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Girl Scout Brownie

Handbook



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Welcome

to the World of Girl Scout Brownies!

Welcome! I'm Brownie Elf, and I'm so happy you are now a Girl Scout Brownie!



You've just joined a big Brownie family! There are almost a million Brownies in the United States—and there are thousands more around the globe. When you combine all your Brownie imagination and energy, you can change the world.

So, come on in! You'll meet new friends, go on outdoor adventures, and run your own cookie business—all while having fun and making the world a better place!

Go elf!



The Girl Scout Promise and Law



**You—and
every Girl Scout—
make the
Girl Scout Promise.**



**Every Brownie
takes pride in
doing her best to
live by the
Girl Scout Law—
after all, that's
what people count
on Girl Scouts
to do!**

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be

honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

The Girl Scout Sign



Girl Scouts make the Girl Scout sign when they say the Girl Scout Promise. The three fingers represent the three parts of the Promise.

The Girl Scout Handshake



When you meet another Girl Scout, you can greet her with the Girl Scout handshake. You shake hands with your left hand and make the Girl Scout sign with your right. This is a special way to remind us that we are all sisters because we belong to Girl Scouts!



Brownies Can Do Anything!

Twist me and turn me and show me the elf,
I looked in the water and saw _____.

Can you guess the missing word?

For years and years, this rhyme has been special to Brownies. It means that you don't have to wait for someone else to make things better. You are a Brownie—that means you're a leader in your daily life and a leader in the world. **You can do extraordinary things!**

Find the rhyme in the Brownie Story on page 18! ▶



Be a Brownie Leader!

So what will you do in Girl Scouting?

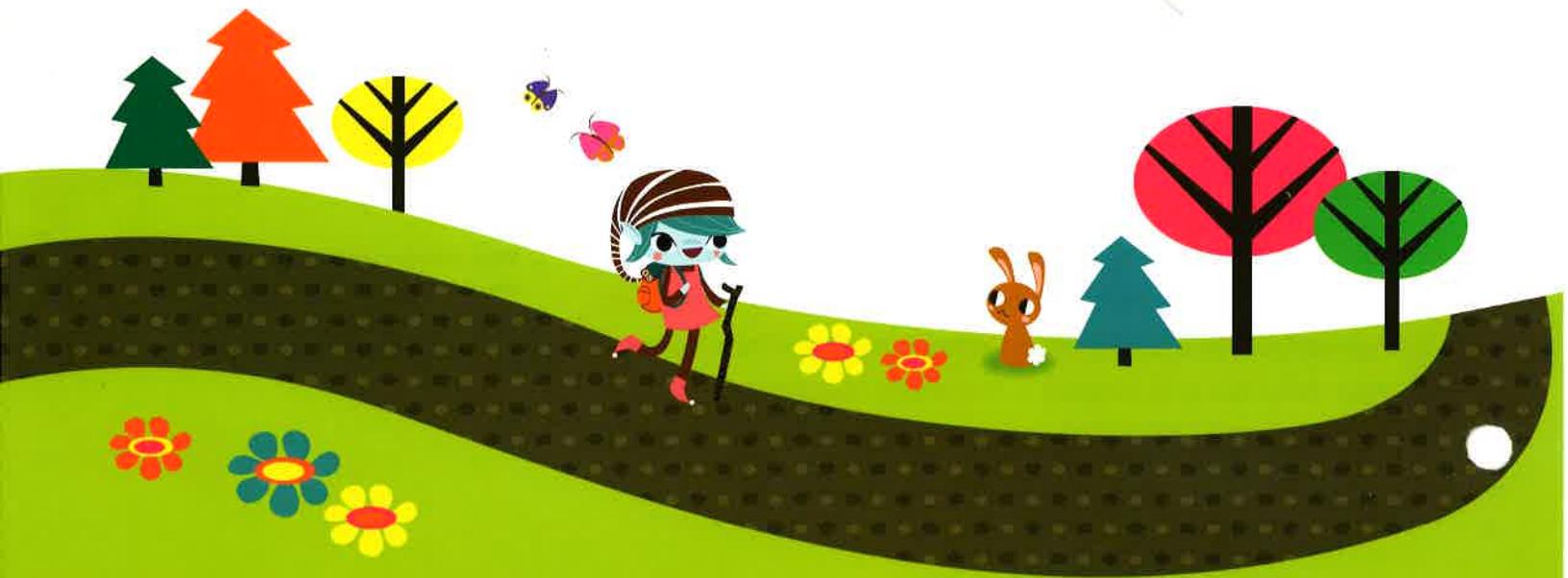
To start, you and all your Brownie friends will go on a big leadership adventure called a Journey.

When you are on a Journey, you'll use the Three Keys to leadership: Discover, Connect, and Take Action.



You'll **Discover** lots about yourself. You'll find out what you like to do and what you're especially good at doing. You'll also find out what matters most to you. That's part of being a leader—using your talents to make a difference in an area that means something to you.

You'll **Connect** with other Brownies, your family, your older and younger Girl Scout sisters, caring adults, and people in the community. When you connect with other Brownies, you team up. Team members help and trust each other and have more fun, too! A team can get more done together than if everyone worked on their own.





And you'll **Take Action** to make the world a better place.

You might write a letter to get more trees planted in a local park.

You might inspire your school to save water or your community to fix broken sidewalks. When you go on a Journey, you'll find out how to do all this. All around the country, Brownies just like you are showing their power to change the world.

All Girl Scouts use these Three Leadership Keys to help live the Girl Scout Law and make a difference in the world. It's another part of Girl Scouting that unites all girls—and helps them do extraordinary things.

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Start Your Brownie Adventure





There are so many fun things to do as a Girl Scout Brownie!



Which Journey do you want to do first?

What badges do you want to earn along the way?

When will you sell cookies?

Do you want to get outdoors or go on a special trip?

How do you want to help others?

The Girl Scout Brownie Experience

Enjoy your travels along a Leadership Journey—add on all the side trips you want!



Make Your Plans!

First choose a Leadership Journey – there are three fun Journeys to choose from!

On each Journey, you can earn four leadership awards. These are the most important awards a Brownie can earn.

Find out all about them on pages 30–31. ▶



With your Brownie friends, figure out all the things you'd like to do on your Brownie adventure.

