

Investitures & Rededications

An **investiture** is a ceremony to welcome new girls or adults into Girl Scouting. It is a very meaningful step in the life of each person as she becomes active in Girl Scouts for the first time. This is the time in which a new Girl Scout receives her Daisy, Brownie or Girl Scout pin.

A **rededication** is a ceremony for girls and adults who have already been invested. It is a time to reaffirm their belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to reflect upon the meaning of Girl Scouting in their lives.

These ceremonies are usually held at the beginning of each Girl Scout year. They can be combined for a troop, group or service unit that is investing and rededicating girls and adults at the same time.

A traditional Candle Lighting Investiture/Rededication Ceremony:

Use a three candle grouping to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. As each candle is lit, the speaker can say the part of the Promise: (1) To serve God and my country, (2) To help people at all times, (3) and to live by the Girl Scout Law. The group can then recite the Girl Scout Promise.

Use a ten candle grouping to represent the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law. Logs with holes cut in them are often used as candle holders. Each of the ten candles represents one part of the law. As the candles are lit, the speaker recites each law.



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

What is a Short & Snappy?

- Short session/information segment provided at SU meeting
- Any interested volunteer or a SU Learning Facilitator may lead a "Short and Snappy"
- Short and Snappys are 15 -30 minutes in length
- Every month GSNorCal will provide a Short and Snappys. SU can select when to deliver.



What You'll Need for this Snappy:

Leaders / Volunteers

Moderator

Resources needed: ten flowers of different color and gold pot

15-30 minutes or as handout

A Girl Scout Rededication Ceremony

(Let's Celebrate! – Girl Scouts of USA)



Items Needed:

Ten flowers of different colors for “pot of gold” flower arrangement (flowers may be real or artificial)
A gold pot or container to hold flowers

Welcome to our rededication ceremony. In almost all countries and cultures there are ceremonies to mark important events in life – days of celebration, sad days, joyous days, days on which a special commitment is made, days that mark an achievement. Girl Scouts too have ceremonies to mark important events and significant days. Tonight we are here to reaffirm our belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the foundation of all Girl Scouting.

The Promise is like a golden pot that holds flowers. From the earliest times, flowers have been given as tokens of love and respect and have served in ceremonies and rituals of all types. The flowers in this ceremony symbolize the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law. Please join me in repeating the Girl Scout Promise.

And now we will rededicate ourselves to living the Girl Scout Law. (As each part of the law is read, the corresponding flower is placed in a gold pot on a table in the center)

I will do my best to be:

Honest- This part of the law is represented by the white chrysanthemum, symbolizing truth, honor, trustworthiness, equality, and fairness.

And Fair – The ivy represents fidelity, faithfulness to obligations and duties. The color green represents new growth.

Friendly – The sunflower symbolizes this part of the law. It represents warmth.

And helpful – Two plants represent this part of the law. The mimosa symbolizes sensitivity. The leaves of this green plant react to the slightest touch. The orange blossom symbolizes generosity.

Considerate and caring – The zinnia represents thoughtfulness.

Courageous and strong and responsible for what I say and do – The magnolia symbolizes strength and endurance.

And to respect myself and others – The violet symbolizes moderation. The color represents deep thought about yourself and your place in the world.

Respect authority - The jasmine and the daffodil represents amiability and concern. Their yellow color symbolizes the sun that shines on our world.

Use resources wisely – The carnation symbolizes thriftiness.

Make the world a better place – The lily symbolizes the love of nature. Shakespeare said, “One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.”

And be a sister to every Girl Scout – The rose represents love, a basic ingredient in being a sister.

