



MEETING FOUR – Investiture Ceremony



Objectives:

1. Girls participate in their first Girl Scout ceremony
2. Girls understand the importance of sisterhood and what it means to be a sister to every Girl Scout

About this Meeting:

An investiture ceremony symbolizes the beginning of Girl Scouting. At this ceremony, families are invited to observe girls pledge the Girl Scout Promise and receive their Daisy Girl Scout Pin as well as the World Trefoil Pin.

A Girl Scout Daisy often wears her uniform for the first time at the investiture ceremony (uniforms are suggested but NOT required). This is a sample investiture ceremony but remember you and the girls can plan your ceremony any way you want! On our Pinterest board you will find lots of ideas to make your ceremony special.

Meeting Supplies:

Decorations, tablecloths, small table or stand, vase or bowl, pearls, Daisy uniforms, Daisy pins, WAGGGS pins, refreshments.

***If your girls earned their Promise Center from Meeting 2, and their Sunny the Sunflower petal from Sample Meeting 3, you can hand it out here, too!*

Meeting Agenda:

As girls arrive - have girls help decorate the ceremony space. Girls can hang decorations, put tablecloths on tables, or hang their troop banner for families to see.

Opening:

1. Choose one (or more) of the options below for girls to open their ceremony. (5 min)
 - a. Girls can sing a song (see our [Pinterest board](#) for song ideas!).
 - b. Girls can greet parents and thank them for coming.
 - c. Girls can lead their families in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.
2. Start the Ceremony (25 min)
 - During the ceremony:
 - o Girls sit in a half-circle facing the parents.
 - o Have a table with a bowl or vase on it in the middle of the circle.
 - One by one, invite the girls to come place a pearl in the container.
 - o While they place the pearl in the container, have them say one thing they are excited to do in Girl Scouts.

Remember to explain to parents the importance of Investiture! This ceremony symbolizes the beginning of their girl's journey and the beginning of a sisterhood.

- Pin the girl with her Daisy pin and her WAGGGS pin, do the Girl Scout handshake, and then have her go back to her seat.
3. Close the ceremony (10 min)
- Choose one (or more) of the options below for girls to close their ceremony:
 - Girls can sing a song (visit our [Pinterest board](#) for ideas!).
 - Girls can do the Friendship Circle (invite the parents to participate!).
 - Girls can thank their guests for coming.
4. After the ceremony (15 min)
- Provide time for families to mingle! This is a great time to have refreshments and allow families time to get to know one another.
 - Simple ice breakers, get-to-know-you activities, or even a photo booth are all great activities for families to do!
 - This is also a great time to make announcements and remind families of any upcoming meetings or troop events.

Closing:

Remind parents what time you need to leave the room, and make sure you ask the girls to help clean up.

Review what you did during the meeting, and let the girls know what they will be working on the next time you meet.