Trips

You can visit a firehouse to see how firefighters help save lives, or go to a planetarium and find out what a star is made of.

I want to ...



The first Journey my Brownie friends and I are going to do is



OUTDOORS

You can go on outdoor adventures—maybe take a hike or eat a s'more around a campfire!

I want to ...



COOKIES

You can sell the Girl Scout Cookies that everyone loves—and feel the power of running your own business!

I want to ...



TRADITIONS

You can sing songs—special Brownie songs and traditional songs. You might march in a parade or throw a tea party.

I want to ...



BADGES

You can earn badges as you learn everything from how to paint pictures and make snacks to how to take care of pets and come up with new inventions.

I want to ...



How Girl Scouts Began

Girl Scout Slogan

The Girl Scout slogan is “Do a good turn daily.” This means doing something for somebody else without being asked. It is fun to brighten someone’s day by doing a good turn—and when you make other people happier, they often pass it on by doing a good turn for someone else. Doing a Take Action project on a Journey is like doing lots of good turns for lots of people, all at once!

Girl Scout Motto

The Girl Scout motto is “Be Prepared.” To be prepared means to be ready. When you do your homework, you are preparing for your class. When you set the table, you help your family prepare to eat a meal. Girl Scouts learn to do things well so they will be prepared to do them in the right way at the right time.



Let me tell you how Girl Scouts got started—it's a great story!

In 1912, a woman named Juliette Gordon Low called her cousin Nina, the principal of a girls’ school in Savannah, Georgia.

“Come right over!” Juliette Low said. “I’ve got something for the girls of Savannah, and all of America, and all the world, and we’re going to start it tonight!”

Juliette, nicknamed Daisy by her family, had a great idea: She wanted to start an organization just for girls. Daisy got this idea from her friend Robert Baden-Powell. In 1910, he and his sister Agnes started Boy Scouts and Girl Guides in England.

The first group of Girl Scouts met on March 12, 1912. There were 18 members, divided into two groups called the Carnation and the White Rose. Daisy wanted her Girl Scouts to go camping, enjoy nature, and play sports—things many girls and women were not supposed to do back then. And they did!

In the first Girl Scout handbook, girls could find instructions for how to stop a runaway horse and how to tie up a burglar with eight inches of cord.

Ever since, Girl Scouts have been having great adventures while helping others, learning amazing skills, and making the world a better place. Now it's your turn!



Girl Scouts at Camp Lowlands, circa 1914.



Brownies with Edith Ballinger Price, Great Brown Owl, circa 1924.

When Daisy Was Your Age



**Juliette Gordon Low
as a young girl.**

All her life, Daisy was excited to try new things. When she was your age, she loved art, and spent hours crafting paper dolls, writing poems, drawing, or acting in skits. She enjoyed being outdoors and roughhousing with her brothers and sisters.

Daisy loved animals of all kinds—she was always coming home with stray dogs, cats, and even horses. Once, just for fun, she allowed her cousin to braid a hunk of taffy into her long, thick hair. Her mother had to cut off her braid to get rid of the taffy!

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Brownies Around the World

Juliette Gordon Low hoped Girl Scouting would spread around the world. She got her wish—today, Girl Scouts live in all corners of the globe.

Many girls who enjoy Girl Scouting in countries outside the United States are called Girl Guides. A Brownie in another country may be called a different name, but they all make the same Promise in their own language.

Plus, Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a group called the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, or WAGGGS. Because you belong to WAGGGS, you have a whole world of sisters!

“Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding can be the magic thread that links the youth of the world together.”

—Juliette Gordon Low

The Secret of SWAPS

When Girl Scouts travel to other places, they often make small tokens of friendship to exchange with the Girl Scouts they meet. These little gifts are called SWAPS.

SWAPS stands for either Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere or Shared With A Pal. They’re fun to collect—and even more fun to make and share!

What Are Brownies Called in Other Countries?

Bangladesh: Yellowbirds

Botswana: Sunbeams

Cambodia: Dragonflies

India: Bulbuls

Mexico: Hadita Fairies

Sri Lanka: Little Friends

Thailand: Bluebirds

Ukraine: Swallows

I'm a Bluebird from Thailand!



Our Girl Scout World

You have 10 million sisters all over the world! The red dots show the countries where they live. There are four world centers you can visit to make friends with your global sisters.

Pax Lodge is located just outside of London, England. The word PAX means "peace" in Latin.



Our Chalet is in Switzerland, in a mountain town called Adelboden. It was built in 1932 and was the first world center.



Our Cabaña is the largest world center. It is located in the historic city of Cuernavaca, Mexico.



Sangam is in Pune, India, a town a few hours from Mumbai. SANGAM means "coming together" in Sanskrit.



Girl Scout Councils

There are over 100 Girl Scout councils. Councils are groups of Girl Scouts from different areas. Each council has its own name—which one is yours? Which councils are your Girl Scout friends or relatives part of?



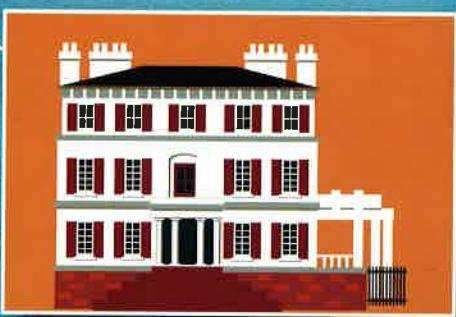
GSUSA National Headquarters

Girl Scouts of the USA is the national organization for the Girl Scouts. The GSUSA office is located in New York City. If you visit Manhattan, you can take a tour of the offices and the Girl Scout museum. What do the people who work at the national headquarters do? Well, we made this book for you!



The Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace

This is the elegant home in Savannah, Georgia, where Juliette Gordon Low was born. Her home is now a museum. It shows visitors all about Daisy's life.



USA Girl Scouts Overseas

From Bahrain to Brazil, the Philippines to Poland, and points in between, USA Girl Scouts Overseas has been serving American girls living abroad since 1925.

Girls in USAGSO have the same excitement and adventures in Girl Scouting as their stateside Girl Scout sisters. There are nearly 20,000 Girl Scouts overseas, in over 90 countries.



CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina
Bahamas
Barbados
Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Cuba
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
El Salvador
Haiti
Honduras
Mexico
Netherlands Antilles
Nicaragua
Panama
Peru
Uruguay
U.S. Virgin Islands
Venezuela

AFRICA

Angola
Cameroon
Egypt
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Kenya
Madagascar
Mauritania
Morocco
Namibia
Nigeria
Rwanda
Senegal
South Africa
Tanzania
Tunisia
Zambia
Zimbabwe

MIDDLE EAST

Bahrain
Israel
Jordan
Kuwait
Lebanon
Qatar
Saudi Arabia
United Arab Emirates

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

American Samoa	Micronesia
Bangladesh	Mongolia
China	Myanmar
Fiji	Nepal
Guam	Northern Mariana Islands
Hong Kong	Pakistan
India	Palau
Indonesia	Philippines
Japan	Singapore
Kazakhstan	South Korea
Laos	Sri Lanka
Malaysia	Taiwan (Republic of China)
Marshall Islands	Thailand
	Vietnam

EUROPE

Albania	Finland	Norway
Armenia	France	Poland
Austria	Germany	Portugal
Azerbaijan	Greece	Romania
Belgium	Hungary	Russian Federation
Bosnia	Iceland	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Italy	Slovenia
Croatia	Lithuania	Spain
Cyprus	Luxembourg	Sweden
Czech Republic	Moldova	Switzerland
Denmark	Netherlands	Turkey
		Ukraine
		United Kingdom
		Uzbekistan

How Brownies Got Their Name



How did Brownies get their name? Well, that's a very interesting story!

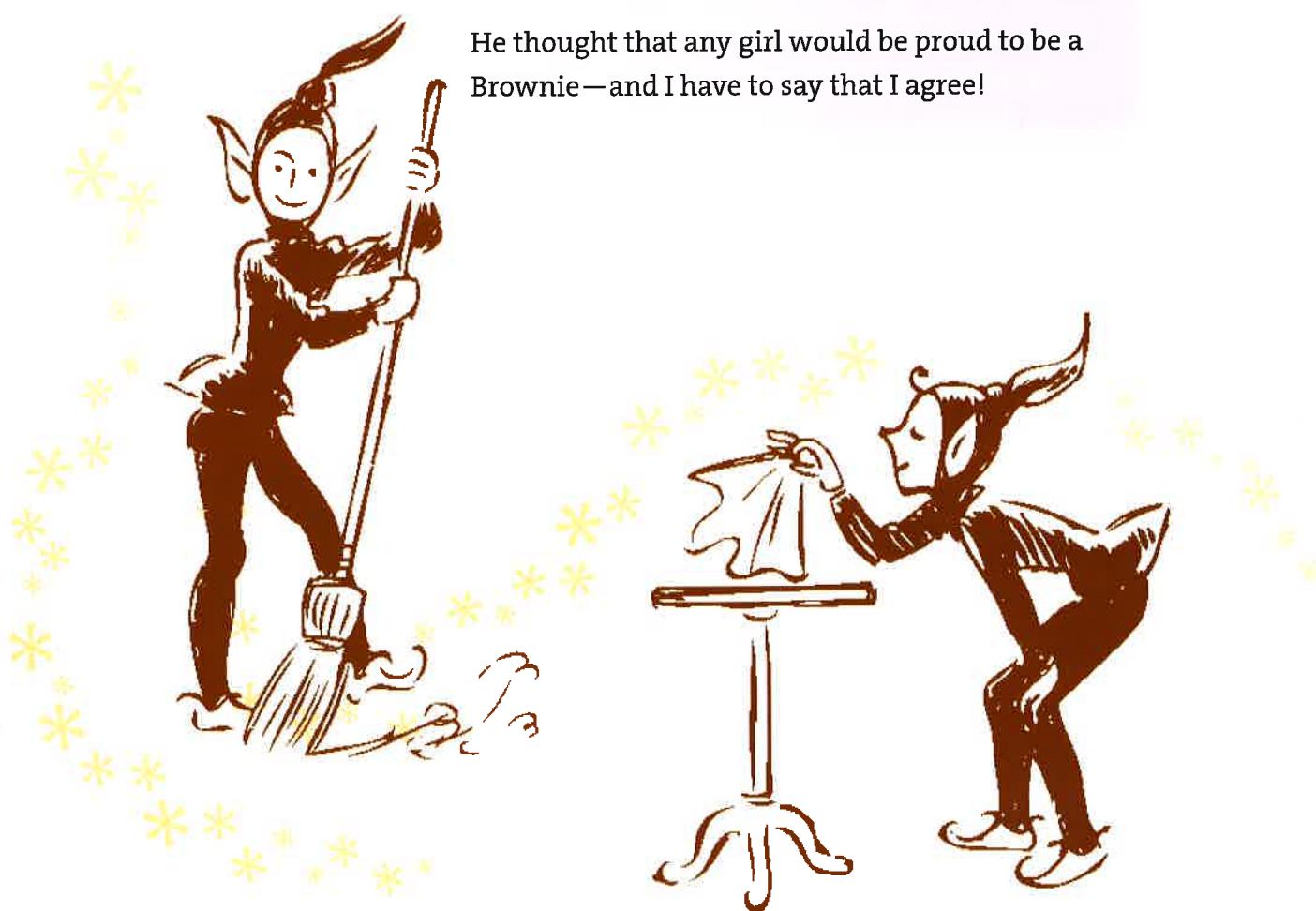
My own grandmother actually knew Robert Baden-Powell, the man who founded the Boy Scouts.

He lived in England, where many people tell stories about little people called brownies.

Brownies look a little bit like elves. The old folktales say that brownies go into houses at night while families are asleep. They help out by doing little chores, like sweeping or sewing or fixing shoes.

Baden-Powell thought that "Brownies" would be a good name for girls who like to be useful as well as have fun.

He thought that any girl would be proud to be a Brownie—and I have to say that I agree!



The Brownie Story

*This is the traditional Brownie story.
It's been told to Brownies for years and years!*

Once upon a time, two sisters named Mary and Betty lived in a little house in the North of England. They lived with their father and grandmother. Their father was a tailor who worked hard all day. At night, he tried his best to keep the house clean. But Mary and Betty just played all day.

"Bairns are a burden," said the tailor one day. (Children were called "bairns" in the North of England, you know.)

