

Objectives:

The girls will discover the tradition around how the Brownies got their name.

About this meeting:

Girls will learn about the Brownie Story and invite their parents/caregivers to their upcoming Brownie Investiture Ceremony.

With this First 4 Meeting plan, girls will earn the Girl Scout Way Badge

Brownie Girl Scout Way Badge

1. Sing everywhere
2. Celebrate Juliette Low's birthday
3. Share sisterhood
4. Leave a place better than you found it
5. Enjoy Girl Scout traditions



Supplies:

- Kaper Chart
- Flag
- Card-making supplies – paper, envelopes, crayons, markers, pencils, glue, printed inserts with invitation information, envelopes.

Prepare Ahead: Be prepared to repeat some of the songs and games the girls have learned at the previous three meetings. Collect all supplies needed for the meeting.

Meeting Agenda:

Pre-Meeting: As everyone gathers, ask girls to start decorating a card that they will use later as an invitation to the special ceremony that will happen during meeting 4. There will be time later in the meeting to complete this activity.

Take attendance as girls arrive and remind parents who come in what time the meeting will be ending.

Opening: (5 min.) Open the meeting by joining in the Brownie Ring and saying the Pledge of Allegiance, the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. Girls should remember more and more of the Promise and Law each week. Use a poster or print out to help them remember.

Business: (5 min.)

- Explain to the girls that this week they will be learning about how the Brownies got their name. At their next meeting, the troop will hold a special Girl Scout ceremony called an Investiture that will turn all the girls into Brownies.

- As part of today's meeting, they will make an invitation so that parents and caregivers can attend the special Investiture ceremony.

Activities:

- 1. The Brownie Story: (10 - 15 min.)** Read the Brownie Story to the girls. If your girls are especially active, consider adding actions as you read the story.
After reading the story, allow them to discuss their thoughts on the story, the Wise Old Owl, and the discoveries that Mary and Betty made.
- 2. Song or Game: (5 - 10 min.)** Review a song or game that you played at one of the first two meetings.
- 3. Investiture Invitations: (10 - 15 min.)** Finish making the cards that the girls started as they arrived. Have pre-printed inserts that girls can glue into the card so that everyone's invitation information is correct. Include the date, time, and location of the Investiture Ceremony, which will take place during the last 30 minutes of the next meeting. Seal the invitations in an envelope and have the girls address it to their parent or caregiver.

Clean-Up: (5 min.) All girls help clean up the area and leave the area better than you found it! Specific clean up duties can be assigned with the Kaper Chart.

Closing: (5 min.) Friendship Circle

Repeat the Friendship Circle closing from the previous two meetings. Before turning out remind girls to deliver their invitation.