

# CLOSING CEREMONIES



## Good Night Circle

Form a circle, crisscross arms right over left and hold hands. Everyone remains silent while one person makes a silent wish and squeezes the hand of the girl on her right. The squeeze proceeds around the circle to the person who started it. When she received it she lets go of the other girls' hands, makes the Girl Scout sign, and says, "Good night, Girl Scouts."

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## Magic Tunnel

When hats and coats are on, the Girl Scouts stand in two lines facing each other, raising their arms and holding hands to make an arch. The two farthest from the door go under the arch, then the next two, etc. The tunnel diminishes until the last two go.

## Girl Scout Out

Stand in circle with a girl in the center. Spell G-I-R-L-S-C-O-U-T. Girl in center touches the top of a head as each letter is said. The three girls that get the letters O, U, T leave the circle and line up by the door or are given permission to leave with their designated adult. The remaining girls close up the space and the spelling begins again. Keep repeating until all are eliminated.

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## Clean-Up

(Good for young girls)

The children skip about the room arranging everything neatly, singing to the tune of "London Bridge."

Weave the magic in and out, in and out, in and out,  
Weave the magic in and out, we are Girl Scouts.  
We have tidied everything, everything, everything,  
We have tidied everything, we are Girl Scouts.

Finally, the girls line up before the leader who asks, "Is everything finished?"

The children answer: "Everything."  
The leader asks: "Is nothing left?"  
The children answer: "Nothing!"  
The leader says: "Then be gone!"



(Leader can wave a special "good-bye wand" as girls silently tiptoe out.)

# 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.



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## Simple Girl Scout Daisy Investiture



### **Ceremony**

- : "Please Stand"
- ?: "Pledge Allegiance"
- !!!. I pledge allegiance...
- Girls: Sing "Our Flag"

**Leader:** Where are the girls who want to be a Girl Scout Daisy?

**Girls:** Here we are!

**Leader:** You have agreed that you are ready to make a promise and receive your pin as Girl Scout Daisies. Let us make that promise together:  
"On my honor..."

**Assistant:** " (naming girl), as a Girl Scout Daisy would you come forward?"

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

**Leader:** "Now lets sing our Girl Scout Daisy 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.





## Girl Scout Daisy 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:**

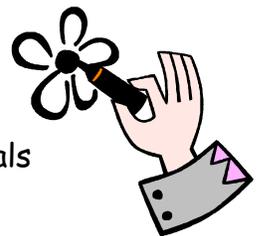
**honest and fair (light blue petal)  
friendly and helpful (yellow)  
considerate and caring (spring green)  
courageous and strong (red)  
responsible for what I say and do (orange)  
and to respect myself and others (purple)  
respect authority (magenta)  
use resources wisely (green)  
make the world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



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## 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 Girl Scout 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.

# Girl Scout Brownie Pond Investiture

## Materials Needed:

Girl Scout Brownie "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 Girl Scout Brownies."

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 Girl Scout Brownies & Girl Scout Juniors)

**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

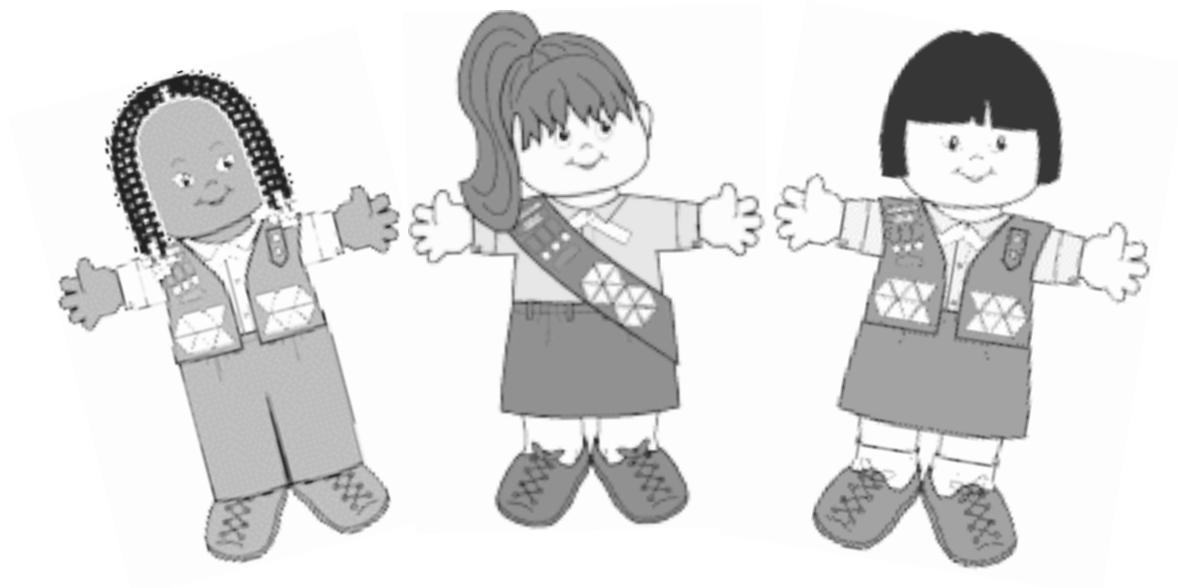
Take my hand in thanking, our leader and our guide  
With sincere appreciation, for standing by our side

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.