"Bairns are a blessing," said the grandmother.

"Not my bairns," said the tailor. "They do not help me."

"But they are not bad bairns, my dear," said the grandmother. "They are as playful as little squirrels."

"And about as helpful," said the tailor.

Just then, the door flew open. Mary and Betty ran in. Their arms were full of moss and acorns, which they threw on the floor. "Take that outside," said the tailor.

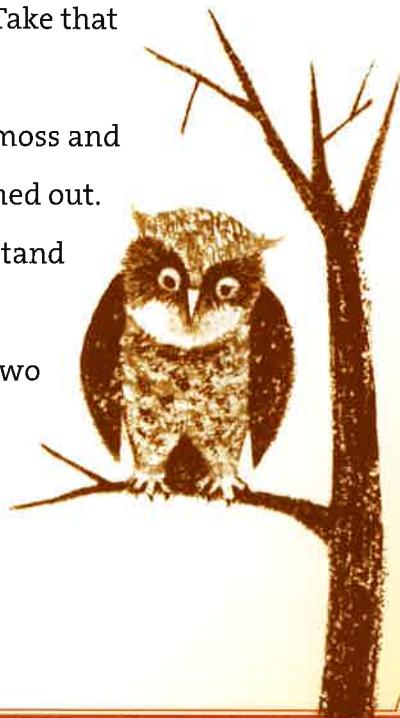
"Betty, you take it out!" said Mary. Betty kicked the moss and acorns across the room and out the door. The tailor stormed out.

"You pick them up, Mary," said Betty. "I don't understand why Father is angry."

Their grandmother answered. "He is tired, and you two do not help him."

"But what could we do, Granny?" the girls asked.

"Many things, my dears. Ah, what this house needs is a brownie or two!"



“What are brownies, Granny?”

“Very helpful little persons. They came before the family was up. They cleaned, watered the flowers, and helped in other ways. They always ran off before we could see them. But often we heard them dancing and laughing.”

“Oh, Granny! Where are they now?”

“Only the Wise Old Owl knows, my dear.”

“Who is the Wise Old Owl, Granny?”

“I don’t know, my dear.”

That night Mary kept thinking of the brownies. “There is an owl living in the big tree near the pond,” she thought. “If she is the Wise Old Owl, she can tell me where to find a brownie.”

Mary got up and ran to the tree. The owl was sitting on a high branch, so she climbed up. “Please,” said Mary, “where can I find a brownie?”

“I know of two brownies,” said the Owl.

“Tell me, tell me—where do they live?”

“In your house,” said the Owl.

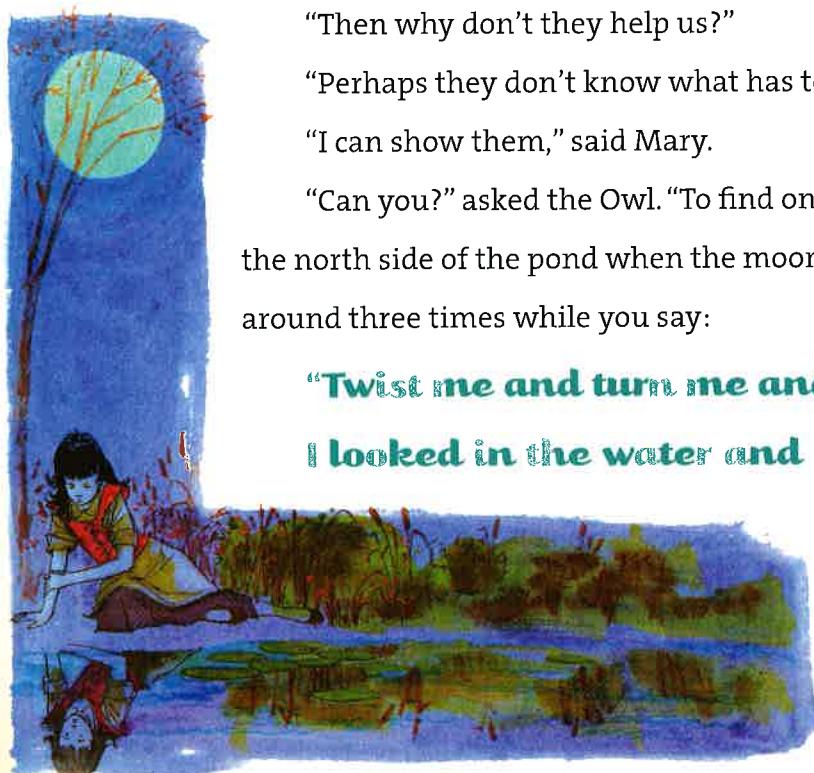
“Then why don’t they help us?”

“Perhaps they don’t know what has to be done,” said the Owl.

“I can show them,” said Mary.

“Can you?” asked the Owl. “To find one of the brownies, go to the north side of the pond when the moon is out. Turn yourself around three times while you say:

**“Twist me and turn me and show me the elf,
I looked in the water and saw _____ . . .”**



"Then look into the pond to see the brownie. You will think of the word that ends the magic rhyme."

Mary climbed down and ran to the pond. She turned around three times while she said the rhyme. Then she looked into the pond, but she only saw her own face!

"Why, there is no brownie, just me," she said. "And there is no word that seems to rhyme with elf. Helf...Jelf...Melf...How silly!"

Mary looked into the pond again. "I am supposed to see a brownie and I see only myself! Myself? How strange. I have the rhyme, but no brownie!" So back Mary went to the tree.

"What did you see in the pond?" said the Owl.

"I saw nothing but myself," said Mary.

"Go home and speak to Betty about it," said the Owl. "Then, if you find the brownies, come to our magic Brownie Ring. There all the brownies talk about the helpful things they have done. I help them find new things to do."

Mary was surprised. "Brownies meet here in these woods?"

