

INVESTITURE CEREMONIES



INVESTITURE POEM (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website)



These Girl Scout trefoils in my hand
Upon new members we will bestow,
But first the meaning that the trefoil bears.
The spirit of our Promise we must know,
Three bold leaves the trefoil wears,
Threefold the Promise that it bears,
To serve God and your country dear.
To bring to people hope and cheer
And every day in every way,
The Girl Scout Law to obey.



Simple Daisy Investiture

Flag Ceremony

Girl 1: "Please Stand"

Girl 2: "Pledge Allegiance"

All: "I pledge allegiance..."

Girls: Sing "Our Flag"

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?"

Leader: "Welcome, . Here is your Daisy Girl Scout pin". She pins girl, give Girl Scout handshake, "And here is your certificate". Repeat this for each girl.

Leader: "Now lets sing our Daisy Girl Scout Song"

Leader: Daisy Girl Scouts are named after the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low, whose nickname was "Daisy". Girls throughout the world make the same promise (in their own language) and give the same handshake. Tonight we welcome you and your daughters to the world of Girl Scouting. We will close with a Friendship Circle.

Girls: Form Friendship Circle, sing "Make New Friends", squeeze etc.





Daisy Girl Scout Ceremony (From G.S. of Rolling Hills website)

This is a generic ceremony and can be used for Investiture, Rededication, Bridging or any other ceremony.

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.**

Have a girl place the Promise Center. Next, you will recite the Law, one at a time and have a girl place the color petal around the center.

The Girl Scout Law:

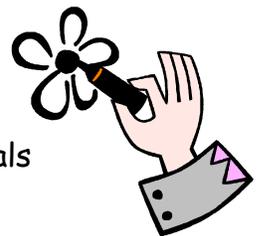
I will do my best to be:

honest and fair (light blue petal)
friendly and helpful (yellow)
considerate and caring (spring green)
courageous and strong (red)
responsible for what I say and do (orange)
and to respect myself and others (purple)
respect authority (magenta)
use resources wisely (green)
make the world a better place, (rose)
and be a sister to every Girl Scout (violet)



Daisy Petal (Flower) Investiture

On a large piece of white poster board, tape or glue a large daisy center of yellow construction paper. Write your troop number in the center. Make petals of white construction paper for each girl in the troop. On each petal write a different girls name from your troop.



Begin the ceremony with a simple flag ceremony have girls bring up flag and say the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag" followed by the singing of a song about America any one the girls know.



Call each girl by name to come and add her petal to the flower. As each girl comes forward to attach her petal to the center, welcome her to Daisy Troop # _____ with the Girl Scout handshake and her Beginning Certificate. If a new girl joins at a later date, her petal may be added.

Variation - use real daisies or silk daisies and have the girls place them in a flower container with the troop number on it.

Brownie Pond Investiture

Materials 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".



Leader: "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 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."



"PAPER DOLL" INVESTITURE CEREMONY

(appropriate for Brownie & Junior Girl Scouts)

Materials: Girl Scout Pins (appropriate for levels)

As each girl says her verse, she stretches out her hand to the next girl to speak, until all the girls are standing across like paper dolls. Verses may be split according to the number of girls participating.

Take my hand in friendship, I give to you this day
Let's look forward to the good times, we will have along the way

Take my hand in helping, other people that we know
The more we give to others, the more that we will grow

Take my hand in learning, to camp on nature's ground
Enjoying trails and campfires, with new friends that we've found

Take my hand in giving, our knowledge of true scouts
To girls we meet and talk to, who have so many doubts