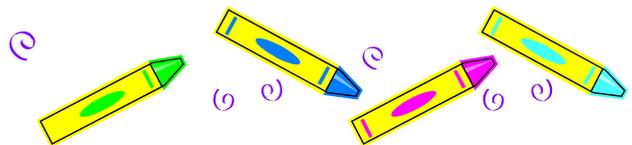
## The Girl Scout Law:

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 be 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.



# REDEDICATION CEREMONIES



## Investiture & Rededication

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. We as Girl Scouts also use ceremonies to mark important events and significant days. We are here to celebrate two such ceremonies:

### *An Investiture and A Rededication.*

**Speaker #1:** "The green candle stands for our Girl Scout program reminding us that we have a duty to perform - to instill in our girls the practice of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. It also means we are not to lose sight of these principles when emotions run high. If problems arise, we go back and review the purpose and ideals of Girl Scouting, for above all your thoughts and actions must be for the girls we are serving."

**Speaker #2:** "The red candle stands for fire, one of humanity's greatest blessings, but fire can also destroy. We can use fire for good or evil. We can be kind and considerate or we can hurt each other if our fires are uncontrolled."

**Speaker #3:** "The blue candle stands for faith and loyalty, our faith in each other and our loyalty to our beliefs - our love of God, home, and country."

**Speaker #4:** "The white candle stands for honesty in thought, word, and deed toward ourselves and others."

**Speaker #5:** "The yellow candle stands for sunshine, the sun that warms us all. Just as the sun warms us, may we in turn spread warmth and friendship to those we meet. Let's make Girl Scouting fun for our girls but at the same time not lose sight of the Promise and Law."

Please stand and join me now in reciting the Girl Scout Promise.

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**Speaker #1:** "As I extinguish the green candle may we with our thoughts and actions always serve our girls using the Girl Scout Promise and Laws."

**Speaker #2:** "As I extinguish the red candle may we be kind and considerate and never hurtful to each other."

**Speaker #3:** "As I extinguish the blue candle may our love of God, home, and country never be taken away."

**Speaker #4:** "As I extinguish this white candle may honesty be the first thought, word, and deed we use towards ourselves and others."

**Speaker #5:** "As I extinguish this yellow candle may the warmth of friendship be with you to share always."



## GORP Rededication (From [www.scoutingweb.com](http://www.scoutingweb.com))

Have you ever wondered what goes into making a Girl Scout?  
Well, we have a recipe to make to show you what we're all about.

1. Girl Scouts come in all colors, from cities and towns,  
Every Girl Scout's a sister no matter what she looks like or how she sounds.  
*Add M&Ms to the bowl*
2. Some of us are tall, and some of us are small.  
When we get together, size doesn't matter at all.  
*Add pretzel sticks and marshmallows*
3. With our words and our actions, we show that we care,  
We try to do our best to be fair and square.  
*Add Chex cereal to the mix*
4. Sometimes we act a little "nuts", we love to joke and play.  
We'd love to put a Girl Scout smile into everyone's day.  
*Add nuts to the bowl*
5. When we get together, we make circles so round.  
It's our never ending friendships to which we are bound.  
*Add Cheerios to the mix*
6. When we're planning and working, we just don't stop,  
We keep ourselves busy; all around we will pop.  
*Add popcorn*
7. We respect all God's creatures, if they're big or they're small,  
The earth is our home, and there is room here for all.  
*Add Goldfish Crackers or Animal Crackers.*
8. It was 1912 when Juliette Low started us off,  
And like the girls back then, we're just "chips off the old block"  
*Add butterscotch, chocolate and white chocolate chips.*
9. We get a "kick" out of learning and doing new things,  
And a "kick" out of helping others, and spending time with friends.  
*Add Kix cereal to the bowl*
10. When we were (Previous grade level) we were fresh, new and rare,  
But now we're (Next grade level) and have experience to share.  
Added together, the number of years our girls have spent in Girl Scouting comes to \_\_\_\_.  
*Add raisins, counting out loud, or each girl can contribute the number of raisins that represent the number of years she has been in Girl Scouts*
11. Now we stir to the left and we stir to the right,  
We mix it together with all of our might.  
We welcome our troop to another great year,  
And hope the memories they make, they will always hold dear.



Now that our recipe is complete, we look upon what we have created. Each of the ingredients went into our recipe separately, just like each of the girls came into the troop separately. As the ingredients mix together to form one dish, our girls mix together to form a troop. But even as we look upon our mix, we can still see each ingredient as separate and unique. Our girls bring each of their own unique talents and characteristics to our troop to make it what it is.

