

## CEREMONIES

A ceremony is a celebration. Included in this section are some sample ceremonies that may be used to celebrate Girl Scout events, milestones or recognitions of achievements by individuals, troops or entire Committees. Try to personalize your ceremonies. Be creative. Include your girls in every step of the planning process. Let the girls take ownership – they will take pride in their accomplishment as the ceremony unfolds. Flowers, candles and different colors are often used in themes throughout ceremonies.

Some Girl Scout occasions we may celebrate are:

**Investiture** – A girl or an adult joining Girl Scouts for the first time; they receive their pin.

**Rededication** – A girl or adult who has already been invested; time to renew the Girl Scout Promise.

**Bridging** – Girls who move from one level of Girl Scouting to the next; i.e. ceremony to celebrate Daisys becoming Brownies, Brownies moving to Juniors, Juniors becoming Cadettes, Cadettes bridging to Seniors and Seniors (at age 18 and out of High School) bridging to Adults.

**Court Of Awards** – Recognition of badges and insignia that girls have earned.

**Flag** – A time to celebrate our country and our flag and to show our patriotism.

**Thinking Day** – All Girl Scouts celebrating our membership in World Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides (remember and think about Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the world).

**Girl Scouts' Own** – All Girl Scouts express their feelings about the ideals of Girl Scouting, a chance for girls to reflect on their experiences in Girl Scouting. Planned by the girls!

**Founder's Day** - To honor our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, on her birthday, Oct. 31.

**Outdoor & Campfire** – An occasion to enjoy the out of doors, experience the environment, and celebrate events such as the opening or closing of camp.

## Ceremony Planning Worksheet

CEREMONY PLANNING QUESTIONS	CEREMONY INFORMATION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING THIS DONE?
Type of Ceremony?		
Date and Time?		
Place?		
Length of Ceremony?		
Who Will Be Invited?		
Invitations?		
Formations Used?		
Opening?		
Main Part of Ceremony?		
Songs or Poems?		
Speaker?		
Closing?		
Decorations?		
Refreshments?		
Budget?		
Publicity?		
Troop Archivist/Photographer?		
Props Needed?		
Who will Bring Which Items		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Items</u>	
<u>Rehearsal Date and Location</u>	<u>Who Can Come?</u>	

## INVESTITURE AND REDEDICATION

### Brownie's Gold Walk

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

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

#### GS Member or Leader:

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

Obstacle may be a chair to climb over, etc.

#### GS member or leader:

Becoming a Brownie is a special thing  
We do our business in a Brownie \_\_\_\_\_  
(New girls answer "Ring")

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

#### GS member or leader:

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

Brownies-to-be: "We do"

Leader: "What do you want?"

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

Leader: Then enter the magic woods

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

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

Girl: Myself!

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

*All new girls give the leader the Girl Scout Sign and handshake.  
The new Girl Scouts say the Girl Scout Promise together  
Leader pins the girls' Brownie pins on her upside down and says:*

Now you are a special Brownie Scout  
With your first good deed, turn your pin about.

### **Brownie Investiture (Light Humor)**

Three Brownies:

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

Leader enters with three or four Brownies and all repeat the Promise They will form a horseshoe on stage so that at the conclusion of the Law all can repeat the Promise and sing a short song.

♥ **Narrator:**

In Girl Scouting we have one Law with ten parts.

I will do my best to be honest and fair

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

♥ I will do my best to be friendly and helpful

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

♥ I will do my best to be considerate and caring

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

♥ I will do my best to be courageous and strong

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

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

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

♥ I will do my best to respect myself and others

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

♥ I will do my best to respect authority

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

♥ I will do my best to use resources wisely

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

**She says:**

"My mother sent me shopping, now wasn't that very nice

I got all these lovely bargains at half their normal price

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

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

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

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

They then say (in unison)

"Some people say sisters argue

I'm sure this you've heard

But the thing that describes us best

You'll find, inseparable is the word"

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

## **Brownie Pond Investiture**

### **Props Needed:**

- Brownie Girl Scout "Pond" (can be constructed from a piece of cardboard covered with foil and border with greenery, or use a mirror and border with greenery, or use a real one!)
- Also need Brownie Pins for each new member. They can be placed on the floor by the pond.
- Lay pond on the floor in the middle of the ceremony area. If desired, new members can be sent outside with the assistant leader. If new girls stay in the room, they should be on one side of the pond and the other girls should be on the other. All stand or sit around the "pond" and then the **leader** says the magic words:

