen Brown Owl had beautiful new girls (they join hands in a circle, skip and smile) who were happily preparing for a ceremony whereby they would become true and loyal citizens of Brown - in other words, they would become Brownies. Each one had worked very hard to prepare for this ceremony and had learned many new and wondrous things required of a Brownie. They had learned to fold and tie their special orange ties (tie ties quickly), learned the Promise, Motto and Law of the Land of Brown (say Lah, Lah, Lah, lend a hand) and also the special Sign and Handshake (do these).

The whole kingdom was excited and all a-twitter about the upcoming ceremony - even the Queen's 'Special Commissioner' would be attending to officially welcome the new citizens of Brown. The trumpeters were practicing a special tune (trumpeters toot tune of 'We're the Brownies'), the ladies in waiting were learning a new dance (dance round in a circle), the guards were performing complicated maneuvers on their trusty steeds (ride around on horses) and the jesters were juggling and cartwheeling all over the place.

Alas, one morning the Queen awoke to find that all of her new girls had disappeared without a trace and she feared that they were far, far away (new girls leave the castle, pick up their frog masks and go to the glade).

Meanwhile, high in the tower of the Castle lived the 'Grand Wizard' of Brown who performed most wondrous tricks and feats of magic and who served her Queen and kingdom well. The Grand Wizard was also sad and melancholy because she was responsible for the mysterious disappearance of the little girls and was too embarrassed to admit this to the Queen (Grand Wizard looks sad - big sigh). One day, while practicing magic spells, she had accidentally turned all the little girls into frogs (girls hold up frog masks in front of faces and leap like frogs) and much as she tried, she was unable to turn them back because she didn't know the spell.

On this particular day, however, the Grand Wizard was quite beside herself with excitement, for she was almost sure that after so many years she had found the 'cure' for the frog spell she had accidentally cast. If only she could find the little frogs.

Not far from the castle was a small glade near the forest that had a sparkling blue pool that was so clear you could see your reflection in it. In this glade lived the little frogs (leap around). Upon looking out of the castle tower one day, the Grand Wizard noticed these little frogs and quickly rushed to the Queen. After telling her about the most unfortunate accident that had befallen the little girls, she urged the Queen and all of her subjects to follow her to the pool where she thought the little frogs were living. (Everyone goes to the glade).

The Little frogs were at first quite astonished at all the commotion going on within their normally peaceful little glade, but quickly recognized their beloved Queen and leapt to her side (frogs move over to Queen Brown Owl). The Grand Wizard, with a flourish of her arms and a few complicated waves of her magic stick mumbled:

"Abracadabra, hair of the dog
Take a good look at each little frog
Something is different about them for sure
For each little frog I have a nice cure
Abracadabra. I'll give it a whirl
I'll turn each wee frog back into a girl!"

Low and behold, each frog started to turn ever so slowly (frogs turn slowly into a circle) and became girls once again (remove masks). The Queen was so delighted that she declared that the ceremony should begin there and then. The Grand Wizard, as a special favour to the Queen, transported the 'Special Commissioner' to the enchanted little glade (Commissioner joins everyone at the glade).

The subjects of Brown quickly arranged the new girls into a straight line and taught them the Brownie Smile and rehearsed the Brownie Sign (Brownies show them the Sign).

Queen Brown Owl: "Are you ready to become real Brownies?"

Girls: "Yes, we are."

Queen Brown Owl spins each one around saying "Twist me and turn me and show me an elf - I looked into the water and there saw"

Girls: "Myself."

Queen Brown Owl: "Do you know if you make your Brownie Promise you must always do your best to carry it out?"

Girls: "Yes."

Queen Brown Owl: "Let's say our Promise."

All new girls: "I promise to do my best, to be true to myself, my God/faith and Canada. I will help other people and keep the Brownie Law.

Queen Brown Owl shakes each new Brownie's hand and lead them to the Special Commissioner who welcomes them (in her own words) and pins on Brownie Pins.