# INVESTITURE & REDEDICATION CEREMONY (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website)

**Materials:** 1. A candle for each member 2. Three tall candles (to represent GS Promise)  
3. 10 candles (to represent GS Law) 4. Matches 5. Membership pins (for investiture)

## **Leader:**

All around us is darkness. I light this candle to represent the flame of sisterhood that burns in the heart of every Girl Scout and it is no longer dark. Although this is a tiny flame and it lights only a small area, all of us can see it. Each one of us knows it is here and could find the way to it. Though tiny, it is a beacon to every one of us. This tiny light can grow, be multiplied and spread if someone would come, to join it. *(Two girls light their candles from the leader's candle.)*



**#1 Girl Scout:** Now the flame is brighter, lights a bigger area and we can see more than before. But this is only a beginning for once there is light and people who are willing to share it, it will grow. As it is shared, it will become bigger and bigger until all who want it can have the light. *(Girls light candles from each other until all are lighted.)*

**#2 Girl Scout:** See how fast the light can spread. Notice how well you can see now. This light makes it possible for us to see our friends, see their smiles and their actions. Other people can see our light.

**#3 Girl Scout:** As this light brightens our group, so does our light as true Girl Scouts brighten our own lives and the lives of others. The smallest light held by the least of us is important to the whole world.

**#4 Girl Scout:** Now I will light the three candles for the three parts of our promise with the same tiny light from which so much light has grown. Watch the candles take up the flame to shine on all of us as we rededicate ourselves by saying the Girl Scout Promise. *(all members repeat the Promise)*

## **Girl Scout Promise:**

On my honor, I will try:

- 1) To Serve God, and my country,
- 2) To help people at all times,
- 3) And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

*(Girls come forward, one at a time, to recite one of the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law and to light a candle which represents the part)*

## **Girl Scout Law:**

I will do my best:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1) To be Honest and Fair             | 6) Respect myself and others        |
| 2) Friendly and helpful              | 7) Respect authority                |
| 3) Considerate and Caring            | 8) Use resources wisely             |
| 4) Courageous and Strong             | 9) Make the world a better place    |
| 5) Responsible for what I say and do | 10) Be a sister to every Girl Scout |

**Leader:** This pin tells everyone you are a Girl Scout *(attach pin to girl's clothing)*. Wear it proudly *(give the Girl Scout handshake to the new member.)* Welcome to (level) Troop # *(Everyone blows out candles.)*

## GS Candlelight Rededication



**Setting:** It is dark, except for 11 lit candles.  
Girls begin this ceremony as observers.



**(Girl Scout 1):** We know our Promise and our Law. We have recited it many times over the years. We may have questioned its importance in our life or have forgotten its value.

**\*Part 1: Each Girl Scout blows out one candle after speaking her line\***

**(Girl Scout 2):** But what would the world be like if we stopped serving God and our country?

**(Girl Scout 3):** What would the world be like if we each stopped helping people in need?

**(Girl Scout 4):** What would the world be like if we each stopped living by the Girl Scout Law?

**(Girl Scout 5):** What would the world be like if we chose to be dishonest and self-serving?

**(Girl Scout 6):** What would the world be like if we were unfriendly and unhelpful?

**(Girl Scout 7):** What would the world be like if we chose to be inconsiderate and uncaring?

**(Girl Scout 8):** What would the world be like if we were fearful and weak?

**(Girl Scout 9):** What would the world be like if we not responsible for what we said or did?

**(Girl Scout 10):** What would the world be like if we didn't respect myself, others, or authority?

**(Girl Scout 11):** What would the world be like if we didn't use our resources wisely?

**(Girl Scout 12):** What would the world be like if we didn't make the world a better place?  
*(Blow out last candle.)* If we choose this path, our world becomes very dark.

**(Pause) \*Begin Part 2, Each Scout re-lights one candle after speaking her line\*.**

**(Girl Scout 2):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to serve God and my country.

**(Girl Scout 3):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to help people at all times,

**(Girl Scout 4):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to live by the Girl Scout Law.

**(Girl Scout 5):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to be honest and fair.

**(Girl Scout 6):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to friendly and helpful.

**(Girl Scout 7):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to be considerate and caring.

**(Girl Scout 8):** But I, (Name), make a commitment today to be courageous and strong.

(Girl Scout 9): But I, (Name), make a commitment today to be responsible for what I say and do.

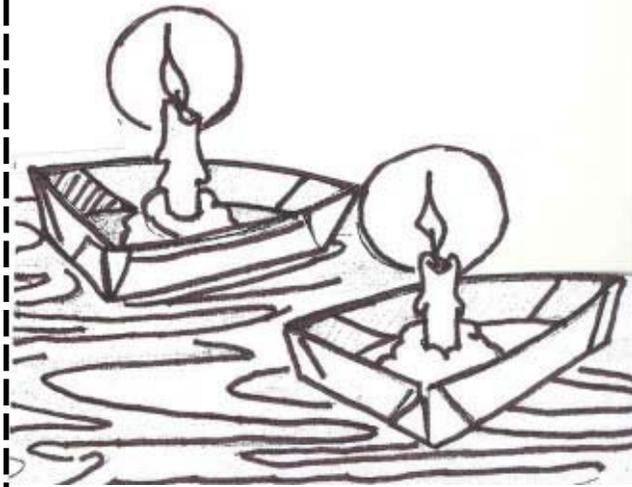
(Girl Scout 10): But I, (Name), make a commitment today to respect myself, others, and authority.

(Girl Scout 11): But I, (Name), make a commitment today to use my resources wisely.

(Girl Scout 12): But I, (Name), make a commitment today to make the world a better place.

