



## IDEAS FOR FIRST FOUR MEETINGS FOR BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS

(These are suggested meetings designed with the Investiture at a separate time other than the regular meeting time. Refreshments can be served at anytime during the meeting.)

### MEETING 1

Supplies: The *Brownie Girl Scout Leaders Guide & Brownie Girl Scout Handbook*.

**Start Up Activity:** Have the girls play “My Name Is” to get better acquainted. The first girl says “My name is (Jane) and I like (jellybeans). What she likes must begin with the same first sound as her given name. The second girl tries to repeat this, saying, “Her name is Jane and she liked jellybeans” before adding her own. The game continues until the leader, who is trying to remember everyone and what they like, has her turn.

**Opening:** Read the Girl Scout Promise with the girls repeating after you.

**Business:** Form a Brownie Girl Scout ring and explain its functions. (BGSH, p. 38). Explain the quiet sign and tell them the Girl Scout slogan and motto (BGSH, p. 18-19). Discuss routine responsibilities: attendance taking, dues collecting, cleaning up, serving refreshments, etc. (Kaper Chart should be made by Meeting 3, BGSLG, p. 23 & 29; BGSH, p. 38)

**Activity:** Share with them the Juliette Low’s Album (BGSH, p. 8-11). Ask the girls what they liked best about the story. Have them complete the crossword puzzle, p. 11. Tell them that Juliette Low’s birthday is October 31 and have them think of ways to celebrate her birthday.

**Songs:** Learn the “Brownie Smile Song” (BGSH, p. 15)

**Cleanup:** Done by girls

**Closing:** Form the Friendship Circle, repeat the Girl Scout Promise and pass the friendship squeeze. (BGSLG, p. 38 & BGSH, p. 19)

### MEETING 2

Supplies: Items to play Kim’s Game; drawing paper and crayons - *Brownie Try-It Book*

**Start Up Activity:** Play Kim’s Game (*Brownie Try-It Book*, p. 160)

**Opening:** Sing the Brownie Smile Song and say the Girl Scout Promise.

**Business:** Form a Brownie Girl Scout ring, take attendance, and collect dues. Discuss the Girl Scout Promise and Law, asking for their ideas on what each law means. (BGSLG, p. 8 and BGSH, p. 12-15). Have them do the activity on p. 14-15. Tell the girls about being invested at a special ceremony. (BGSH, p. 22, & LRG)

**Activity:** Read the Brownie Story (BGSH, p. 29-32). Ask the girls to listen carefully because they will choose something from the story and draw a picture, or do the activity on page 38 – BGSLG.

**Games:** Play Jan-Ken-Pon or Red Light, Green Light (BGSTIB, p. 160)

**Cleanup:** By girls

**Closing:** Learn the song Make New Friends (GS Pocket Songbook, p. 16)  
Form a friendship circle, explain and give the Girl Scout handshake.

### **MEETING 3**

Supplies: Paper bags (1 per girl), magic markers or crayons, scraps of yarn, scissors, glue

**Start Up Activity:** Sing “Bingo” (Sing Along songbook)

**Opening:** Say the Girl Scout Promise. Sing Make New Friends – try singing in rounds.

**Business:** Form a Brownie Girl Scout ring, take attendance and dues, discuss plans for the Investiture Ceremony. (when, where, who does what)

**Activity:** Make paper bag puppets. (Try-It book, p. 74) You can use the puppets to create a puppet show about two parts of the Girl Scout Law (p. 14)

**Cleanup:** By girls using Kaper Chart

**Closing:** Sing the “Brownie Smile Song”. Form a friendship circle, give friendship squeeze.

### **MEETING 4**

Supplies: Brown paper, white paper, tape or glue, crayons or magic markers.

**Start Up Activity:** We’re the Same/We’re Different (BGSH, p. 129)

**Opening:** Say the Girl Scout Promise and sing the Brownie Smile Song

**Business:** Form a Brownie ring, take attendance, and collect dues. Review plans for the Investiture Ceremony and make invitations for them to take home.

**Activity:** Practice ceremony. (If time permits play Hawk & Hens (Try-It book, p. 161) or Mr. Bear (BGSH, p. 131)

**Cleanup:** By girls using Kaper Chart

**Closing:** Form a Friendship Circle. Sing Make New Friends. Give the friendship squeeze.

After completion of the first four meetings and participating in an Investiture Ceremony, you will have completed Playing Around the World Try-It; 2 activities in Girl Scout Ways, 2 activities in Making Music, and 1 activity in Puppets, Doll & Plays.

## INVESTITURE

The Investiture Ceremony is the time in which a new Girl Scout receives her pin, makes her Promise, and becomes a member of the troop/group and the Girl Scout movement.

The Promise and the Girl Scout Law state the ideals of Girl Scouting. They form a code which is easily understood, one that expresses attitudes and beliefs that are basic, not only of good Girl Scouting, but of good citizenship throughout the world. It is important to give each girl full opportunity during the meetings preceding the ceremony to learn and understand the Promise and Law so that when she is invested, she realizes their full significance.

A girl becomes eligible to be invested when she has paid her annual national membership dues, knows the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and is willing to live by them.

The investiture is a troop/group ceremony. It can be planned for a regular meeting, at a separate time other than the meeting, or out of doors. The actual investiture is the making of the Promise and being welcomed into Girl Scouts by the leader. If they wish, the girls may invite parents, grandparents, or guardians.

Each investiture ceremony should be planned with the girls. Therefore, each one will be different. Each of the ceremonies, however, should include these basic elements:

- Opening – Singing a Song/Flag Ceremony
- Welcome by the leader
- Saying the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Presentation of Girl Scout Pins
- Closing – Song or Poem