Queen Brown Owl: "Brownies, how do we welcome new Brownies?"

Brownies perform the *Grand Howl*.

Because everything turned out as planned, the Queen forgave the *Grand Wizard* for her unfortunate involvement in the disappearance of the little girls and everyone lived happily ever after.

Investiture Ceremony

Contributed by ARTHUR JANZEN, 1st Port Hardy Sea Scouts, British Columbia, Canada with modifications to accommodate Girl Scouts

Equipment Needed:

- a. twelve candles, equally spaced, set into a log
- b. a large wooden Scout symbol to hold three candles, one in the top and one in each branch of the fleur-de-lys
- c. one single candle in a holder
- d. match or lighter and tapers
- e. scripts if needed.

Setting:

The room is darkened except for a single pilot candle. The person conducting the ceremony stands behind the table on which the candle set rests. The recruit or candidate is outside the room waiting, accompanied by a Scouter or an older Scout.

The leader conducting the ceremony may wish to set the scene and the importance of the Investiture before starting. The rest of the troop is in horseshoe formation at attention.

LEADER: "Please bring the candidate forward." Candidate is brought into the room by her escort (or Patrol Leader) and they stand in front of, and facing the table.

LEADER: "Having fulfilled the requirements, you are now ready to be invested into this troop and into the worldwide sisterhood of Scouting as a Girl Scout.

"Before you stands a single lighted candle. It represents the spirit of Girl Scouting. As a Girl Scout, you will learn and experience more of the Scouting spirit day by day.

"In preparing for this moment, you had to learn and understand the meaning of the Scout Law and the Scout Promise. Repeat the Scout Law after me and remember that the law of this troop IS the Girl Scout Law."

LEADER: "I will do my best to be honest and fair," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "I will do my best to be honest and fair," (lights candle).

LEADER: "friendly and helpful," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "friendly and helpful," (lights candle).

LEADER: "considerate and caring," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "considerate and caring," (lights candle).

LEADER: "courageous and strong, and," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "courageous and strong, and," (lights candle).

LEADER: "responsible for what I say and do," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "responsible for what I say and do," (lights candle).

LEADER: "and to respect myself and others," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "and to respect myself and others," (lights candle).

LEADER: "respect authority," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "respect authority," (lights candle).

LEADER: "use resources wisely," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "use resources wisely," (lights candle).

LEADER: "make the world a better place, and," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "make the world a better place, and" (lights candle).

LEADER: "be a sister to every Girl Scout.," (As each law is spoken candidate lights one of the twelve candles and repeats the Law)

CANDIDATE: "be a sister to every Girl Scout." (lights candle).

LEADER: "You have learned the Girl Scout Law. Do you accept this law as your code of conduct to guide you in your daily life?"

CANDIDATE: "I do"

LEADER: As a Girl Scout you are asked to serve God and your country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law. Are you ready now too make this Promise, publicly in front of this troop, as a sign of your sincerity?

CANDIDATE: "I am"

LEADER: "In a moment I will ask you to repeat this Promise after me. As you make your Oath you will light three candles to represent each part of your Oath. Now will you repeat after me... "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country"

CANDIDATE: Repeats "On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country, (Lights center candle on the Scout symbol)

LEADER: "To help people at all times,"

CANDIDATE: "To help people at all times," (Lights second candle)

LEADER: "And to live by the Girl Scout Law."

CANDIDATE: "And to live by the Girl Scout Law." (Lights last candle)

LEADER: " We began this Investiture in darkness. With the light of these candles, we can now see one another much more clearly. So should we all think of our Promise and Law as it lights our path through life. (Leader now comes around to front of table to present Candidate with Girl Scout pin and tab.)

"I now present you with your Girl Scout and World Association pins to wear on your vest. (Leader may wish at this point to describe the significance of the badge.) Wear it with pride as a reminder that you are one of us and a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts."