(All): "May our lights shine and may we brighten our world"

### Wishboats Option to Candlelight Rededication



*Have the girls make a wishboat of their choice by folding paper or using natural materials from the out-of-doors. This could be as simple as a piece of bark. Please do not remove any living thing to construct this. Put a birthday candle on the "boat" and float it. Please remember to retrieve the "boats" so as not to litter. End the ceremony as follows:*

**All:** When'er You Make a Promise **All:** Set wishboats afloat.

### Trefoil Candle Light Rededication (All Levels)

**Materials needed:** table, 3 large candles and 10 small candles in holders; matches, a wooden or cardboard Trefoil, a Girl Scout pin for each girl to receive one (unpinned for convenience).

*The Leader begins the ceremony by talking about the meaning of the investiture or rededication. This can be done as follows:*

**Leader:** "The three candles represent the Girl Scout Promise. This candle that I light shall shine as a symbol that Girl Scouts are true to God and their country." (*She lights first candle.*) "May the light of the second candle shine as a symbol that a Girl Scouts greatest desire is to serve (*lights second candle*) and may the light of the third candle shine as a symbol that Girl Scouts are true to their ideals as interpreted by the Girl Scout Law." (*Light third candle*)

The Trefoil, which is the Girl Scout emblem, lies before you. We will place before it ten candles representing the Girl Scout Law."

*(Ten girls, chosen previously, come up to the table. Each recites her part of the Girl Scout Law, one by one. Each girl takes one of the small candles, lights it from a large candle, and as she replaces it in the holder...recites the part of the Girl Scout Law assigned to her.)*

*(The girls to be invested/rededicated are brought forward to the leader by other troop members. If more than 4 or 5 girls are to be invested/rededicated as one time, it is advisable to have the girls just step forward from the horseshoe while the leader moves from one girl to another for the actual pinning.)*

**Leader:** "Do you know what it means when you say 'On my Honor'?"

**Girl/Girls:** "Yes." (girls may answer in their own words)

**Leader:** "On your honor, will you try to Serve God, your country, and mankind, and to live by the Girl Scout Law?"

**Girl/Girls:** "Yes, I will."

*(The girl/girls then make the Girl Scout Promise while both she/they and the leader give the Girl Scout sign. The girl rededicating herself will preface the Girl Scout Promise with the words, "In rededication, on my honor I will..." Girls being invested for the first time use only the words of the Girl Scout Promise.)*

*The leader and assistant leader then pin the Girl Scout pin on each girl and shake her hand using the Girl Scout handshake.*

**Leader:** "This pin tells everyone that you are a Girl Scout. I know that you will wear it proudly."

**Leader:** "Girl Scouts, may the three gold leaves the Trefoil wears and the three-fold message that it bears give you, as you start your Scouting, the feeling that you are entering in a comradeship that will bring you joy as you work together, play together, and seek together. Today in every land this Trefoil emblem points the way to brotherhood, friendliness, and good citizenship."

*The rededicated/invested girls step back into the horseshoe and the entire Troop repeats the Girl Scout Promise and sings "When E're You Make A Promise."*

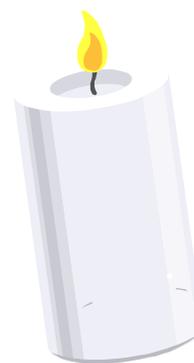
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## **Candle Wick Rededication Ceremony**

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: **Materials:** A table with ten small candles and one large candle. :  
: Leaders and girls stand in a horseshoe. :  
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**LEADER:** *(light large candle)*

A candle's but a simple thing  
It starts with just a bit of string,  
Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand,  
It gathers wax upon the strand  
Until complete, and gleaming bright,  
It gives at last a lovely light.



**CO-LEADER:** "This first large candle represents the spirit of Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Promise."

**1st GIRL:** "Let us now say the Girl Scout Promise." *(She leads them in the Girl Scout Promise.)*

**2nd GIRL:** "Let us now sing (have girls pick an appropriate song) . *(She leads them in song.)*

**3rd GIRL:** *(Lights 1st small candle)* "I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE HONEST"

**4th GIRL:** (*Lights second small candle*) Recites 2nd part of Law.

**5-10 GIRL:** Continues until all candles are burning and recites the appropriate part of the Law.

**LEADER:**

Life is like that bit of string  
Each deed we do a simple thing  
Yet day-by-day, if on Life's strand  
We work with patient heart and hand.  
It gathers joy, makes dark days bright..  
And gives at last a lovely light.



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## **SAMPLE REDEDICATION #2**

*All sit in a circle, with a table in the middle with ten candles. You may find it helpful to use 3x5 index cards for girls' parts.*

**1st GIRL:** "Let us repeat together the Girl Scout Promise." (All stand, when finished be seated.)

**2nd GIRL:** *LIGHTING 1st CANDLE* - "I will do my best to be honest."

**3rd GIRL:** "What is honest? It is to be truthful in everything you say and do."

**4th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 2nd CANDLE* - "I will do my best to be fair."

**5th GIRL:** "What is fair? It is treating other people the way you want to be treated."

**6th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 3rd CANDLE* - "I will do my best to help where I am needed."

**7th GIRL:** "What is helping where you are needed? It is finding out what others need, and doing what you can to show them that you care."

