Brownie Girl Scout Way Badge – Week 1

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- Snacks – optional
- Music or words of three Girl Scout songs
- Mural paper or piece of cloth for a flag
- Mural decorating materials like markers, paint, stencils, stamps, etc.

Activities:

1. Opening (5 minutes)
   - Welcome everyone to the meeting.
   - Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Use repeat-after-me or say it as a group if girls know it by heart.

2. Who is Juliette Gordon Low (10 minutes)
   - Divide the girls into eight groups. Each group will represent one of the people, places or groups listed below. When they hear the name of their assigned person, place or group, they should stand up and make their sound and action.

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<th>Little girls</th>
<th>Giggle with hand over mouth</th>
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<td>Juliette Low</td>
<td>Curtsy and say, “Be my friend.”</td>
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<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Wave and say, “Hi, y’all!”</td>
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<td>Horses</td>
<td>Stamp feet and say, “Neighhhhh!”</td>
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<td>Lord Baden-Powell</td>
<td>Bow formally and say, “How d’ya do?”</td>
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<td>London</td>
<td>Sing “London Bridge is Falling Down.”</td>
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<td>Boy Scouts</td>
<td>Make Boy Scout sign (same as the Girl Scout sign) and say “Be Prepared.”</td>
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<td>Girl Scouts</td>
<td>Make the Girl Scout sign and say, “On My Honor.”</td>
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• Read the story below to the girls.

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Juliette Low who lived in Georgia and loved to ride horses. After she grew up, she went to London where she met Lord Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts. She was fascinated by the work he was doing. She studied with him for a while and decided to found a troop of Girl Scouts for the little girls who liked to ride horses in Georgia. So, Juliette Low said goodbye to the Boy Scouts in London and came home with the ideas that Lord Baden-Powell gave her. She formed a group of little girls who liked to ride horses and be together into a troop of Girl Scouts. The little girls loved it so much that the idea spread and now there are Girl Scout troops all over the world. Aren't we glad that a little girl named Juliette Low, from Georgia, who liked horses, went to London and met Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, and came to start the wonderful world of Girl Scouts?

• Ask the following questions:
  o Who started Girl Scouts?
  o Why did she start Girl Scouts?
  o Do you know anything else about Juliette Low?


• Complete Step 1 of the Brownie Girl Scout Way badge.
• Teach the girls three new Girl Scout songs.
• One great resource is this YouTube site - http://www.youtube.com/user/sdgssongbirds
  A few great song options for Brownies include the “Brownie Smile Song,” “Make New Friends” and “G for Generosity.”
• You might also have an older girl or two come to your troop meeting to help.
• To teach songs, you could sing a line, then have the girls repeat after you.
• You might need to sing a song a few times.

4. Share the Sisterhood (15-20 minutes)

• Complete Step 3 of the Brownie Girl Scout Way badge - make a team mural, collage flag or other artwork.
• Have the girls work together to create a piece of art that shows the sisterhood of your troop.

5. Leave a Place Better than You Found it (5-10 minutes)

• This is Step 4 of the Brownie Girl Scout Way badge – A Better Meeting Place.
• Tell the girls "It’s the Girl Scout way to care about the world around us- whether it’s a room, a campground or the world. We always try to leave a space better than we found it."
• Ask the girls for ways they can leave their Girl Scout meeting space better than found it.
• Narrow it down to one and if possible complete it today. If it is something that takes a little preparation, plan to complete it at the next meeting.
6. Closing
   • Complete a Girl Scout Friendship Circle.

More to Explore
   • Field Trip Ideas:
     o Participate in a service unit event or council-sponsored event with other Girl Scouts.
     o Visit a nursing home or assisted living complex and sing Girl Scout songs for the residents.
   • Speaker Ideas:
     o Invite an older Girl Scout troop to your meeting to share about their Girl Scout experiences and to teach more songs and traditions.
     o Invite an adult who was a former Girl Scout to share about their Girl Scout memories.
   • Additional Ideas
     o Find an old Girl Scout handbook or badge book and complete an activity from it.
     o Make a Sit-Upon (page 7 of the Brownie Girl Scout Way badge packet).

Family Follow-Up Email
Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Don’t forget to fill in the missing information or add additional information.

Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about girl Scout history and traditions and are on our way to earning the Girl Scout Way Badge.

We had fun:
   • Learning Girl Scout songs.
   • Making a team mural.
   • Deciding how to leave our meeting space better than we found it.

Continue the fun at home:
   • Ask her to sing some of the songs we learned.
   • Find a book at the library or search the internet for information about Juliette Gordon Low.

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2. **Celebrate Juliette Low’s Birthday (10-15 minutes)**
   - Complete Step 2 of the Brownie Girl Scout Way badge – Make a card for a Daisy.
   - Juliette Low’s birthday is October 31. The Girl Scout birthday is March 12. Depending on the time of year that you complete this badge, you might need to modify this activity.
   - One modification idea is to write a letter to a Daisy troop about your favorite things about Juliette Low and about being a Girl Scout.
   - You could write one letter as a troop or have each girl make a picture that represents that she likes about Girl Scouts.

3. **Enjoy Girl Scout Traditions (15-20 minutes)**
   - Complete Step 5 of the Brownie Girl Scout Way badge.
   - If possible, invite an adult who was a Girl Scout to your troop meeting to share about their Girl Scout experience. You could ask parents in your troop for possible contacts or talk to your service unit.
   - Consider completing an activity from an old handbook or badge book. Many are available online as free Google documents.
4. Leave a place better than you found it (5-10 minutes)
   - Use this time if you need to finish the activity for Leave a Place Better than You Found It.

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     o Checkout a collection of old uniforms from the council office.

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We had fun:
   - Celebrating Juliette Gordon Low.
   - Exploring Girl Scout traditions.

Continue the fun at home:
   - Ask her about some of the traditions.
   - Tell a new friend about Girl Scouts and why it is fun.
   - Looks through the Girl's Guide to Girl Scout with your Brownie to find other activities you can try at home.

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