"Yes," said the Owl. "Every time the moon is full, you will hear the call to the Brownie Ring:

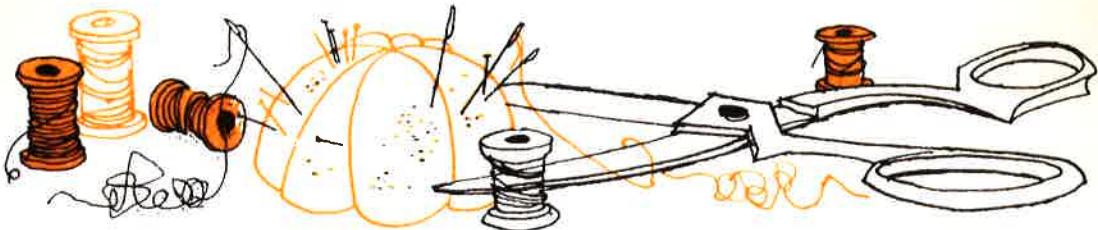
Round and round and round about,

Turn about and in and out.

Come into the Brownie Ring,

Ready for most anything!"





Mary hurried home. She woke Betty and told her what had happened. They both laughed out loud when they realized who the brownies were!

They tiptoed down to the kitchen and did every bit of work they could find. When their father came in, he looked around and rubbed his eyes. The table was set. The floor was clean. The room was as bright and shiny as a new penny.

**“Granny! Mary! Betty!” he called out.
“Our brownies have come back!”**

For many mornings after that, the tailor tried to get up early enough to thank the brownies. But he was never able to catch them at their work.

Early one morning, he heard singing. “It must be the brownies,” he thought. In the kitchen, he saw Mary and Betty dancing around the room.

“What have we here?” the tailor asked. “Where are the brownies?”

“Here!” said Mary and Betty.

When Granny heard the noise, she came down, too. “Bairns are a blessing,” said Granny to the tailor. “I told you so.”

And ever after the tailor’s brownies were the joy of his life. Every day they found more things to do to brighten their home.

Sometimes he wondered how they learned to do so much. But he never found out. For he never saw them creeping out to join the other brownies in the magic Brownie Ring deep in the woods.



When Brownies Get Together

Write to the Future!

You might want to write a letter to yourself about what you're looking forward to doing as a Brownie.



There's a special page in the My Girl Scouts section to help you do this. ►

Then, when you get ready to become a Girl Scout Junior, you can open the envelope and read what you wrote to yourself at the very beginning of your Brownie adventure.

If you really want to think ahead, write a letter to yourself that you'll open when you're 18 years old and ready to bridge from Girl Scout Ambassador. If you do this every time you move to a new level, you'll have a record of everything you hoped to do as a Girl Scout. When you write down your dreams, you're much more likely to make them happen!

When you and your Brownie friends get together, you can each do your part so everybody will have a happy time together.

Brownies often sit in a circle, or **Brownie ring**, to share thoughts and ideas. In the Brownie ring, everyone gets a chance to talk, and everyone listens to what other girls have to say. Taking turns—that's all part of being a team.

Girl Scouts use the **quiet sign** when everyone is talking and it's time to be quiet. Someone raises her right hand and stops talking. As others see her hand in the air, they raise their right hands and stop talking, too.

When everyone pitches in to help with chores, the work is lighter for all. Girl Scouts make a **kaper chart** to list jobs that need to be done and who will do them. ("Kaper" is another word for job.)

The jobs might be getting the room ready for the meeting, passing out supplies for an art activity, and cleaning the room before leaving. You might also have a kaper chart for special Brownie events, like parties or cookie-booth sales.



Special Ceremonies



Remember, Girl Scouting is special because of what you do every day, all through the year. You and your big circle of friends will change the world day by day!

As a Brownie, you'll have fun holding ceremonies with your friends. A ceremony marks a special occasion.

When a girl joins Girl Scouts, she is invested. She has an *investiture* ceremony—and she gets her special Brownie pin.

A ceremony can also celebrate an accomplishment, such as earning your Leadership Journey awards.

You may want to create your own ceremony to celebrate the Girl Scout Birthday or Juliette Gordon Low's birthday. You might want to make up a Scouts' Own.



Lots of Brownies like to end their meetings with a **friendship circle**. They stand in a circle with the other girls, cross their right arms over their left, and hold hands. After everyone is quiet, one girl starts a **friendship squeeze** by squeezing her neighbor's hand with her right hand. Then that girl squeezes with her right hand. One by one, each girl passes on the squeeze until it travels all around the circle. That's a ceremony, too!

How to Make Your Own Ceremonies

When you hold a ceremony, you might sing songs, recite poems, dance, or create a play with your Brownie friends.

You might begin a ceremony by reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance**, saying the **Promise** and **Law**, or singing a Girl Scout song.

Then you might recite a poem, put on a skit, tell a story, or perform a dance.

For a special touch, you could light candles with the help of a Girl Scout adult.

Scouts' Own

A Scouts' Own is a special ceremony. It's where Girl Scouts get together to share their ideas and feelings about a theme, like friendship, the first day of spring, or respect for the planet. The Scouts' Own might take place at a group meeting, or at camp. It's called a Scouts' Own because it's all yours—you choose a theme that's important to you, and you decide how to share the theme in the best way!

Special Girl Scout Days



Girl Scouts have special days that they celebrate with activities and parties. It's fun to share in the celebrations girls have been having for years and years.

February 22 – World Thinking Day

February 22 was chosen as World Thinking Day because it is the birthday of both Robert Baden-Powell and his wife, Olave. Baden-Powell started the Scouting movement. Every year on this day, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides do activities and projects to celebrate world friendship and honor their sisters in other countries.



March 12 – The Girl Scout Birthday

On this date in 1912, the first 18 girls gathered to hold their first meeting as Girl Scouts in the United States. Some Girl Scouts wear their uniform to school on this day. You can celebrate by throwing a birthday party or by doing something Juliette Gordon Low loved to do—like making the world better for girls! Maybe you can give a special presentation on March 12 to tell your family and friends about how you took action to make a difference.

Girl Scout Week

The week in which March 12 falls is called Girl Scout Week. Some Brownies wear their uniforms when they go to a service on Girl Scout Sunday or Girl Scout Sabbath. If your family belongs to a place of worship, you may also decide to do something helpful there during this week!



April 22 – Girl Scout Volunteer Day

This is a day when you can say thank-you to your Girl Scout grown-ups for all the hard work they do for you. You may want to make a card or gift, write a poem, or sing a special song!

October 31 – Founder's Day

Juliette Gordon Low was born on October 31, so Girl Scouts honor her birthday as Founder's Day. She said she was glad she was born on Halloween, when everybody has fun. Girl Scouts honor her birthday every year with parties and special projects to help others.