**8th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 4th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to be cheerful."

**9th GIRL:** "What is being cheerful? It is looking for the bright side, even on gloomy & unhappy days."

**10th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 10th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to be friendly and considerate."

**11th GIRL:** "What is being friendly and considerate? It is to be thoughtful of others. It is being the kind of friend you would like to have."

**12th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 6th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to be a sister to every Girl Scout."

**13th GIRL:** "What does it mean to be a sister? It means to think of all Girl Scouts everywhere, not as strangers, but as friends you haven't met."

**14th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 7th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to respect authority."

**15th GIRL:** "What does it mean to respect authority? It means to listen to people who are responsible for us and follow their directions."

**16th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 8th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to use resources wisely."

**17th GIRL:** "How can we use resources wisely? We can learn not to waste what we have."

**18th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 9th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to protect and improve the world around me"

**19th GIRL:** "What does -it mean to protect and improve the world around me? It means to help preserve the world around us and to help make it a better place."

**20th GIRL:** *LIGHTING 10th CANDLE* - "I will do my best to show respect for myself and others through my words and actions."

**21st GIRL:** "What does it mean to show respect for myself and others? It means to do your very best in the way that you treat others."

## Dime Rededication Ceremony - Contributed by Debbie DeWitt

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 an emergency 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!



I will do my best to be  
honest and fair  
friendly and helpful  
considerate and caring  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others  
respect authority  
use resources wisely  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout



because.. . . . **WE ARE GIRL SCOUTS!!!**

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## Investiture/Rededication (Girl Scout Junior)

**Materials needed:** 4 small candles, 1 large candle

**1st girl:**

Welcome to all the girls who are new or returning to the family of Girl Scouts.

**2nd girl (lighting big candle):**

Through our promise, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides kindle the flame of sisterhood around the world.  
Our Girl Scout Promise-

**3rd girl (lighting small candle from big one):**

On my honor

**4th girl:**

For honor gives courage, confidence and character.

**5th girl (lighting candle as above):**

I will try

**6th girl:**

For seldom is good accomplished without effort

**7th girl (lighting candle):**

To serve God, my country and mankind

**8th girl:**

For the fulfillment of the Girl Scout ideal is to improve the soul and spirit of the American dream

**9th girl (lighting candle):**

and live by the Girl Scout Law

**10th girl:**

for the dream is unity through friendship

**11th girl:**

Now, will you join in saying our Girl Scout Promise?

*(New girls are pinned at this point when using ceremony as investiture.)*

**12th girl :**

We carry these candles in friendship, as symbols of our Girl Scout Promise. The flames are small but burn steady and bright. In this manner, each of us in her heart carries the warm glow of friendship, which will shine steadily and brightly through our lives.

## Autumn Rededication Ceremony

This ceremony is for Girl Scout Juniors, Girl Scout Cadettes, Girl Scout Seniors, and Girl Scout Ambassadors. It is designed for ten girls and one narrator. The narrator should be someone who reads well.

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: **Materials needed:** 1 large candle to symbolize the Girl Scout Promise • 10 smaller candles to :  
: symbolize the Girl Scout Law • Post cards or "leaves" with the girl's parts (parts of the Girl Scout Law :  
: and parts of the poem "October's Party") written on them • a table to hold the candles :  
:.....

*The girls will form a horseshoe around the candle table. The narrator stands in the middle or to one side of the horseshoe.*

**NARRATOR:** Autumn is here. As the leaves turn to goldenrod yellow, earthy browns, and deep crimson, we put away our summer dreams. Not only is this the season of endings but also a time for new beginnings. Another school year has begun, football season is upon us, we're looking forward to cooler weather and warm fires. This is also the beginning of a new Girl Scout year. It is time for us to, once again, rededicate ourselves to our Girl Scout Promise and Law.

**NARRATOR** lights the large candle and says: " As softly as this candle burns and as gently as a leaf falls we take this time to quietly and reverently say our Girl Scout Promise:

**ALL: Say the Girl Scout Promise together**

**NARRATOR:** Each candle that we light symbolizes a part of our Girl Scout Law. may it burn forever brightly in our hearts.

*\* Each girl lights her "Girl Scout Law" candle from the "Girl Scout Promise" candle and says her part of the Girl Scout Law. As soon as the last candle is lit and the girl has gone back to her place, Girl #1 starts the poem, "October's Party." \**

1. October gave a party; the leaves by hundreds came.. The chestnuts, oaks and maples and leaves of every name.
2. The sunshine spread a carpet, and everything was grand
3. Miss Weather led the dancing, Professor Wind the band.
4. The Chestnuts came in yellow, The Oaks in crimson dressed;  
the lovely Miss Maple in scarlet looked her best;
5. All bowed to their partners and gaily fluttered by;
6. The sight was like a rainbow falling from the sky.
7. Then, in the rustic hollow, at hide-and-seek they played,
8. the party closed at sundown, and everybody stayed.
9. Professor Wind played louder;
10. They flew along the ground

(The girls need to have this last line memorized. While saying the last line the girls join hands.)