Leader presents pins and welcomes the new Girl Scout with the Girl Scout handshake.

LEADER: "Girl Scout (name) will you now turn about and face the troop."

The Patrol Leader would now be asked to come forward and, after offering the Girl Scout handshake, escorts the Scout to her patrol.

LEADER: "Lights up please. Troop, dismissed."

It's a Small World Guide Enrollment Ceremony

Submitted by: Wendy Baker
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Here is a Guide Enrollment ceremony that I used from years ago.

Materials needed:

Large Globe of the World

1 large blue candle

1 large white candle

7 small white candles

11 small Blue candles

plasticine or small candle holders

Ceremony:

Globe is placed in the center of a table

Horseshoe is formed

As the large blue candle is lit and placed on one side of the globe the Guide Promise is said by the entire Unit.

As the large white candle is lit on the other side of the globe, a leader recites the Aim of Girl Guides.

Tenderfoot Guides to be enrolled will have the small candles.

Guides will take turns reciting each Law - As a Law is read, a white candle is lit and placed in the plasticine and when finished, they will encircle the globe.

The same is done with the Objectives - a blue one is lit and placed in between the white candles.

Once all the candles are lit, proceed with Enrollment of the Tenderfoot Guides - this looks really nice if you are able to turn off the lights in the room.

When all of the Guides are enrolled:

Leaders: As the candles circle this Globe of the World So does Guiding Each small candle represents a Law or Objective Leading towards the achievement of meeting the Aim The keeping of the Promise Let these flames show you the way.

Unit then sings: "On my Honour"

Juliette (Daisy) Gordon Low's Candle Ceremony

Contributed by Jacqui Brindlinger

A table is set up with one large green candle in the center. Five candles are on either side of the green candle. (Use two each of red, orange, yellow, blue and purple.)

Introduction:

This green candle is a symbol of 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. By joining Girl Scouts of the USA you are following in her footsteps as you become a unique and caring influence in today and tomorrow's world. These candles represent the five Worlds of Interest which make up the Girl Scout program.

Girl Scout #1 (Recite while lighting the red candles)

The red candles are 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.

Girl Scout #2 (Recite while lighting the orange candles)

The orange candles are for the World of Today and Tomorrow which lets a young woman look into the how and why of things, solve problems and recognize the ways in which her present interests can build future ones.

Girl Scout #3 (Recite while lighting the yellow candles)

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

Girl Scout #4 (Recite while lighting the blue candles)

The blue candles are 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 themes of all cultures.

Girl Scout #5 (Recite while lighting the purple candles)

The purple candles are for the World of the Arts. This world can help develop a personal appreciation for the many art forms and things of beauty in the world around us.

ALL: From the light of the five worlds, may your Girl Scout years be ever bright.

Juliette Gordon Low Candle Ceremony

"The candle is very special. I lit your candle using a candle that I have. My candle was lit for me at a candle lighting ceremony in August, '91, by a woman who was a director at one of our camps for years. Her original candle was lit by her camp director when she was a girl in Alabama; it was Juliette Low who lit that camp director's candle.

Juliette Low told the girls to take their candles home and use them in candle lighting ceremonies - to pass the flame to others. If you look at your candle, you'll see the wick is black, and that is what is left of the old flame. When you relight your candle, you are not only sharing the flame of this camp fire, but you are also sharing a bit of every flame that went before it right back to the one lit by Juliette Low.

When your candle burns down, be sure to use it to light a new candle. In this way, you will be able to continue the tradition.

In a candle lighting ceremony, we are not only sharing a link to our past, but the light is also a symbol of our hopes and dreams for the future of Girl Scouting.

Just as a tiny flame is passed from person to person, growing brighter and brighter as more candles are lit; it is as Juliette Low's dream was, that Girl Scouting would be a bright beacon for girls everywhere. May we all keep her dream alive forever."

