What is a Short & Snappy?
- Short training/information segment provided at a Service Unit Meeting
- Any interested volunteer may lead a Short & Snappy.
- Short & Snappy are 10-25 minutes in length

Things to Remember
- Have participants sign the sign-in sheet and keep for Service Unit records.
- Stay within the allotted time.
- If you don’t know the answer, seek the correct answer from the appropriate support person.

Supplies Needed
Candles, matches, candle holders
Ten flowers of different color and gold pot
Girl Scout pins
15-30 minutes

Short & Snappy—Learning Opportunity for Volunteers

Investitures and Rededication Ceremonies

An investiture is a ceremony to welcome new girls or adults into Girl Scouting. It is a very meaningful step in the life of each person as she becomes active in Girl Scouts for the first time. This is the time in which a new Girl Scout receives her Daisy, Brownie or Girl Scout pin.

A rededication is a ceremony for girls and adults who have already been invested. It is a time to reaffirm their belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to reflect upon the meaning of Girl Scouting in their lives.

These ceremonies are usually held at the beginning of each Girl Scout year. They can be combined for a troop, group or service unit that is investing and rededicating girls and adults at the same time. For more ideas on ceremonies, visit Scoutingweb.com

Ceremony Basics

No matter what kind of ceremony you plan – whether very simple or quite elaborate – planning is essential for the ceremony to be meaningful. While there are few hard and fast rules for planning ceremonies, basically, each one has these four parts:

THEME: Selecting an appropriate theme can make the ceremony more meaningful

OPENING: Can be used to welcome guests, tell the purpose of the ceremony, and/or set the mood for the occasion

MAIN PART: Focuses on the reason you have gathered people together; could include things like poems, songs, choral readings, candle lighting, etc.

CLOSING: Summarizes and gives closure to the ceremony; could include a friendship circle, good-byes, Thank-You’s to special guests, or closing songs

Not every ceremony needs to have the same format. Ceremonies can and should be adapted to the size of your group or participants. Reading parts can be split up to accommodate more readers or combined for fewer readers.

All ceremonies can be presented in a very simple fashion for private troop use, or they can be made more elaborate with decorations, invitations, and special features to include invited guests.

Substitute your own ideas for readings, props, songs, or decorations to make your ceremonies truly individualized and special.
A Traditional Candle Lighting Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

Scene: A table, with 13-candle board/log on it; flanked by American and GSUSA flag.

1st Speaker: "Tonight we are here in to invest those who have joined Girl Scouts for the first time this year. We are also here to rededicate each member, new and old, to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. You should all understand that these are the ideals by which Girls Scouts try to live, and through which we, as leaders, help girls to gain worthy citizenship." [a large candle is lit, house lights are dimmed].

2nd Speaker: "Before you, you see a golden flame The flame symbolizes a Girl Scout's honor, which must never be dimmed. When a Girl Scout makes a promise, she is placing her honor, the brightest thing in her life, before her fellow Girl Scouts, her leaders, her parents, and her friends. Girls should understand that giving the Girl Scout Promise on one's honor is a serious thing."

3rd Speaker: "From this golden flame we light the flame of duty to God and country. "[light small candle and say:] ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY: to serve God and my country

4th Speaker: "We light the flame of duty to people." [light second small candle and say:] ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY: to help people at all times

5th Speaker: "We light the flame of duty to self." [light third small candle and say:] ON MY HONOR I WILL TRY: to live by the Girl Scout Law

6th Speaker: "We now bring to light the flames of the Girl Scout Law, which make bright and clear the trail that leads from girlhood to womanhood. Let us all stand and repeat together the Girl Scout Law." Pause until all stand; then 10 more candles are lighted as the ten parts of the law are said.

7th Speaker: "These burning candles represent the points of the law and promise and how they brighten the life of the Girl Scout who observes them. When through practice they become a part of our daily lives, they also brighten the lives of all whom we come in contact."

8th Speaker: "We can too easily forget that the Girl Scout Promise is a serious pledge. We must guard against repeating the Promise and the Law in a parrot-like manner, as though the words were meaningless."

[Ceremony continues with house lights turned on. Each member present (who wishes to) is invited to say a few words about what being a Girl Scouting has meant to her.]