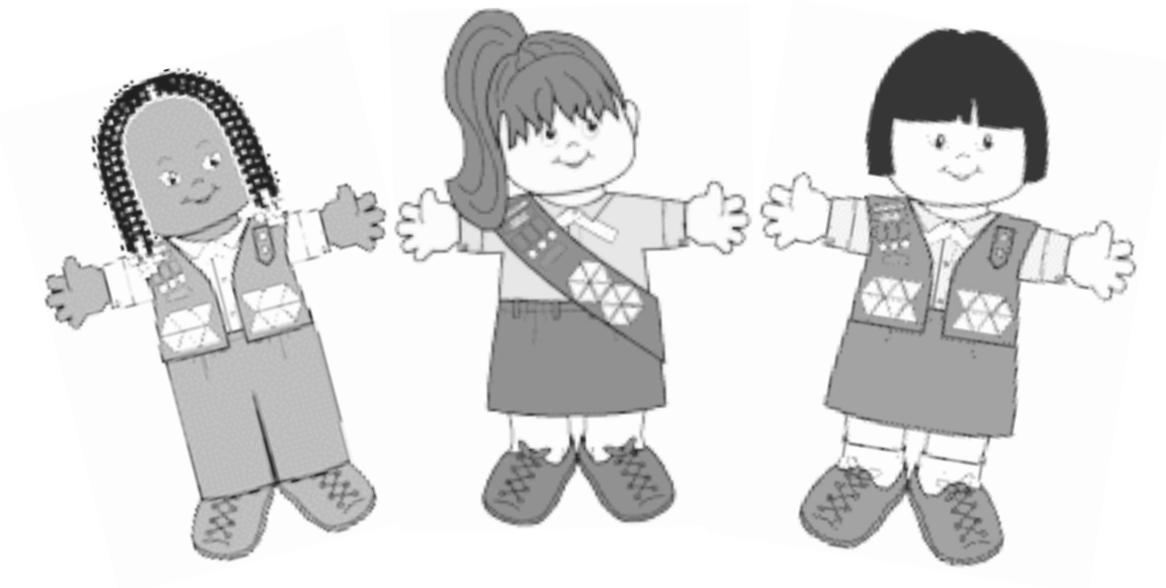
Take my hand in thanking, our leader and our guide
With sincere appreciation, for standing by our side

Take my hand in eagerness, to be a (Brownie or Junior) Girl Scout
We're proud of who we are, is what we're going to shout

(In unison):

We give our hands in Promise, to hold our country dear
And abide the Girl Scout Law, each day throughout the year

Girls step forward to say the Girl Scout Promise and receive their Girl Scout pins.



RAINBOW CEREMONY (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website)



Materials: Three white candles to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. You may also want additional props to show the colors representing the Girl Scout Law, such as colored shirts, a drawing made by the girls, etc.

First: This candle represents the Girl Scout's duty to God (insert your own deity) as the Creator of all things.

Second: This candle shows love of country and love of people no matter what nationality, religion, or color of skin.

Third: This candle shows the basic code of the Girl Scout that is the Girl Scout Law. A Girl Scout lives by this Law.

The Girl Scout Law:

I WILL DO MY BEST . . .

1- TO BE HONEST AND FAIR: Blue is the color of the sky. A Girl Scout's honesty and fairness in dealing with her family, her friends, and her country should be as dependable as the blue of the sky.

2- TO BE FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL: Yellow is the color of the sun. A friendly smile and a helpful hand can brighten a rainy day.

3- TO BE CONSIDERATE AND CARING: Gold represents the sun's rays. They shine on everyone regardless of color, creed or race.

4- TO BE COURAGEOUS AND STRONG: Red is the color of courage and strength. A Girl Scout duty to help others requires courage to help anyone in trouble and strength to put others first.

5- TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT I SAY AND DO: Watching the pink in the changing sky at sunset gives us a sense of peace and reminds us to responsible with our words and actions.

AND TO ...

6- RESPECT MYSELF AND OTHERS: White is the color of clean falling snow. A Girl Scout thoughts and deeds should encompass her own beliefs and be sensitive and respectful of the beliefs of those around her.

7- RESPECT AUTHORITY: Orange represents the sunset. Even the sun must obey nature's orders as it rises and sets each day.

8- USE RESOURCES WISELY: Green is the color of nature. We must treat our ecosystem with care and be thrifty with all our natural resources.

9- MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE: The color of brown makes us think of animals and how they depend upon us for love and care. We have to protect and improve their world.

10- BE A SISTER TO EVERY SCOUT: Silver symbolizes a beautiful calm lake, as we think of our friends, the Girl Scouts around the world.