Showing You're a Brownie



This drawing shows how you can wear all your Brownie pins, badges, and awards.

American Flag patch

GSUSA strip

Council ID strip

Troop crest

Troop numbers

Membership stars

Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie award

My Promise, My Faith

Cookie Activity pin

Safety award

Girl Scout Brownie badges



Brownie insignia tab

World Trefoil pin

Girl Scout Brownie membership pin

Journey Summit awards

Journey awards:
A World of Girls

Journey awards:
WOW! Wonders of Water

Journey awards:
Brownie Quest

Place your first Journey awards at the bottom of your vest. As you earn additional Journey awards, work your way up.

If your Journey awards and badges don't fit on the front of your vest or sash, you can wear them on the back.

The official Girl Scout uniform is a white shirt, khaki pants, and a vest or sash. You can also wear a full Brownie uniform if you want. Wear your uniform at special times, like when you attend a flag ceremony or walk in a parade.



Place your
Journey
awards above
your badges.

Showing You Belong



Here are some things you can put on your vest or sash—they are ways to show you belong!

The word **TREFOIL** means “three leaves.” It’s the official symbol of Girl Scouting.



Girl Scout Brownie membership pin: This pin tells others that you are a Girl Scout Brownie. It is shaped like a trefoil. Each leaf stands for one part of the Girl Scout Promise. In the middle of the pin is a Brownie elf. You can wear your pin even when you’re not wearing your uniform, just to show you’re a Brownie!



GSUSA strip: You can wear this strip to show that you’re a member of Girl Scouts of the USA.



Council ID strip or USA Girl Scouts Overseas strip: This strip shows the name of your Girl Scout council, or that you are a member of USA Girl Scouts Overseas.



USA Girl Overseas pin: Girls who belong to USA Girl Scouts Overseas wear this pin.



Membership stars: Each star represents one year as a Girl Scout and is pinned on a disc. The color of the disc shows your level. Girl Scout Brownies get a green disc. The number of stars shows how many years you’ve been a member at each level.



World Trefoil pin: This pin shows that you are part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (also known as WAGGGS). The golden trefoil on a blue background represents the sun shining over all the children of the world.



American Flag patch: This patch shows that you’re an American Girl Scout.



Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie award: This award shows you were once a Daisy and you bridged up to Brownies.

Troop numbers: Many Girl Scouts belong to troops, and wear their troop numbers.

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Troop crest: Some families have crests that show what they stand for. Girl Scouts is like a family, too! You and your Brownie friends can choose a crest to wear on your uniform. Talk about the symbols on each one. Which one best shows the world what you want your group to stand for?

What Troop Crests Mean



Arrow: Arrows stand for action and moving forward.



Eagle: The eagle's excellent sight helps it see important details.



Shooting Star: Shooting stars are rare, unexpected, and beautiful!



Sun: The sun represents warmth and life, and helps plants and trees grow strong.



Bee: Bees symbolize hard work—and having fun while you're doing it!



Lei: The Hawaiian lei is a symbol for friendship, love, and peace.



Trumpet: When a trumpet sounds, it says that you're ready to march into action.



Bluebird: Bluebirds stand for happiness and good fortune.



Lightning: A bolt of lightning stands for good ideas and creative power.



Unicorn: The unicorn stands for courage and beauty.



Carnation: The carnation stands for health and energy.



Nautilus Shell: The nautilus is a symbol of growing on the inside and outside, too!



Waterfall: A waterfall is always in motion—steadily flowing towards its goal!



Crane: The crane represents strength, grace, and honor.



Pansy: Pansies stand for loving thoughts and special friendships.



White Rose: The white rose stands for new beginnings.



Awards that Show What You've Learned



Part of the fun of Girl Scouts is learning new things! When you do this, you can earn awards to put on your uniform. Your awards show the world what you've done and what you know.

Brownie Leadership Journey Awards

On this Journey, you have to solve a mystery to find out what the awards are! So go on your Brownie Quest, then come back and fill them in here!



It's Your World—Change It!

Brownie Quest

When you go on a quest, you have adventures as you look for something special. When you go on a Brownie Quest, you'll explore the Trail of the Three Keys. You'll solve a mystery. And you'll earn awards along the way!



It's Your Planet—Love It!

WOW! Wonders of Water

Water gives you so many ways to get wet and have fun. Stand in the rain. Jump in a lake. Feel the fog. Glide on ice. Life can't exist without water. Neither can rainbows!

On this Journey, you'll find out how to Love water, Save water, and Share water. And you'll earn awards, too!



It's Your Story—Tell It!

A World of Girls

Stories are everywhere—in books, on TV, in the movies, and on the Web. Stories are one of the best ways to explore what life is like for girls around the world. You can also find clues in stories about how you can help make life better for girls, near and far. Making the world better for girls—that's the story of this Journey!



Brownie Journey Summit award

If you complete all three Brownie Journeys, you'll earn the Brownie Journey Summit award. Earning this award is a very special achievement!



When you or one of your Brownie friends earns her Brownie Journey Summit award, you may want to have an extra-special ceremony. You can sing "The Journey Summit Song" for the girl being honored!

The Journey Summit Song

Words & Music by Sandy Thomas

Voice

1 Dis - cov-er con-nect - take ac-tion. Dis - cov-er con - neet take ac-tion.

5 These are your three lead-er-ship keys, you've been called to take the lead.

9 Cour-age con-fi - dence char-ac-ter, Cour-age con-fi - dence char-ac-ter.

13 Now you've reached this moun-tain peak There's a world for you to seek.

17 Join-ing your sis-ters for ev - er leav-ing your world - much bet - ter.

21 Tak-ing a jour-ney both near and far, a true girl scout is what you are.

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National Proficiency Badges



It's fun to earn badges because you learn to do something new. You can earn them on your own or with your Brownie friends.

You'll feel proud and happy every time you add a new badge to your sash or vest! Earning a badge means that you've learned something new—and you've learned it so well that you can use your new skill to help others.

That's what Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girls Scouts, thought. This is what she is reported to have said:

"A badge is a symbol that you have done the thing it stands for often enough, thoroughly enough, and well enough to BE PREPARED to give service in it."

Being PROFICIENT in a skill means you're good at it!