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

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

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

**Brownies-to-be:** "We do"

**Leader:** "What do you want?"

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

*The leader may ask why, and the girls may give their own reasons (help them prepare them before the ceremony if you plan on asking). Then they enter and gather around the pond. At this point you may have a simple dramatization of the Brownie Story by the older Brownies or the leader may tell or read the story to the girls.*

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

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

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

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf

I looked in the water and saw \_\_\_\_\_"

**Girl:** Myself!

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

*After each girl receives her pin, the*

**Leader says:**

Uncross your little fingers, down from off your toes

Then the magic goes away, everybody knows

Older Brownies can help clean up the "magic" while the leader sings this song:

(Sung to the tune of London Bridge)

Weave the magic in and out, in and out, in and out

Weave the magic in and out, for we are Brownies

We have tidied everything, everything, everything

We have tidied everything, for we are Brownies

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- \* Ask the girl a simple question: "Why do you want to be a Girl Scout?" or "What does it mean to make a promise?" The girl answers in her own words.
- \* Ask the girl to make her promise. This can be done singly or the whole troop at once. Help her if she is shy. Ask: "Do you promise to serve God and your country...?" This will help her recall the words. As she makes the Promise, she uses the GS sign and the troop stands quietly.
- \* Pin the appropriate pin over the girl's heart, telling her she is now a Girl Scout. Give the Girl Scout handshake and welcome her to Girl Scouting.
- \* The girl turns to face the troop and they welcome her with the Girl Scout sign or a song.

### Gifts of a Dime and a Tiny Box

"We have something we want to give each of you girls tonight---A bright, shiny new dime. Now, a dime doesn't do much by itself. You have to put it with something in order for it to be useful. Put 25 cents with it and you have enough for a phone call. Put 40 cents with it and you might have enough to buy a candy bar or a pack of gum.

You can save more dimes, put it all in the bank and let it make more money in interest. You could take this dime home, throw it in a dresser drawer and not use it at all. You could even lose it before you get home! Now, I want you to tell me, how many pennies does it take to equal this one dime?

Right, it takes 10 pennies - 10 very equal and important parts. Well when you take the 10 parts of the Girl Scout Law and add it all together, it equals Girl Scouting!"

*[Repeat the GS Law]*

"Now we have one more thing to give you: a tiny little box. The wrapping may be a bit wrinkled and the ribbon may not be quite perfect, but its what's INSIDE that counts!

Just like the dime, you have to put something with it to make it really worthwhile.

Now, you won't be receiving all of your gift at one time. We hope to give it to you over a period of many years, in small doses and as painlessly as possible!

We want to give you Girl Scouting!!!

And with this gift we also give you our hopes that you will learn from it, grow with it, work with it, use it everyday, enjoy all of it and keep it with you for the rest of your life!

Now, New Girl Scouts and Old Girl Scouts alike, let us all join together in saying the Girl Scout Promise."

**[Repeat the GS Promise]**

"As we're sure you have already noticed, the little box that we just gave to you was wrapped in Gold paper and tied with Silver ribbons - This is to remind you of all of the Wonderful, Wonderful Friends you are going to make this year. As the Song goes, "Make New Friends but keep the old. One is Silver and the other is Gold!"

And now as we share our friendship, we will all think about all of our special Girl Scout Sisters right here and around the world and all of the fun and excitement that awaits us this year!"

### Junior Rededication Ceremony

**Opening:** Friendship Circle

**Leader:** We gather here today to join hearts and hands in the spirit of friendship. We welcome our new Girl Scouts & rededicate those girls who have been with us in years past.

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

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

**New Girl 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 white candle on other side of green candle)*

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

**New Girl 5:** I bring to the log a candle of gold. This gold candle represents all members of this 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 gold candle next to blue candle)*

**Leader(s):** We now intertwine the candles, holding them together with a rope of leadership. Under my (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:** Friendship circle, & sing "Make New Friends"

## Cadette & Senior Rededication Ceremony

*Setting:* Room is dark except for thirteen lit candles.