Juliette (Daisy) Gordon Low's Candle Ceremony

Contributed by Lori Roach "LadyBug"

Girl Scouts - Totem Council

This can be used at most ceremonies, but it is preferred to be performed at Troop camping, bridging, court of awards, encampments, or Investiture/Rededication.

Equipment needed:

1. candle for each girl
2. matches/lighter
3. water bucket (with water in it)

Long ago a special ceremony was formed. Juliette Low wanted her original girls to carry a special spark with them as their Scout group broke up. Some from the troop were moving away, working to help their families or wanted to help a group of girls a little younger than themselves. But whatever their reasons, Juliette knew no other group would ever quite be the same.

As the girls stood in a circle holding candles (they had made), Juliette knew what spark it was that she wanted to pass on. She lit her candle and spoke.

"With this candle I give you each something very special to pass on. As I light the candle on my right I ask each of you to light the candle to your right and pass it on. I want you to carry this thought with you wherever you go. This is the ETERNAL FLAME for Girl Scouts. Each of you after having a lit candle before you will repeat the Girl Scout Promise with me, then pause and recall a few of the things we have done together as a group. I will hold my candle up and as I do so you will all raise yours and we will blow them out together. Before we separate from our circle, I want to ask you to keep this candle as a very special candle. It is not to be used for any purpose but passing on the ETERNAL FLAME. You may use it in other Girl Scout ceremonies such as camps, encampments, campfires, bridging or court of awards ceremonies. I'm glad we were able to start a special tradition based on our ETERNAL FLAME."

Juliette Low Birthday Cake Ceremony

Girl #1 I light this candle for Juliette Low in commemoration of the anniversary of her birth.

Girl #2 This candle represents the vision that Juliette Low had of a Girl Scout Movement in the United States.

Girl #3 This candle stands for the hope Juliette Low had for world-wide understanding through Girl Scouting.

Girl #4 This candle represents the dream Juliette Low had for a peaceful friendly world.

Girl #5 This candle is for the faith Juliette Low had in the girls of the United States and the world to fulfill her dream.

Girl #6 This candle is for the spirit she left, which leads us constantly to greater growth and fellowship.

Girl #7 This candle represents the love she had for all mankind, especially the old and sick.

Girl #8 This candle represents the millions of Girl Scouts in the United States who honor Juliette Low on this, the ____th anniversary of her birth.

Girl #9 Please join us in singing "Girl Scouts Together"

Juliette Low Ceremony

The founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Low, is honored in all that Girl Scouts do, in the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, in the growth of Girl Scouting, and in special ceremonies presented by individual Girl Scout groups. Here again the ceremonies vary, and by their variety and spirit reflect the qualities of the founder. The following is one type of ceremony in which Juliette Low may be honored. It may be used for presentation of Juliette Low World Friendship Fund moneys at a regular troop meeting or on Thinking Day (February 22nd) or on Juliette Low's birthday (October 31st), following the ceremony with a birthday party including birthday cake, songs and games.

Place: Indoors or Out-of-Doors

Equipment: An American flag, a small table placed in center of room, two candles and candlesticks, flowers or leaves attractively arranged on table.

Participants: Two Girl Scout Masters of Ceremony, Leader, other troop members.

Order of Ceremony:

Girls form a horseshoe. When all are in place, the Color Guard enters, after which all salute the flag and the group sings a patriotic song. At the conclusion of the flag ceremony, the flag bearer posts the flag at the side of the table. The Color Guard takes its place in the horseshoe as the two Masters of Ceremony step forward to the right and left of the table.

First Girl Scout:

I light this candle for Juliette Low who started our Girl Scout organization _____ years ago. Even though we lost the personal presence of our founder in 1927, her spirit has led us constantly to greater growth and fellowship. Today there are over three million Girl Scouts in the United States. (lights candle)

Second Girl Scout:

Juliette Low's heart's desire was to bring love and understanding to all girls in every land. Her dream is coming true, for today Girl Scouts and Guides have members around the world. I light this candle to our Founder, Juliette Low, and all Girl Scouts and Guides the world over. (lights candle)

The girls then walk to the table one by one and put their contribution to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund on the table or into a container. They return to the horseshoe formation.