**ALL: AND THEN THE PARTY ENDED...IN FRIENDSHIP, HOLDING HANDS !!**



## Leader Investiture and Rededication Ceremony

(From Girl Scouts of San Jancinto Council website)

**Materials:** clear glass container, water, blue and yellow food coloring, candle for each person, matches

Girl Scouts sometimes wear more than one hat. For instance a girl in a troop who has been elected to an office, wears one hat as a member of the troop and a second hat in her elected role. In Girl Scouts one of the elected roles is that of Patrol Leader. A symbol of the office of Patrol Leader is the Patrol Leader's cord. This cord has two gold circles. The larger one stands for the troop - the smaller one for the patrol. This shows that the Patrol Leader has a responsibility to both groups.



A Girl Scout leader also serves in a dual responsibility. The BLUE symbolizes your position as the troop's manager: in planning with the girls and helping those plans to a successful conclusion. [add blue food color into container with water]

The YELLOW symbolizes your commitment to Troop \_\_\_\_, Service Unit \_\_\_\_, Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., and to the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. [add yellow food color to blue, making green]

TOGETHER these colors symbolize Girl Scouting. May the two grow together to support the girls.

*Call new members to come and be pinned with the Girl Scout pin. Have everyone repeat the Girl Scout Promise.*

Thank you for accepting the responsibilities of a troop leader. I would like each of you to take a candle as they are distributed to take back to your troop. Use it to remind you of our ceremony today and to rekindle the spark.

### **The Service Unit Candle**

The WAX represents the leaders in the service unit.

The WICK represents the service team

The FIRE represents the administrative team (service unit manager and assistants)

The candle's fire cannot be lit without the wick. The wick will not burn without the wax. And, the wax cannot be a candle without the wick or the fire.

So it is with our service unit. The more durable the wax and the stronger the wick, the better our fire will burn and the glow from our candle will be from all the Girl Scouts in (\_\_\_\_\_) service unit!

Please silently make a wish for your service unit and your troop and gently blow it out to be relit on the day you share your dreams and wishes with the girls in the troop.

May ALL your wishes come true.

# **TREASURE BOX CEREMONY :** **INVESTITURE AND REDEDICATION CEREMONY FOR LEADERS**



**Materials:** 4 Adults as Leaders • 10 Adults as Pearls • Treasure Chest  
2 Candles • 10 Large Plastic Pearls

- LEADER #1** Tonight we are gathered to share in the dedication of our new and old leaders to the ideas of Girl Scouts.
- LEADER #2** At this time, the members of the Service Unit 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 treasure chest)*
- PEARL #3** The third pearl is STRENGTH. You are the strength of the future of Girl Scouting. *(Place pearl in treasure chest)*
- PEARL #4** The fourth pearl will be the symbol of TRUTH. You are the example of truth of the ideas of Girl Scouting. *(Place pearl in treasure chest)*
- PEARL #5** The fifth pearl will be FIDELITY. You have kept your promise and have affirmed it for life. *(Place pearl in treasure 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 treasure chest)*
- PEARL #7** The seventh pearl is COOPERATION. You are an example of total cooperation and your many accomplishments reflect your willingness to work in harmony with others. *(Place pearl in treasure chest)*
- PEARL #8** The eighth pearl will be a symbol for LOYALTY. You are committed to the Law of Girl Scouting and strive to live by it. *(Place pearl in treasure chest)*
- PEARL #9** The ninth pearl will be for VISION. You can see the future of Girl Scouts and will do your part to ensure its continued success. *(Place pearl in treasure chest)*
- PEARL #10** The tenth pearl shall stand for SERVICE. You can continue to give of yourself to others in need. *(Place pearl in treasure chest)*
- LEADER #3** 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 #4** Our wish is for you to explore the many 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.

# BRIDGING / FLY-UP CEREMONIES

## BRIDGING / FLY-UP (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website)



Flying up/Bridging from Girl Scout Daisy to Girl Scout Brownie , or from Girl Scout Brownie to Girl Scout Junior is a special time for your troop. Prepare ahead of time by making invitations and centerpieces and by planning a special ceremony signifying unity and friendship.

As each girl says her verse, she stretches out her hand to the next girl to speak, until all the girls are standing across the stage (or bridge) linked like paper dolls.

Verses may be split if you have more than seven girls flying up/bridging, and girls who do not have speaking parts may stand on stage also linked like paper dolls.

Take my hand in friendship  
I give to you this day.  
Remember all the good times  
We had 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 have found.

Take my hand in giving  
Our knowledge of true Girl Scouts  
To girls we meet and talk to  
Who have so many doubts.

Take my hand in thanking  
Our leaders and our guides  
With sincere appreciation  
For standing by our side.

Take my hand in eagerness  
To be an older Girl Scout.  
We're proud to be a fly-up  
It's what we're going to shout.

So, take my hand to follow  
New Girl Scouting paths in sight.  
We'll join hands with each other  
And in friendship we'll unite.

**(in unison)**  
We give our thanks 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 pins.

## Girl Scout Brownie Fly-Up (to Girl Scout Juniors)



A Girl Scout Brownie "flies up" to Girl Scout Juniors in the spring, and receives her Brownie Wings. If possible, have your fly-up ceremony with a Girl Scout Junior troop in your Service Unit. Often all age groups of Girl Scouts are involved, including the parents.