**Leader:** "We know our Promise & our Law. We have recited it many times over the years. We may have questioned its importance in our life or forgotten its value.

But, what would the world be like if we stopped serving God and our country?" (*blow out one candle*)

"What would the world be like if we stopped helping people in need?" (*Blows out one candle*)

"What would the world be like if we stopped living by the Girl Scout Law?" (*blows out one candle*) (*At this point, Leader can pause, then blow out all ten remaining, or continue...*)

"What would the world be like if we all chose to be dishonest & self-serving?" (*Blows out one candle*)  
*Continue through the law until all candles are out & room is dark. Pause.*

"If we choose this path, our world becomes very dark." *Pause*

"But I, \_\_\_\_\_, make a commitment today to serve God and my country." (*Re-light first candle*)

"Who else wants to renew their Promise and Law?"

*Allow girls to re-light each candle while they say their part of the Promise and Law.*

**Girl:** I, \_\_\_\_\_, make a commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ (be honest & fair, etc.)

*Close with a favorite Girl Scout song.*

## Lighted Candles

*Scene:* A table, with 13-candle board/log on it; flanked by American and GSUSA flag.

**1st Speaker:** "Tonight we are here in to invest those who have joined Girl Scouts for the first time this year. We are also here to rededicate each member, new and old, to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. You should all understand that these are the ideals by which Girls Scouts try to live, and through which we, as leaders, help girls to gain worthy citizenship."

*[a large candle is lighted, house lights are dimmed].*

**2nd Speaker:** "Before you, you see a golden flame. The flame symbolizes a Girl Scout's honor, which must never be dimmed. When a Girl Scout makes a promise, she is placing her honor, the brightest thing in her life, before her fellow Girl Scouts, her leaders, her parents, and her friends. Girls should understand that giving the Girl Scout Promise on one's honor is a serious thing."

**3rd Speaker:** "From this golden flame we light the flame of duty to God and country." [*light small candle and say:*]

ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY: to serve God and my country

**4th Speaker:** "We light the flame of duty to people." [*light second small candle and say:*]

ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY: to help people at all times

**5th Speaker:** "We light the flame of duty to self." [*light third small candle and say:*]

ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY: to live by the Girl Scout Law

**6th Speaker:** "We now bring to light the flames of the Girl Scout Law, which make bright and clear the trail that leads from girlhood to womanhood. Let us all stand and repeat together the Girl Scout Law."

*[Pause until all stand; then 10 more candles are lighted as the ten parts of the law are said.*

**7th Speaker:** "These burning candles represent the points of the law and promise and how they brighten the life of the Girl Scout who observes them. When through practice they become a part of our daily lives, they also brighten the lives of all whom we come in contact."

**8th Speaker:** "We can too easily forget that the Girl Scout Promise is a serious pledge. We must guard against repeating the Promise and the Law in a parrot-like manner, as though the words were meaningless."

*[Ceremony continues with house lights turned on. Each member present (who wishes to) is invited to say a few words about what being a Girl Scouting has meant to her.]*

*[Song, "On My Honor", is sung.]*

**9th Speaker:** "Sisters, we are fortunate to be members of the greatest organization of women and girls: the World Association of Girls Scouts and Girl Guides. It is a privilege to wear the emblems of Girl Scouting. The whole world admires and respects us."

*[Participants stand while leader puts pins on each one]*

**Closing:** "With our ceremony ended, we now put out these candles. But we do so with the certain knowledge that we carry the flame of Girl Scouting eternally with us, in our hearts."

**Flowers** plus ribbon (white roses)

"Welcome to our Investiture and Rededication ceremony. Today we are here to show our belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to recognize the achievements of our girls."

"This candle that I light shall shine forth as a symbol that a Girl Scout is true to God and her Country."

"The second candle shall shine forth as a symbol that a Girl Scout's greatest desire is to serve."

"The third candle shall shine forth as a symbol that a Girl Scout will try her best to live up to the Girl Scout Law."

"Flowers have always played an important part in human life. From the earliest times they have been given as signs of love and respect and have been used in ceremonies of all types. The flowers in this ceremony represent the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law. Girls, please join me in reciting the Girl Scout Promise."