First Girl Scout:

When you became a Girl Scout, you made a promise. Let us rededicate ourselves by repeating our Promise and singing "When'ere You Make A Promise."

Juliette Low World Friendship Fund Story

Story can be used at a birthday celebration for Juliette Low (October 31), on Thinking Day (February 22) or at any time contributions to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund are collected.

ACTIONS:

As the story is read:

On World, stand and spin once.

On Juliette Low, join hand with person on right and left.

On Scout or Scouting, big smile and Scout sign.

Be sure to practice motions first so everyone understands what to do.

Once upon a time there was a lady whose name was Juliette Low. She became interested in Scouting through her friends, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, when she visited them in England. They started Boy Scouting and Girl Scouting there.

Juliette Low thought Scouting was a wonderful idea. When she returned to America, she decided to start a Scout troop. So on March 12, 1912, in her home town, Savannah, Georgia, Juliette Low started the first Girl Scout troop in her part of the world.

After that she traveled all over our country, helping to start more Girl Scout troops. Juliette Low believed Girl Scouting was such a fine thing that she wanted to see Girl Scout troops all over the world. She knew that Girl Scouting would help girls to become friends and would help toward world peace and good will.

After Juliette Low died in 1927, her friends decided that the greatest tribute that could be paid to such a charming lady would be to continue working towards the realization of her dream of world friendship. A memorial fund was started. It was called the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. Each year all Girl Scouts in the United States are given the opportunity to bring money for this fund which helps Girl Scouting all over the world.

When you Girl Scouts drop your money into your Juliette Low World Friendship Fund box, you can imagine the far places of the world to which this money will travel and the ways it will help Girl Scouts. Maybe your money will help buy a Girl Scout uniform for a girl in Belgium who can't afford one. Maybe your money will help send some older Girl Scouts from our country to Our Chalet, an International Camp in Switzerland, where Girl Scouts from all over the world get together to learn more about each other. Or maybe your money will be helping to start new Girl Scout troops in other countries.

No one knows to what parts of the world this money may travel. No one knows the ways in which it will one day come back to us in new friends. But we all know that as we give our money to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund, we are helping to spread Girl Scouting around the world.

Junior/Cadette Court of Awards

Write each letter on a 9" x 12" piece of posterboard. On the back of the cardboard write the explanation. Use as flashcards for a Court of Awards. Girls may have their own ideas for what each letter could stand for.

- B Stands for Badges to be given today. What is a badge? An outward sign of an inner accomplishment. The scrap of colored material is not nearly so important as the job that was done to earn it.
- A Awards given at the Court of Awards. Here we are not rewarded for the badge itself but for what the badge represents. It means new knowledge, new skills learned, and new opportunities to be of service to others.
- D Stands for Deeds. Good deeds to be done now and in the future for family, friends, and the community. Good deeds done with the knowledge and skills acquired through the badges.
- G Is the Girl in Girl Scouts and the growth we achieve through living the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- E Is for Eagerness and Energy necessary to earn badges. Badges do not come easily and they should not, or their value would be small. Badges present challenges and satisfaction in accomplishment.
- S Stands for so many things. Service to others, Self-Development, and most important, Self-Respect -- the way you feel about yourself as a person.

And so we have badges to be given today in this Court of Awards.

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Junior Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony

(Bridge to Cadettes)

Junior Girl Scouts form a horseshoe at one end of the bridge, while Cadette Girl Scouts form a horseshoe on the other. Each Junior Girl Scout is presented with a candle while she is still on the "Junior" side of the bridge. One by one, each bridging Junior walks to the center of the bridge, escorted by her leader. When they reach the center of the bridge, they are met by an experienced Cadette Girl Scout. The ceremony then proceeds in the following manner:

Leader:

May I present Junior Girl Scout _____, 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 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?