You'll see that each badge ends with a few ideas about how you can help others using your new skill. You can try one of those ideas or come up with your own. You'll let everyone know that when a Brownie earns a badge, it means that she's ready to help others!

There are four kinds of National Proficiency badges. And you can make your own badge, too.



Legacy Badges

The Legacy badges are based on activities that Girl Scouts have been doing since 1912! There are seven categories of Legacy badges: Artist, Athlete, Citizen, Cook, First Aid, Girl Scout Way, and Naturalist. The Legacy badges give you all kinds of fun activities to do.

The Legacy badges are offered from Brownie through Ambassador. That means that you can keep earning badges in these categories each year. Take a look at your Awards Log to see all the badges you can earn as a Brownie—and what excitement lies ahead as you move up the ladder in Girl Scouting!

Financial Literacy Badges

Your *Girl's Guide* also includes Financial Literacy badges. “Financial literacy” is a way to say that you’re learning about money—how to make it, how to spend it, how to save it, and how to share it with others.

You’ll find notes at the end of each National Proficiency badge with ideas for tying badges and Journeys together. After all, Girl Scouting is more fun when you can see how your leadership adventure fits together!

Cookie Business Badges

You can take the skills you’ve learned doing the Financial Literacy badges and use them during the cookie sale to earn your Cookie Business badges. Each year that you’re a Brownie, you can earn one Financial Literacy badge and one Cookie Business badge.

Skill-Building Badges

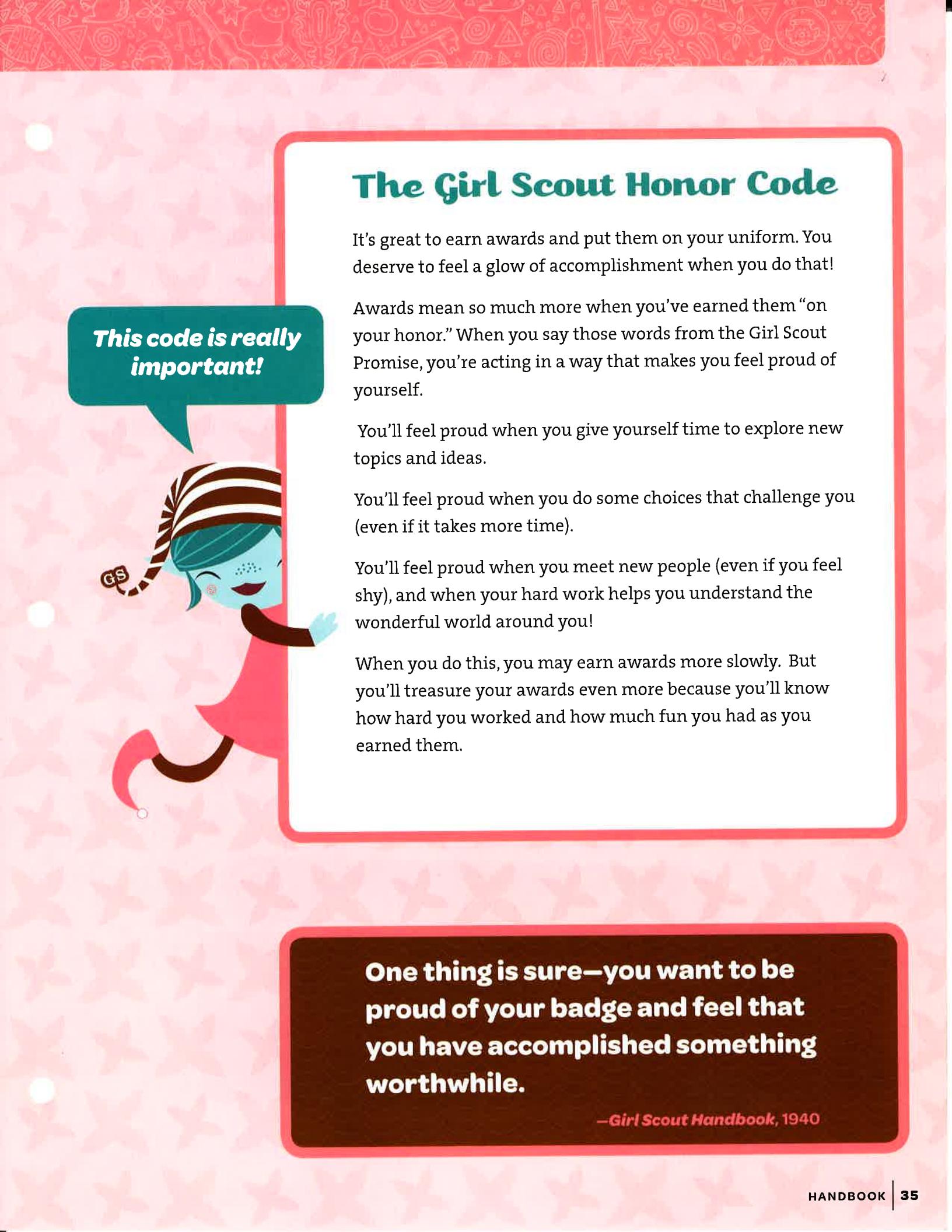
You can add more badges to your *Girl's Guide*, depending on what topics interest you and your friends. These Skill-Building badges come together in three packets, one for each of your three Journeys. Look at your Awards Log to see all the different kinds—like Pets, Dancer, and Making Friends.

Make Your Own Badge

If you have always wanted to learn a skill or find out more about an interesting topic, you can create your own badge.

Turn to your Badges section to find out more. ►





The Girl Scout Honor Code

It's great to earn awards and put them on your uniform. You deserve to feel a glow of accomplishment when you do that!

Awards mean so much more when you've earned them "on your honor." When you say those words from the Girl Scout Promise, you're acting in a way that makes you feel proud of yourself.

You'll feel proud when you give yourself time to explore new topics and ideas.

You'll feel proud when you do some choices that challenge you (even if it takes more time).

You'll feel proud when you meet new people (even if you feel shy), and when your hard work helps you understand the wonderful world around you!

When you do this, you may earn awards more slowly. But you'll treasure your awards even more because you'll know how hard you worked and how much fun you had as you earned them.

One thing is sure—you want to be proud of your badge and feel that you have accomplished something worthwhile.