I will do my best to be:

Honest and fair: This part of the law is represented by the white chrysanthemum. It shows truth, honor, trustworthiness, equality and fairness

Friendly and helpful: The zinnia represents thoughtfulness about friends, while Baby's Breath represents generosity.

Considerate and caring: Together, a red and a white Rose stand for a warm and caring heart.

Courageous and strong: The garlic plant, grows anywhere and has a strong flavor. It represents courage and strength of character and body. The Indian paintbrush shows cheerfulness even in difficulty.

And responsible for what I say and do: The gladiola symbolizes strength of character, maturity, and responsibility. Binding it with straw, we show that we honor our word and keep our agreements.

And to Respect myself and others: The white Rose and white zinnia show that we hold ourselves worthy and good. Winter Greens symbolize the harmony we try to keep between ourselves and others.

Respect authority: The daffodil represents careful thought, attention, and concern. With the daffodil, we are saying that we hold others in high regard.

Use resources wisely: The foxglove shows thriftiness.

Make the world a better place: The cattail represents the peace we are trying to bring to the world when we help others. The Caladium shows the great joy and delight we take in the world around us.

And be a sister to every Girl Scout: With the striped carnation, we are saying that we think about those Girl Scouts and Guides who are not here with us. It helps indicate our love for our fellow Scouts and Guides.



Alternative flowers and their meanings:

Honest and fair - this part of the law is represented by the white chrysanthemum, showing truth, and honor, and the ivy which represents faithfulness to duties and keeping promises, and being reasonable in dealing with others. The color green is for new growth and being open to new ideas.

Friendly and helpful - the daisy shows warmth and concern for friends.

-the Indian paintbrush shows cheerfulness even in difficulty.

Considerate and caring - the carnation shows caring for others.

-the baby's breath shows generosity and thoughtfulness toward others.

Courageous and strong, and - the climbing wild rose stands for perseverance and exploring possibilities. Where it is firmly established it continues to grow and adapt even to extreme conditions. Its thorns protect it fiercely while its blossoms show that strength can also be beautiful.

Responsible for what I say and do - Our words and actions can be like the lily of the valley with each flower representing all the things we say and do. Each word and action says something of our character, and paints a picture of who we are. We must take care with all our words and deeds so that we can be the beautiful people that we wish to be.

And to Respect myself and others - the church bell symbolizes moderation and represents thoughtfulness and kindness toward each other and ourselves.

Respect authority - the forget-me-not shows careful thinking, attention, and faith in common values.

Use resources wisely - the foxglove shows thriftiness.

Make the world a better place, and - the sunflower shows a love of nature. It also can represent our place in the world. Its habit of turning toward the sun reminds us to "look on the bright side" and realize that our own attitudes go a long way toward making the world a better place for ourselves and the people near us. With a sunny disposition, we will find ways to make the world a better place almost without effort, because it will be a joy.

Be a sister to every Girl Scout - the rose shows love for our sisters in Scouting and Guiding. Roses come in all colors and varieties of fragrances, and though they are all different, they are all beautiful, just like our sisters in Scouting and Guiding.

The sash represents our rededication to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Its sweet fragrance will remind us of our commitment to the principals of Girl Scouts.