**Materials:** Order your Brownie Wings ahead of time, also your Girl Scout pins and Membership Stars and green discs if you plan to present them now. Brown construction paper, cut to represent stones, or paper bags cut the same way. Write a Girl Scout Law on each one.

The Girl Scout Brownies sit on one side of the room in a Brownie Ring, and the Girl Scout Juniors sit in a horseshoe (always make the open end toward the audience) on the other side of the room. Place your Stepping Stones between the two groups and tape them down to the floor.

Everyone sings "Girl Scouts Together", found in the Girl Scout Pocket Songbook (or others)

Brownie Leader: You've been a Brownie and you've earned your wings of sunlight gold. Now you're ready to be a Girl Scout Junior, new adventures you've been told. (The girls all stand)

Brownie Leader: I would like to present my Girl Scout Brownies their wings; they are ready to fly-up to the next level of Girl Scouting. As I call your name, would you please come forward? (as they come forward, pin on their wings).

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## Bake a Batch of New Brownies

Have the girls design their own "oven" out of a cardboard box, etc, that is large enough for the new members to fit inside/hide behind. The other Girl Scouts stand behind the table as "chefs."



**Leader:** "Since some of our girls have bridged up to Girl Scout Juniors (or moved, etc.) we have extra spaces in our Girl Scout Brownie ring."

**1st girl** "Yes, what can we do about it?"

**2nd girl** "I know, let's whip up some new Girl Scout Brownies."

**All girls** "Yes, yes!"

**3rd girl** "We can look in the handbook for the recipe."

**4th girl** "Here it is. To make Girl Scout Brownies we must mix in a few basic ingredients, along with the GS Promise, and the GS Law."

**5th girl** "In a large bowl, cream together 1 cup each of the GS Promise to serve God, my country, and mankind."

**6th girl** "To this mixture add 2 cups of honesty and 4 tablespoons of cheerfulness. Mix together until well blended."

**7th girl** "Stir in one cup of thoughtfulness."

**8th girl** "Whip together 1/2 cup fairness and 1/2 cup helpfulness and add to the mixture."

**9th girl** "Sprinkle over the mixture 2 tablespoons of sisterhood of Girl Scouting and mix well".

**10th girl** "Add 1 cup of respect for herself and 1 cup of respect for others."

**11th girl** " Sift together 1/2 cup of a wise use of resources and 6 tablespoons of a promise to protect and improve the world. Stir into mixture."

**12th girl** "In a prepared pan spread the batter evenly. (*Quickly put pan in oven so no one sees the girls inside*).

**13th Girl** Bake at a moderate temperature until done".

**Leader:** (*Ring Bell*) "They're DONE! Open the oven door and have the new Brownies walk out. "Look! A brand new batch of Girl Scout Brownies."

## Multi-Level Bridging Ceremony

### *Materials needed: 5 Stepping Stones*

1. As the Daisies step over the stepping stones, the Leader says:

- Stepping stones are for you Daisies,
- Cross them while you sing.
- Your Daisy days are over now,
- Come and join our Brownie ring.

Girls now join the Brownie ring, where they repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the leader.

- When you were a very young girl
- You wore Girl Scout Daisy Blue,
- You learned the joy of singing
- With Daisy friends so true.
- But now that you are older
- You will be trying something new,
- You will bring along your happy smile
- To Brownies we are welcoming you.



2. The Brownies are in the Brownie Circle and the Bridging Brownies are in the middle.

- Now is the time to say good-bye.
- Break the ring and away you'll fly.

Girl Scout Brownies then cross over the Bridge to Girl Scout Juniors, they repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the leader. At this time you may also wish to give the girls their Membership stars and green disc. Brownie Leader: We will now all sing "Make New Friends"

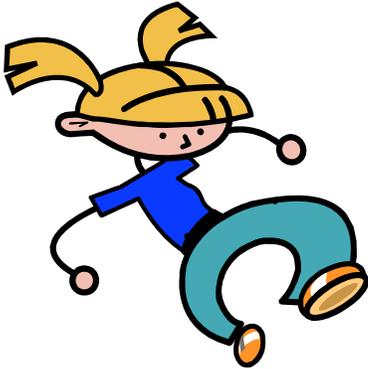


- When you were a young girl
- You learned through "trying" many things
- Now you are ready for new adventures
- As Juniors, your ideas can take wings.

Junior Leader: Each step of Junior Girl Scouting can be filled with fun and adventure. As a troop, we would like to welcome you.

- Girl Scout Juniors you'll be for a few short years.
- Make the most of each day that goes by.
- Be cheerful and helpful and do a good turn
- And greet each Girl Scout with a Hi!

The Brownies walk on the stepping stones and enter the horseshoe. With the Brownies facing the Juniors, the Girl Scout Sign is made and the girls recite the Girl Scout Promise.



Junior Leader: With the help of (Brownie Leader's Name) we would like to present our new Juniors with the Girl Scout membership pin. (pin on Girl Scout Pins).

Juniors cross over the Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes, they repeat the Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the leader.

