

Short & Snappy Session - Investiture and Rededication Ceremonies



What is a Short & Snappy?

- Short training segment provided at a Service Unit Meeting
- Any interested volunteer may lead a Short & Snappy
- Trainings are 10-30 minutes in length

Things to Remember

- Have participants sign the attendance 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

- Investiture ceremony, cut up into sections for each volunteer to read
- Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Candles, pins, or other props are optional

What is an Investiture or Rededication Ceremony?

Ceremonies are tradition to Girl Scouts and provide an excellent opportunity to invite parents into the Girl Scout experience. Having a parent/guardian present when honoring girls not only enriches the girl's experience, but also encourages parents to become more involved in Girl Scouts.

An Investiture Ceremony is to welcome new girls and adults into the Girl Scout family for the first time. Girls receive their Daisy Girl Scout, Brownie Girl Scout, or Girl Scout Membership pin at this time. Adults will receive their Girl Scout Membership pin. Investitures are often held at the beginning of the Girl Scout year to welcome new members. An investiture may be held to honor an individual girl or adult whenever she joins Girl Scouts.

A Rededication Ceremony is for existing members to reaffirm their belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to reflect on the meaning of Girl Scouting in their life. There are many different versions of these ceremonies that can be found online. Both ceremonies can be completed at the same time if you have a mixture of new and existing members. Like any ceremony, have fun with it!

What are the Girl Scout pins?

The Daisy, Brownie, Girl Scout Membership pin, and Membership Stars are shown below -

Daisy Pin -



Brownie Pin -



Girl Scout Membership Pin (Junior-Ambassador) -



Membership Star -



The Brownie Pin is generally pinned to the girls' vest or sash upside-down. Once she does a good deed, her pin can be turned right side up.

A girl can also receive her Membership Star for the year during this ceremony, although some troops choose to give those at the end of the year instead. The Membership Star is meant to represent that girls year in Girl Scouting. The Membership Star looks like the above with the corresponding disc for the age level the girl is in behind it.

Refer to the uniform guides to show the proper placement of each pin.



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Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

Arrangements: Participants form a horseshoe. This can be adaptable to however many leaders you have.

Ceremony:

Leader #1: As I welcome you to your new or returning position as a Girl Scout Leader, I give to you: the adventure of seeing a girl try something new; the joy of seeing a girl smile at you as she sings around the campfire; the pride in seeing her progress in understanding herself, her troop, her community and the world; the friendship and trust of friends, the heritage and future of a great movement, and the gift of a young spirit.

All Speakers: I am a Girl Scout Leader.

Leader #2: I have the courage to teach girls in the time-tested foundations of the Girl Scout Movement and how to stand by their values in a changing world.

Leader #3: I try to teach girls to take responsibility for their actions and make a positive difference in their world.

Leader #4: The Promise and the Law are a commitment for all persons in Girl Scouting to do their best.

All Speakers: I am a Girl Scout Leader.

Leader #5: I can help them be their best by a sincere desire to bring out the talents in every girl.

Leader #6: I can help girls to seek opportunities for service and to develop skills for going service well.

Leader #7: I will lead girls by example.

Leader #8: I hope girls can learn to recognize and appreciate the likenesses as well as the differences among human beings.

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Leader #9: Everyone, please join me in reciting the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