Other flowers and their possible meanings... Amaryllis-pride, Anemone-forsaken, Apple blossom-temptation, Aster-love, Bachelor's button-celibacy, Begonia-warning, Bluebell-loyalty, Camellia – loveliness, Carnation- red- aching heart; white-innocence; yellow-disdain; striped-refusal, Chrysanthemum red-love; white-truth; yellow-slighted love, Clematis-intellect, Columbine-foolly, Cornflower-delicacy, Crocus-good cheer, Cyclamen-departure, Daffodil-chivalry, Daisy-innocence, Dandelion-faithful, Forget me not-true love, Forsythia-anticipation, Foxglove-insincerity, Gardenia-secret love, Gentian-injustice, Geranium Dark-melancholy, Pink- preference, Red- comforting, Gladiolus-recovery, Gloxinia-sudden love, Hibiscus- grace, Holly-protection, Hollyhock-ambition, Honeysuckle-sweetness, Hyacinth-sorrow, Hydrangea-my thanks, Iris-messenger, Ivy-fidelity, Jasmine Yellow-elegance; White-amiabile; Lavender-distrust, Lilac Purple-love begins; white-innocence, Lily-purity, Lily of the valley -return of happiness, Lotus-admiration, Magnolia-dignity, Marigold-grief, Mistletoe-kiss me, Narcissus-egotism, Nasturtium-patriotism, Orange blossom-innocence, Orchid-beautiful lady, Palm-triumph, Pansy-remembrance, Peony-bashfulness, Petunia-anger, Phlox-agreement, Pine-hope, Pineapple-welcome, Poppy Scarlet-extravagance; White-sleep, Primrose-youth, Rose Red-love; White-innocence; Yellow-infidelity; Musk-capricious; Single-simplicity, Snapdragon-indifference, Snowdrop-renewal, Sunflower-haughtiness, Sweet William-forever a gentleman, Tulip Red-declaration of love; Variegated- beautiful eyes; Yellow- hopeless love, Violet-modesty, Wallflower-faithful, Water lily-pure heart, Weeping willow- deep mourning, Wisteria –friendship, Zinnia-thinking of you

## Flowers and Candles

*A beautiful dedication ceremony uses differently colored flowers and candles. Each new member is presented a candle with a daisy attached.*

Candles Needed: One white taper and candle holder,  
One each short candle (votive) of the following colors: red, orange, yellow, blue, purple, green

We placed the candles in a glass quiche/tart dish with the ruffled sides and then I had a woody kind of potpourri that we put in the bottom on the dish. The candles were arranged in a circle around the white taper in the middle. This was a nice effect - made it seem a little fancier than just putting the candles on a table. The candles don't burn that long so we never had a fire hazard and it was all contained inside a glass dish in case anything were to catch we could put it out quick.

Have everyone form a horseshoe with candles in the middle on a table -White candle is in a candle holder in the center and lit by the leader as the horseshoe forms. Girls will use white candle to light the other candles.

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

**GS #1:** (While lighting the red candle) The red is 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.

**GS #2:** (lighting the orange candle) The orange is 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 interest can build toward future ones.

**GS #3:** (lighting yellow candle) The yellow is 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.

**GS #4:** (lighting the blue candle) The blue is for the World of People. This world can help a young woman to build pride in her heritage, while appreciating the uniqueness of each culture and the common themes of all cultures.

**GS #5:** (lighting the purple candle) The purple is 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.

[After all of the candles are lighted: light the green candle saying:]

**ALL:** (lighting the green candle) From the light of the five worlds may your Girl Scout world ever grow.

**LEADER:** From the Girl Scout Worlds of Interest, take your light into the world and let it shine forth with love and knowledge. [All the girls return to the horseshoe formation. Sing a song of your choice.]

## "Lesson of the Pearls" Rededication Ceremony

**Set up:** Parts assigned (12 people), Treasure Chest, 10 plastic pearls or beads

**Leader 1:** Tonight we are gathered to share in the dedication of our new and old leaders to the ideals of Girl Scouts.

**Leader 2:** At this time, the members of \_\_\_\_\_ Overseas Committee 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 chest)

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

**Pearl 4:** The fourth pearl will symbolize TRUTH. You are an example of the truth of the ideas of Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in chest)

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

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

**Pearl 8:** The eighth pearl will stand for LOYALTY. You are committed to the Law of Girl Scouting and strive to live by it. (Place pearl in chest)

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

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

**Leader 1:** 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 your desire to be the best that you can be.

**Leader 2:** Our wish is for you to explore the 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.

**All:** Recite Promise

## On My Honor

*This is a simple investiture ceremony that is always memorable. Have girls form a horseshoe. Each girl holds a fresh or artificial daisy. The leader & co-leader stand in the middle of the horseshoe with a table in front of them. On the table are three candles in a holder, a candle snuffer (a spoon will work) a Girl Scout pin for each new girl & an empty vase. Feel free to use note cards to help each girl (and adult) remember her part.*

**Leader:** For several weeks, we have been learning about what it means to be a Girl Scout. We have learned the Girl Scout Motto.