- When you were a young girl you learned a lot of things
- By singing, badge work, and helping others
- You learned what happiness you can bring
- Now you come to Cadettes ready to take a greater part
- In Girl Scouting and your community,
- And Cadettes is just the start.

A Leader reads to all:

- When I hear of young girls who haven't been a Girl Scout
- I think of all the wonders that she has never seen.
- We've watched you girls grow And marveled at the sight,
- Your caring, talents and abilities and using them just right.



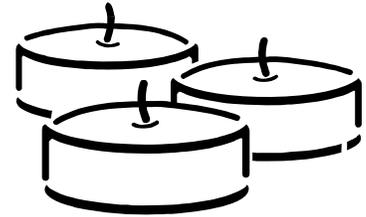
Repeat the Girl Scout Promise. Close by the Color Guard retiring the flags .



# COURT OF AWARDS CEREMONIES

## SAMPLE COURT OF AWARDS (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website) -

**Materials:** 1 large green candle • 3 white candle •  
Colored candles - 1 each... purple, blue, yellow, orange, red



**Leader:** Today the girls will receive recognitions they have earned since \_\_\_\_\_. A badge is a symbol of something you have done well enough that you can be prepared to give service or show someone else how to do it (*Give girls their awards and have them explain what they did to earn it.*)

**Girl Scout #1:** I light this candle for the flame of sisterhood that burns in the heart of every Girl Scout. (*light large green candle*)

**Girl Scout #2:** These three candles represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

**Girl Scout #3:** On my honor I will try to serve God and my country (*light white candle*)

**Girl Scout #4:** To help people at all times (*light white candle*)

**Girl Scout #5:** And to live by the Girl Scout Law (*light white candle*)

**Girl Scout #6:** The colored candles stand for the (Try-Its, badges, patches, Interest Projects, Journey Awards, etc) we can earn in Girl Scouting.

**Girl Scout #7:** We can sing, try a dance, even paint a face. Things to carve, things to print, we can weave, we can tint. (*light purple candle*)

**Girl Scout #8:** It's people that make the world go round. They are black, yellow, white, red and golden brown. 'Tho' we're not just the same, understanding is our aim. (*light blue candle*)

**Girl Scout #9:** Pitch a tent, hike a hill, heed the campfire's call. Learn to live with concern and to share our understanding. We protect our world. (*light yellow candle*)

**Girl Scout #10:** We can run, hop, skip, jump and throw a ball. We learn to eat what is good so we can grow up strong. With well being in mind, we leave troubles behind. (*light red candle*)

**Girl Scout #11:** We can learn math, science and technology. We can also learn how to fix a leak, see how engines run, and fly a plane in the sky. We prepare today for the world of tomorrow. (*light orange candle*)

**Leader:** "Remember that with each new badge, a Girl Scout takes on a new responsibility. A little more is expected at home, at troop meetings, and in your community. Strive always to be worthy of the symbols you wear and wear them with pride. Congratulations!"

## B-A-D-G-E-S COURT OF AWARDS (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website)

**Materials:** a card or poster board for each letter in the word "BADGES" with the speaking part on the back.

**Procedure:** Each girl holds up the letter, reads her part and stays in place until the word is spelled out and the leader has spoken.

**B** stands for the **BADGES** to be given today. They are outward signs of an inner accomplishment. They are not as important as the work needed to earn them.

**A** is for the positive **ATTITUDE** we gain from knowing that the time and energy needed to complete these badges have given us new knowledge.

**D** is for the individual **DEVELOPMENT** we have experienced by completing these badges.

**G** is for the **GROWTH** we have shown by earning these badges. Each requirement has advanced us one step further in life.

**E** is for the **ENERGY** necessary to earn these badges. Badges do not come easily... they should not, or their value would be small. Badges must present challenges and satisfaction in accomplishment.

**S** stands for **SELF-RESPECT**. By developing our talents and strengthening our weakness we begin to take pride in ourselves.

**Leader:** And so we have badges to be given at this Court of Awards. As your leader, I know the work you have done to receive them. You are eager to wear them and it is with great pride and feeling of accomplishment that I present them to you today. *(Call each girl forward to make the presentation.)*

**Note:** This same format could be used to explain the letters, TRY-ITS, PATCHES, etc. Simplify the wording for younger girls.

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### Four-Winds



#### **North Wind:**

I am the North Wind. People say I am cold, but to [girl's name] I will always bring the warmest weather because she has been true to the Girl Scout Promise and has lived up to the Girl Scout Law.

#### **South Wind:**

I am the South Wind. I wish you all success in Girl Scouting. Over hill and dale I have carried stories of [girl's name] and her experiences. As a Girl Scout she has been happy, willing, and fair—a credit to her troop and community.

#### **East Wind:**

I am the East Wind. I wish you well. I have spread the story of [girl's] fun and happiness in Girl Scouting with her troop, and of how she lived up to the Girl Scout Promise and was fair and helpful.

#### **West Wind:**

I am the West Wind. I would like everyone present to know that [girls name] did not walk the trail to the [award] alone. She had the wonderful help and guidance of her parents, [parents/guardians' names]. Parents, continue to help your girls achieve and grow into young womanhood!