

SAMPLE FIRST FOUR GIRL SCOUT BROWNIE MEETINGS

Objective: To familiarize the girls with that which makes the Girl Scout experience special and to prepare the girls for their investiture/rededication.

Meeting 1

START UP ACTIVITY

Make trefoil shaped nametags - one to wear and one for the Kaper Chart (See pattern page). Nametag can be either pinned on or strung on yarn to wear around neck.

OPENING

Flag ceremony with Girl Scout Promise

1. Choose one girl to hold flag (can be small flag) and two for color guard; another will be the Girl-Scout-in-charge.
2. Rest of troop forms a horseshoe.
3. Color bearer stands at the open end of the horseshoe facing the troop, with a guard on each side.
4. Everyone stands at attention
5. The Girl-Scout-in-Charge says, "Girl Scouts, honor the flag of your country." All but the flag bearer salute the flag.
6. The Girl-Scout-in-Charge says, "Girl Scouts, recite the Pledge of Allegiance."
7. She then says, "Recite the Girl Scout Promise."
8. The flag is then posted or put away and the girls are dismissed.

BUSINESS

Get Acquainted Game - Jump In, Jump Out

Children form a circle with one child in the center. *All* recite the following verse while doing the actions described:

Jump in, jump out, Turn yourself about.

Jump in, jump out, Introduce yourself.

The child in the center says:

"My name is _____."

Everyone responds:

"Yeah!"

The child in the center says:

"And I'd like to _____." (one thing she would like to do in Girl Scout Brownies)

Everyone:

"Yeah!"

The child in the center says:

"And I'm gonna do it every day of my life!"

Group responds:

"Every day of her life!"

The girl in the center then chooses someone to replace her and the game is repeated until everyone has a turn.

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Introduce the Kaper Chart - It is fun for the girls to help at their meetings, however, we want each girl to have a fair chance to do each job. The kaper chart helps us to make sure everyone has a turn.

On a large piece of poster board, list chores that the girls can do at each meeting (opening planner, attendance monitor, supply monitor, clean-up helper, snack helper, game chooser, song leader, closing leader, etc.) Use self-stick Velcro to fasten trefoil name tags above each chore. Rotate chores each week.

Brainstorm a Troop Agreement - We all want to have a good time at our Girl Scout Brownie meetings. What are some of the things that we can do to make sure that everyone feels safe, comfortable, and welcome? (e.g. take turns, listen when others are speaking, share, etc.) Make a list of the girls' suggestions that can be posted and referred to when needed.

ACTIVITIES

- Read the **Brownie Girl Scout Story** from the Brownie Girl Scout Handbook (pages 29 -32 or 33-37) or from the *Brownie Quest Journey Book*.
- Learn the *Brownie Smile Song*

*I've something in my pocket,
It belongs across my face,
I keep it very close at hand in a most convenient place.
I'm sure you couldn't guess it,
If you guessed a long, long while.
So I'll take it out and put it on--
It's a great big Brownie Smile!*

- **Complete Activity #2 of Girl Scout Ways Try-It - Special Girl Scout Ways** (Try-Its for Brownie Girl Scouts page14). Directions for most are on pages 18 and 19 of the Brownie Girl Scout Handbook.

Quiet Sign - The leader raises her right hand. As each girl sees the raised hand she stops talking and raises her own hand. When all are quiet, the meeting continues.

CLEAN UP

The girls - **not the leaders** - put away the supplies and follow the Girl Scout custom of leaving the room cleaner than it was before!

CLOSING

Friendship Circle and Friendship Squeeze - See directions on Brownie Girl Scout Handbook page 19. Each girl can make a silent wish as she passes the squeeze. When the squeeze has gone completely around the circle, the girl who started can say, "Goodbye, Girl Scouts." The circle breaks and the girls go to their parents.