—*Girl Scout Handbook, 1940*

Special Opportunity Awards



You'll have a chance to earn other awards, too!
Take a look at some of the other Girl Scouting activities you may want to do!

Cookie Activity pin: When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you'll get better at all the skills involved in running a business. To earn this award, take part in the cookie sale—then wear the pin to remind you of all you've learned.

When you sell cookies, you're part of the largest girl-run business in the world! And you're helping to support Girl Scouting for you and millions of other girls.

World Thinking Day award: In honor of this day, Girl Scouts take part in special activities to honor their sisters around the world. Every year, girls think about something different. To find out what you need to do to earn this award, go to www.girlscouts.org/world_thinking_day.

Global Action award: When you earn this award, you'll learn more about how girls live around the world. You'll also do an activity to help girls who need it. To find out more, go to www.girlscouts.org/global_action_award.



International Friendship Recognition pin: American Girl Scouts who live overseas can earn this award by doing activities that encourage international friendships with girls in their host country.

Girl Scout Council Opportunities

Every Girl Scout around the country earns National Leadership Journey awards and National Proficiency badges. That means that you have something in common with other Brownies, no matter where they live! Your council may also have special things you can earn. Talk to your Girl Scout volunteer about what's going on in your council!



Year 1



Year 2

My Promise, My Faith

You can earn this pin each year that you're a Brownie. You'll find that Girl Scouting and your faith have a lot in common!

Complete these five steps to earn the pin:

- 1. Choose one line from the Girl Scout Law.** Find a story, song, or poem from your faith with the same ideas. Talk with your family or friends about what that line of the Law and the story, song, or poem have in common.
- 2. Find a woman in your own or another faith community.** Ask her how she tries to use that line of the Law in her life.
- 3. Gather three inspirational quotes** by women that fit with that line of the Girl Scout Law. Put them where you can see them every day!
- 4. Make something to remind you of what you've learned.** It might be a drawing, painting, or poster. You could also make up a story or a skit.
- 5. Keep the connection strong.** Talk with your friends, family, or a group in your faith community about what you've learned about your faith and Girl Scouting. Ask them to help you live the Law and your faith. Maybe you can show them what you just made or perform your skit!



Safety award

It's important to stay safe in your daily life and when you go on Brownie adventures!

Complete these five steps to earn the award:

- 1. Talk to a teacher, parent, or another adult about how to stay safe at school.** Make a list of the three most important rules for playground safety or safety on the school bus.
- 2. Get a map of your neighborhood or town** and mark where the police station, fire station, and other important points are located.
- 3. Find out how a smoke alarm works.** Test the one at your home so you know what it sounds like and to make sure it's working.
- 4. Choose an upcoming trip you plan to take**—to a carnival, amusement park, the mall, or even just the grocery store—and make a safety plan with an adult. Find out what to do if a stranger approaches you in a public place.
- 5. Find out what natural disasters are most common in your area** (earthquakes, blizzards, hurricanes, tornados, floods) and discuss with your family or another adult what to do when they happen.

Meritorious Service Awards

Every Girl Scout is prepared to do heroic things! When a girl receives one of these awards, she's being honored for doing something exceptional, like saving someone's life.



Medal of Honor: This award is given to a Girl Scout who has shown presence of mind and true Girl Scout spirit in an emergency.



Bronze Cross: This award is given to a girl who has shown extraordinary heroism or risked her life to save another's.

You're going to have
so much fun
as a Brownie!
We can't wait
to get started!
Come on! Let's go!

Turn the page to
find out about
what you'll do
when you're
ready to "fly up"
and become a
Girl Scout Junior!

Bridging to Girl Scout Junior



Get ready! You are almost a Girl Scout Junior. There's lots of excitement waiting for you!



Bridge to Girl Scout Junior award



Wear these special wings on your uniform from now on to show you were once a Brownie.

When you fly up to Girl Scout Junior, you'll get to take part in cool new experiences, like going on an overnight at a science museum, heading out on a geocaching adventure, visiting a wildlife preserve, or making a robot. And, now that you're older, little kids look up to you, so you may decide to do something for younger Girl Scouts—perhaps plan a Teddy Bear tea for Daisies!

You'll have three Junior Leadership Journeys to choose from: *Agent of Change*, *GET MOVING!*, and *aMUSE*. After you've finished one Journey, you'll be able to earn your Girl Scout Bronze Award—one of Girl Scouting's highest awards.

To earn the award, complete two bridging steps:

STEP 1 Pass It On!

1 Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Brownie.

This list has a few ideas to get started. You only have to do one of these—or something like it—to complete the step.

IDEAS

- Teach a group of Girl Scout Daisies a song, game, or craft that you enjoyed doing on your Brownie adventure.
- Talk to your Daisy sisters about the Journeys you did as a Brownie and how you made the world a better place. Maybe you can show photos that you took on a Journey or teach one of the skills you learned.

- **Help the Daisies make small books** by stapling blank pages between two pieces of construction paper. Pass the books around and write messages to the Daisies, telling them what makes them special, why you're glad they're your sister Girl Scouts, and what they can look forward to as Brownies. Inspire your Daisy sisters to climb the ladder of leadership!

STEP 2 Look Ahead!

- 2 As a Junior, you'll find new stars to guide you and become a star yourself! The best way to find out what it really means to be a Girl Scout Junior is to talk to girls who already are Juniors.

This list has a few ideas to get started. You only have to do one of these—or something like it—to complete the step.

IDEAS

- **Ask your Junior friends which Journeys they did.** Maybe they can teach you something they learned on their Journeys. If any of the girls were also Girl Scout Brownies, ask them how being a Junior was different from being a Brownie.
- **Talk to a Girl Scout Junior who earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award.** How did she choose her project? Who was on her team? What did she learn? Ask what advice she would give to someone who wants to earn her Bronze Award.
- **Go to a meeting of Girl Scout Juniors.** Talk to them about their favorite memories of being a Junior and what fun activities you shouldn't miss.

You may want to open the letter you wrote to yourself when you first became a Brownie. Remember how excited you were? That's how Daisies feel right now as they get ready to become Brownies!





Congratulations!

You've earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Junior award! Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Brownie adventure—or make up a new one. Then add your award to your Junior sash or vest.



**Have fun
as a
Girl Scout
Junior!**

