

# **SENIOR GIRL SCOUT WAY BADGE**

**Badge Purpose:** When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to use the Girl Scout ways and traditions to make the world a better place.

Activity	Materials Needed
<ul><li>Say it Through Song</li><li>Write a song about being a Girl Scout.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Phone or computer with internet access</li> <li>Pen and paper</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Promise + Law</li><li>Reflect on what the Girl Scout Law means to you.</li></ul>	Pen and paper
<ul> <li>Pearls of Wisdom</li> <li>Plan a rededication ceremony for younger Girl Scouts. Make "pearl" necklaces to celebrate Juliette Gordon Low.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>White beads</li> <li>Bowls or small containers to hold beads</li> <li>Lanyard/string</li> <li>Scissors</li> </ul>
Rededication • Hold your rededication ceremony.	<ul> <li>Candles (3)</li> <li>Matches or lighter</li> <li>Pearl necklaces (from Activity #3)</li> <li>(Optional) Light refreshments</li> </ul>

## Activity #1: Say it Through Song

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Explore Girl Scout music Materials Needed: Phone or computer with internet access; pen and paper

1. Whether you've been Girl Scouting since Daisies or became a Girl Scout more recently, everyone's experience of Girl Scouting is a unique one. Write a song about what makes Girl Scouting meaningful for you—the friends you've made, the adventures you've embarked on, the skills you've learned. Write new lyrics using the melody of an existing Girl Scout song, or create your own tune. (Go online and search for Girl Scouts songs, or check out songsforscouts.com/Songs/index.html.)

### Activity #2: Promise + Law

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Help younger Girl Scouts celebrate a special day and Step 3 – Spread sisterhood through the Girl Scout Law Materials Needed: Pen and paper



- 1. Plan and hold a rededication ceremony for younger girls. Rededication is a great opportunity for girls to renew their commitment to and belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- 2. During the ceremony, you'll be sharing your own experience as a Girl Scout and the impact it's made on your life. Think about the ten lines of the Girl Scout Law. How has your commitment to living by the Girl Scout Law influenced you? Choose a few lines from the Girl Scout Law and come up with stories or examples of when you've lived by that particular principle.

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.

Activity #3: Pearls of Wisdom

Badge Connection: Step 4 – Leave your environment better than you found it and Step 5 – Enjoy Girl Scout traditions! Materials Needed: White beads; bowls or small containers to hold beads; lanyard/string; scissors Prep Needed:

- Set up the "pearl" necklace making station.
- 1. Prior to the ceremony, set up a "pearl" necklace making station. Set out bowls of white beads and lanyard/string. Juliette Gordon Low famously sold her pearl necklace to fund the first Girl Scout troop, stating, "Jewels are not important, but my Girl Scouts are—they need the money more than I need pearls."
- 2. By committing to the Girl Scout Promise and Law, you're continuing Juliette Gordon Low's legacy by inspiring others, giving back to your community, and trying to make the world a better place.
- 3. As the girls string together their "pearl" necklaces, lead them in a discussion about what Girl Scouting means to them. What does it mean to be a Girl Scout? What do they personally want to do as Girl Scouts? What do they hope girls in the future will be able to do?

### **Activity #4: Rededication**

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Help younger Girl Scouts celebrate a special day Materials Needed: Candles (3); matches or lighter; pearl necklaces (from Activity #3); (optional) light refreshments Prep Needed:

- Prior to the ceremony, set out three candles on a table.
- 1. Now it's time to hold your ceremony. For the ceremony, set out three candles on a table. Have the girls form a circle. Share a little bit about your own experience as a Girl Scout and how Girl Scouting has shaped your life (use your notes from Activity #2 if you need them).
- 2. Optional: If you'd like, you can also sing the song you wrote in Activity #1.
- 3. Afterwards, ask the girls to recite the Girl Scout Promise, and light a candle for each line of the Promise (you can light the candles, or ask for a younger Girl Scout volunteer). After they've recited the Girl Scout Law, have the girls turn to the girl to their right and place the "pearl" necklace she made onto the other girl.
- 4. Finally, close the ceremony by doing a friendship circle and singing "Make New Friends".

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