[Song, "On My Honor", is sung.]

9th Speaker: "Sisters, we are fortunate to be members of the greatest organization of women and girls: the World Association of Girls Scouts and Girl Guides. It is a privilege to wear the emblems of Girl Scouting. The whole world admires and respects us."

[Participants stand while leader puts pins on each one]

Closing: "With our ceremony ended, we now put out these candles. But we do so with the certain knowledge that we carry the flame of Girl Scouting eternally with us, in our hearts."
Girl Scout Rededication Ceremony

**Items Needed:**
- Ten flowers of different colors for “pot of gold” flower arrangement (flowers may be real or artificial)
- A gold pot or container to hold flowers
- Have spoken parts printed and broken up into 10 parts plus the main speaker

**Speaker:** Welcome to our rededication ceremony. 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. Girl Scouts too have ceremonies to mark important events and significant days. Tonight we are here to reaffirm our belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, the foundation of all Girl Scouting.

The Promise is like a golden pot that holds flowers. From the earliest times, flowers have been given as tokens of love and respect and have served in ceremonies and rituals of all types. The flowers in this ceremony symbolize the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law. Please join me in repeating the Girl Scout Promise.

And now we will rededicate ourselves to living the Girl Scout Law. (As each part of the law is read, the corresponding flower is placed in a gold pot on a table in the center)

**I will do my best to be:**

- **Honest**—This part of the law is represented by the white chrysanthemum, symbolize truth, honor, trustworthiness, equality and fairness.

- **And Fair**—The ivy represents fidelity, faithfulness to obligations and duties. The color green represents new growth.

- **Friendly**—The sunflower symbolizes this part of the law. It represents warmth.

- **And helpful**—Two plants represent this part of the law. The mimosa symbolizes sensitivity. The leaves of the green plant react to the slightest touch. The orange blossom symbolizes generosity.

- **Considerate and caring**—The zinnia represents thoughtfulness.

- **Courageous and strong and responsible for what I say and do**—The magnolia symbolizes strength and endurance.

- **Respect myself and others**—The violet symbolizes moderation. The color represents deep thought about yourself and your place in the world.

- **Respect authority**—The jasmine and the daffodil represents amiability and concern. Their yellow color symbolizes the sun that shines on our world.

- **Use resources wisely**—The carnation symbolizes thriftiness.

- **Make the world a better place**—The lily symbolizes the love of nature. Shakespeare said, “One touch of nature makes the whole world kin.”
DAISY INVESTITURE

You will need: Daisy petals equal to the number of girls in your troop, a golden yellow center, a long green stem reaching toward the seated parents (wide enough for the girls to walk on), a leaf for each leader and assistant.

Tape all parts in place on the floor before the meeting. Daisy pins and certificates for each girl may be placed on a small table by one of the leaders. Simple Daisy name tags may be made for girls and parents. (Be sure these are pinned to the right side of the dress or tunic of the girls to eliminate confusion when the girls receive their pins.)

Placement: Girls take their places in a circle around the Daisy. The leaders stand at the end of each leaf.

Leader: Where are the girls who want to be Daisy Girl Scouts?

Girls: Here we are!

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

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

(Girl walks down stem to leaders.)

Leader: "Welcome, __________________________. Here is your Daisy Girl Scout pin." She pins girl, shakes her left hand and makes the Girl Scout sign with her right hand. "And here is your certificate." (And so on ---- until all of the girls are invested.)

Leader: "Now let's sing our Daisy Girl Scout song. (Or "When'er You Make a promise.")"

Leader to Parents: Daisy Girl Scouts are named after the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States, Juliette Gordon Low, whose nickname was Daisy. She brought Girl Scouting to the United States from England. Notice that the stem of our daisy leads to you. As parents, you are very necessary to the growth and development of our Daisy Girl Scouts. We need to know your expectations for how "high" our Daisies will grow and ways that you can help us to reach that growth. We would appreciate your suggestions and participation. Would you please join us in a friendship circle (explains that) as our closing and stay for refreshments? Girls move back into larger circle--admitting parents as part of the group. Have a friendship circle and refreshments.