Bridging Junior:

I will accept this challenge.

(upon accepting the challenge, the Cadette will light the bridging Junior's candle)

Leader: _____(name of new Cadette Girl Scout)_____, would you please recite the Girl Scout Promise

New Cadette: Recites the Promise

Cadette leader and girls congratulate the new Cadette Girl Scout and welcome her to Cadette Girl Scouting. The same procedure is repeated until all girls are bridged.

Do closing song or other closing activity

Junior Rededication Ceremony

Opening: Friendship Circle

President: We gather here today to join hearts and hands in the spirit of friendship. We welcome our new Girl Scouts, and rededicate those girls who have been with us for many years.

New Girl Scout #1: I bring to the log a candle of green. The color green symbolizes the riches I find in the values and lessons of Girl Scouting (insert candle into middle hole)

New Girl Scout #2: I bring to the log a candle of royal blue. The color royal blue symbolizes the admiration that I have for myself and my fellow Girl Scouts across the world (insert candle next to green candle)

New Girl Scout #3: I bring to the log a candle of white. The color white symbolizes the honesty that I will practice toward others and Girl Scouts around the world (insert candle next to green candle)

New Girl Scout #4: I bring to the log a candle of silver. The silver represents all girls new to Girl Scouting. May we all become true friends (insert candle next to white candle)

New Girl Scout #5: I bring to the log a candle of gold. This gold candle represents all members of the troop that have been down the Girl Scout road of adventure for many years together. May we all continue down the same path for years to come (insert candle next to blue candle)

Leaders: We now intertwine the candles together with the rope of leadership. Under our guidance, may these girls continue on the path of kindness towards each other and all Girl Scouts around the world (weave rope between the candles)

All: Recite the Girl Scout Promise

Closing: Everyone makes the old friendship circle again and sings "Make New Friends"

Junior Troops 340 & 346

Lesson of the Pearls Rededication

What you need:

Adults as Leaders

Adults as Pearls

Treasure Chest

2 Candles

10 large plastic pearls

Leader #1: Tonight we are gathered to share in the dedication of our new and old leaders to the ideas of Girl Scouting.

Leader #2: At this time, the members of Service Unit will share with each other the "Lesson Of The Pearls", found in our discovered treasure chest of Girl Scouting.

Pearl #1: The first pearl stands for WISDOM. You have shown your joy in exploring wisdom through Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #2: The second pearl shall symbolize BEAUTY. You are beautiful to your sister Girl Scouts for you give of yourself. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #3: The third pearl is STRENGTH. You are the strength of the future of Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #4: The fourth pearl will be the symbol of TRUTH. You are the example of the truth of the ideas of Girl Scouting. Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #5: The fifth pearl will be FIDELITY. You have kept your promise and have affirmed it for life.(Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #6: The sixth pearl is our symbol for FELLOWSHIP. You have extended the hand of friendship and you have gained the rewards.(Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #7: The seventh pearl is COOPERATION. You are an example of total cooperation and your many accomplishments reflect your willingness to work in harmony with others. (Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #8: The eighth pearl will be a symbol for LOYALTY. You are committed to the law of Girl Scouting and strive to live by it.(Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #9: The ninth pearl will be for VISION. You can see the future of Girl Scouts and will do your part to ensure its continued success.(Place pearl in treasure chest)

Pearl #10: The tenth pearl shall stand for SERVICE. You continue to give of yourself to others in need.(Place pearl in treasure chest)

Leader #3: You stand here, a golden link in our chain of green and gold. A chain of friendship that encircles the globe. Our chain is made strong by your caring, your sharing and a desire to be the best that you can be.

Leader #4: Our wish is for you to explore the many treasures to be found in our chest of pearls. Remember to always be a golden link in our chain of friendship and let nothing break this chain of green and gold. Please join me in reciting the *Girl Scout Promise*.

Everyone: Recite the *Girl Scout Promise*.

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