**Girl 1:** Our motto is "Be Prepared."

**Co-leader:** We have learned the Girl Scout slogan.

**Girl 2:** Our slogan is: "Do a good turn daily."

**Leader:** Most importantly, we have learned the Girl Scout Law.

Girls 3-12 each say a part of the law

**Co-leader:** Will the continuing members of the troop please come forward and renew their Girl Scout Promise.

Continuing members come forward and make their Promise together. They each place their daisy in the vase and shake hands (Girl Scout hand shake) with the leader & co-leader.

**Leader:** Will the new members come forward.

New members come to table

**Leader:** The promise you are about to make has three parts. On the table are three candles which we will light to help you remember your first day as a Girl Scout. Let us say the Girl Scout Promise.

Co-leader lights three candles as girls say promise.

**Leader:** Please come forward to receive your Girl Scout pin.

New girls come up, one at a time, place their daisy in the vase, go to the leader to receive their pin, give the Girl Scout hand shake and return to the circle.

**Troop sing:** Suggested song is "When'er You Make A Promise"

**Leader:** Now that you have made the Promise and received your pin, you are an official Girl Scout. Let's think for a moment about this lovely bouquet of daisies. Daisy was the nickname of our founder, Juliette Low. She loved her country and the world, and wanted every girl to be the best that she could be. I hope through our activities this year that you will have fun & learn to be the best you can be.

## A Symbolic Investiture/Rededication - *(this ceremony can be adapted for use on Thinking Day)*

**All:** Repeat the Girl Scout Promise

**Speaker:** Juliette Gordon Low knew well that time flies swiftly,

Today is soon tomorrow,

And all of our tomorrows lie in the hands of our youth.

Her gift to youth was Girl Scouting.

And her dream a tree of fellowship grown from a tiny seed.

She knew the seed would ripen

The tree grew

Nourished by faith

Watered by service

Tended by love.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Speaker:** We quench the flame of our candles, but the flame of friendship still glows in our hearts. May we always be true and helpful friends to each other and to all mankind.

*(Leader pins each girl and gives the Girl Scout handshake) All candles are extinguished EXCEPT the Juliette Low candle. This candle is put out after the final song.*

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

## Ribbons and Candles

Use 10 white candles, each tied with specified color ribbon as noted. Each girl reads her line then lights the candle.  
***I will do my best to be: (all the girls say together)***

♥ ***Honest and fair*** <girl #1>

The purple ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of honesty and fairness. A Girl Scout works honestly and keeps her promise. She is fair in all she does and those she meets.

♥ ***Friendly and helpful*** <girl #2>

The blue ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of friendship and thoughtfulness. A Girl Scout is amiable and loyal to her friends. She helps others wherever and whenever she can.

♥ ***Considerate and caring*** <girl #3>

The orange ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of kindness and warmth. A Girl Scout works well with others and looks out for the well-being of others.

♥ ***Courageous and strong*** <girl #4>

The red ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of adventure and independence. A Girl Scout attempts new tasks and braves new endeavors. She is confident and self-assured in her actions.

♥ ***Responsible for what I say and do*** <girl #5>

The gold ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of ownership and pride in her work. She readily admits her strengths and weakness and is aware of the consequences of her actions. A Girl Scout is up front with her intentions.

♥ And to: (all the girls say together)

♥ ***Respect myself and others*** <girl #6>

The white ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of integrity. A Girl Scout directs her thoughts and deeds to encompass her won beliefs and to be sensitive to, and respectful of the beliefs of those around her.

♥ ***Respect authority*** <girl #7>

The yellow ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of regard for another's position. A Girl Scout understands the importance of having a leader of a group to make final decisions. She works with that leader to make the best decisions for the good of the group.

♥ ***Use resources wisely*** <girl #8>

The green ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of being careful with resources. She uses her materials, money, time, and energy wisely. A Girl Scout does not waste the Earth's resources.

♥ ***Make the world a better place*** <girl #9>

The brown ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of improvement. A Girl Scout strives to be clean, conserve, and enrich the world around her. She believes it is important to leave a better place than when she found it.

♥ ***Be a sister to every Girl Scout*** <girl #10>

The silver ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's loyalty to sisters all over the world. A Girl Scout is always ready to accept more friends into her ever widening circle. She treats all of her sisters with kindness, acceptance, and warmth.