Meeting 2

START UP ACTIVITY

Start using Kaper Chart today

Girl Scout Law coloring sheets (Activity #1 of the *Girl Scout Ways Try-It*) - A Girl Scout Law coloring book is available at www.scoutingweb.com

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OPENING

Flag Ceremony – Refer to steps from Meeting #1 - add the *Brownie Smile Song*

BUSINESS

Plan investiture/rededication - Girls and leaders who were Girl Scouts last year, whether in this troop or another, will be rededicated. Those who have never been Scouts before will be invested. The girls vote on the ceremony to be used (suggestions can be found in Let's Celebrate: Girl Scout Ceremonies and at www.scoutingweb.com)

ACTIVITIES

Make sit-upons (Activity #4 of the *Girl Scout Way Try-It*)

Follow the instructions on page 15 of the Brownie Girl Scout Try-Its book. If you use blunt needles (safety needles), cut the waterproof material about two inches larger than a tabloid size newspaper and punch holes around the edges for the girls to sew. Use permanent markers to write names on the finished sit-upons and to decorate them.

Make a **display of coloring sheets** and talk about the Girl Scout Law and what it means.

CLEAN-UP

As per troop Kaper Chart

CLOSING

Friendship Circle

Meeting 3

START UP ACTIVITY

Decorations for investiture/rededication - Tissue paper flowers (These are quick and simple so the girls will probably make several flowers each)

- Prepare ahead and cut tissue paper (various colors or whatever color scheme you choose) into 8 inch squares. Allow 6 squares per flower.
- Girls fan-fold the piles of squares.
- Wrap a green pipe cleaner around the middle of the fan.
- Open out the layers to resemble a flower.

OPENING

Flag ceremony – Perform the ceremony as in Meeting #2

BUSINESS

Choose girls for various responsibilities in the investiture/rededication ceremony - tasks would be based upon the ceremony selected and could include hostesses to greet guests, snack helpers, clean-up helpers, etc. so that each girl has a role.

Decide what to do for refreshments – use troop treasury funds to purchase refreshments or ask each girl to bring something to share (assign items to bring).

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ACTIVITIES

Practice for the investiture/rededication ceremony.

Do Activity #5 of the *Girl Scout Ways Try-It - Be Prepared*

This would be a good time to introduce the troop first aid kit and to remind the girls that they should come to a leader if they are injured at a meeting or if they do not feel well.

Make invitations for the Investiture/Rededication Ceremony.

- Fold construction paper in half to form a card.
- Write details on inside (name of event, date, time, place, etc.). Provide a sample for the girls to copy.
- Color paper doll (see pattern page or see alternative uniforms at www.makingfriends.com/scouts), cut out, and glue to cover of card.

CLEAN-UP

As per troop Kaper Chart

CLOSING

Friendship Circle

Meeting 4

START UP ACTIVITY

Prepare room for ceremony - girls decorate, set up snack area, arrange chairs for guests, etc. Be sure to display the Girl Scout Law coloring pages.

OPENING

Practice

Have a quick run-through of the ceremony.

BUSINESS

Choose another Girl Scout Brownie Try-it or Journey program - talk with girls about the Girl Scout Brownie Try-it they just finished. Suggest three or four that might interest them now, based upon the things that they said they would like to do as Girl Scout Brownies during the get acquainted game (from meeting #1). Allow time to discuss the possibilities, and then vote. Remind the girls that the Girl Scout Brownie Try-it that receives the most votes is the one that they will begin at the next meeting, but they may choose to work on one or more of the others in the future.

ACTIVITY

Investiture/ Rededication ceremony - The girls who are new to Girl Scouts receive their Girl Scout Brownie pins. Rededication patches are available for those who were in Girl Scouts last year but they are optional. All girls receive their first Girl Scout Brownie Try-it, *Girl Scout Ways*.

CLEAN-UP

Remind the parents that this is the girls' responsibility!

CLOSING

Girls may invite their guests to join in the **Friendship Circle**.

Patterns

