

Prepare the room to resemble the forest from the Brownie Story. In a “stage” area, place a mirror on the ground to represent the pond and any flowers or foliage around the pond.

Have the new Brownies assemble outside the door of the room with one leader, or behind an imaginary door made of paper or by other creative means.

From inside the room, another leader says: Who comes to the Brownie woods?

New Brownies: We do!

Leader: What do you want?

New Brownies: We want to be Brownies!

Leader: Why do you want to be Brownies?

As each girl walks through the doorway, she tells the leader why she wants to be a Brownie Girl Scout.

After all the girls have entered the room, the leader says:

“Cross your little fingers,
Stand upon your toes.
That’s a bit of magic
Every Brownie knows.
Now we are all standing
In a forest glade.
Listen very carefully,
See the magic made.”

The leader then calls each girl up, one at a time. She positions the girl in front of the pond/mirror and gently turns her around three times while the girl says,

“Twist me and turn me and show me the elf,
I looked in the water and saw myself!”

Have each girl take the time to bend and look at herself in the mirror.



When she is done with the rhyme, the girl steps aside and her Brownie pin is pinned on by another of her leaders. The pin should go on upside-down.

Once she is pinned, the leader welcomes the girl with the Girl Scout Handshake and asks her to join the rest of the group. Repeat for each girl.

When all girls have finished, the leader says:

“Uncross your little fingers!
Down from off your toes!
Then the magic goes away,
Everybody knows.”

Brownie Investiture Ceremony (continued)

Address the parents and girls. Explain that the Brownie pins were pinned on the girls upside-down and they should remain that way until the new Brownie does her first good turn. Ask parents to make take note of that good deed and turn the pin around with the girl before the next meeting.

End your ceremony by thanking parents and caregivers for attending and for the support they will show to their Brownie Girl Scout troop over the year to come.

End with a closing activity.

