

## PLAN FOR THE FIRST FOUR BROWNIE MEETINGS

Brownie Girl Scout meetings should last long enough to meet the needs of the girls. Each meeting will be different and plans should be flexible. The girl/adult partnership in planning is vital to Girl Scouting. A suggested meeting flow is as follows:

**Start-up activity:** An activity that girls can do as they wait for others to arrive.

**Opening:** A calling together of all girls to begin the meeting should take place. It should only take a small amount of time.

**Activities:** The major part of the meeting should be spent doing activities, ceremonies, songs, games, and programs.

**Closing:** A song, game, or friendship circle that officially ends the meeting.

### **The Goals for the First Four Meetings are:**

1. To have everyone become acquainted and feel comfortable working together as a troop/group.
2. To feel a part of the Girl Scout family and learn the ways of Girl Scouting.
3. To become familiar with Brownie songs, games, and handbook.

## THE FIRST MEETING

**Objective:** To learn the friendship circle, the principles underlying the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and "The story of Girl Scouting" (*Brownie Girl Scout Handbook*, pages 7-11).

**Start-up Activity:** Ask the girls to draw a picture about what they did on their last birthday.

**Opening:** Gather the girls together in a circle. Ask each girl to share their picture.

**Business:** Explain to the girls the Special Girl Scout Ways on pages 22 and 23 of *Brownie Girl Scout Handbook* (Brownie Girl Scout Ring, Girl Scout sign, Girl Scout handshake, friendship circle, friendship squeeze, Girl Scout motto, Girl Scout slogan, and the quiet sign).

**Activities:** Ask the girls what they think it means to be a Brownie Girl Scout. Read the "Welcome to Girl Scouts" story found on

pages 17-21 in the Handbook. Discuss with the girls some of the things that they might do as Brownies, and use a catalog to discuss the uniforms, try-its, equipment, handbooks, etc.

Closing: Teach the *Brownie Smile Song*. (page 24 in the Handbook)

## SECOND MEETING

**Objective:** To practice the Girl Scout Ways as well as to learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Start-up Activity: Play Paper Kick Ball (page 274, in the Handbook)

Opening: Sing the Brownie Smile Song that girls learned at the first meeting.

Business: Learn the Girl Scout Promise. It is helpful to have the Promise written on a poster board.

Activities: Read "The Brownie Story" (pages 17-21 in the Handbook). Ask girls to listen for "what the children do" in the story that are examples of living by the Girls Promise. Talk about the examples they heard.

Closing: Close with the friendship circle and pass the friendship squeeze.

## THIRD MEETING

**Objective:** To learn and practice the parts of the Girl Scout Law.

Start-up Activity: Have the girls make pictures that show what they want to be when they grow up. Girls could draw or cut pictures out of magazines and glue them on paper.

Business: Dues, attendance. Teach girls the parts of the Girl Scout Law. (page 15 in the Handbook) Discuss each part with the girls and ask for their ideas about how they can live by the Girl Scout Law.

Activities: Create visuals to explain each section of the Law with pictures and display them at the investiture/rededication ceremony.

Closing: Have a friendship circle and squeeze.

## FOURTH MEETING

**Objective:** To discuss and begin planning an investiture/rededication ceremony.

- Start-up Activity:** Play “the Name Game”. Stand or sit in a circle. One person begins by throwing a ball (or wad of paper) to a person and calling out that person’s name. If the thrower calls the wrong name, the ball is returned. Add additional balls as the game gets going.
- Opening:** Say the Promise and Law.
- Business:** Dues, attendance. Talk about investiture/rededication ceremony. In a Brownie Ring discuss inviting family members, refreshments, etc.
- Activities:** Make sit-upons. Girl Scouts use sit-upons when the ground is damp or cold or to keep their clothes clean. Waterproof material (an old vinyl or plastic tablecloth or shower curtain works fine) is cut into two squares large enough to sit on. Place newspapers between the two squares to form a cushion. Sew the squares together with yarn or string. (page 204 in the Handbook)
- Closing:** Brownie Smile Song.