

BROWNIE COMPUTER EXPERT BADGE - MEETING 1

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they'll know how to do many useful things on a computer.

Activity Plan Length: 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law and sing the Brownie Smile song. 	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Brownie Smile song lyrics poster
10 minutes	Internet Safety Pledge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will practice making introductions and learning about the interests of others. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet Safety Pledge hand outs (one for each girl) <input type="checkbox"/> Pens
15 minutes	Computer Pictionary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls practice using a computer program to create art. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Computers (one for each group of 2-3 girls) with an art or drawing program, such as Microsoft's <i>Paint</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Notecards <input type="checkbox"/> Writing utensil
15 minutes	Snack Chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls enjoy snack and chat about how they use computers at home and at school. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snack
35 minutes	Girl Scout Search <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will practice researching on the computer and create a fact/picture page about Girl Scouts. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Computers with internet access <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring and utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Printer, scissors, glue
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Getting Started

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster and (optional) Brownie Smile song lyrics poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and sing the Brownie Smile song.



Activity #1: Internet Safety Pledge

Time: 10 minutes

Badge Connection: Multiple badge steps

Materials Needed: Internet Safety Pledge hand outs (one for each girl); pens

Prep Needed:

- Prior to the meeting, have parents sign their girl's Internet Safety Pledge.
1. Have the girls take turns reading the steps of the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge out loud.
 2. Discuss what they think the pledge means and why it is important to follow it.
 3. Have each girl sign the pledge before she is allowed to use a computer.

Activity #2: Computer Pictionary

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 1 — Paint or draw with an art program

Materials Needed: Computers (one for each group of 2-3 girls) with an art or drawing program, such as Microsoft's *Paint*, notecards; writing utensils

Prep Needed:

- Before the meeting starts, turn on computers.
 - We suggest checking with other parents, schools, libraries, or community centers to find enough computers, laptops, or tablets.
 - Write items on the notecards for girls to draw (for example, a basketball, a flower, a cat, a house, etc.).
1. In small groups, have the girls open the paint or drawing program on their computer. Give them a few minutes to figure out how to use the controls and practice drawing.
 2. Split the girls into two teams. For larger groups, play multiple games with two teams each.
 3. Have girls take turns drawing a note card and drawing the item listed. As she is drawing, her team will guess what she is drawing. Have teams take turns until everyone has had a chance to draw.

Activity #3: Snack Chat

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Questions link to multiple badge steps

Materials Needed: Healthy snack

1. While enjoying snack, here are some things for girls to talk about:
 - Has anyone used the internet to do research for school? What did you learn?
 - Does anyone play games on the computer? What do you like to play?
 - Have you ever drawn a picture or card on the computer to give as a gift? What program did you use? What did it look like?
 - Do you have a computer in your house? What does your family use it for?

Activity #4: Girl Scout Search

Time: 35 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 — Find some cool facts

Materials Needed: Computers with internet access; coloring/writing utensils; paper; (optional) printer; (optional) scissors; (optional) glue



1. Tell the girls you will be making fact/picture pages about Girl Scouts. Have each group choose a Girl Scout topic to look up online. Some possible options are:
 - Girl Scout games
 - Girl Scout songs
 - Girl Scout traditions
 - Juliette Gordon Low
 - Historical uniforms
 - Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys
 - Current badges and awards
 - Historical badges and awards
2. In their groups, have the girls find information about their topic online. Each girl will then choose one “item” in this category to make a fact page about, using the craft supplies available.
3. Optional: If you have access to a printer(s), girls can also print out pictures and facts for their fact page.
4. Combine the sheets into a collage or a “scrapbook.”

Wrapping Up

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
 - Visit a store that sells computers and ask the sales associate about choosing a computer.
 - Visit a Daisy troop in your area and share the Girl Scout information pages you made with them.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite a game designer or someone who builds computers to your meeting.
 - Invite a teacher to your meeting to talk about how to use computers to learn and have fun.



Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge* for all Girl Scouts

- I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number(s), parent's or guardians' work address/telephone number(s), and the name and location of my school without the permission of my parent or guardian.
- I will tell an adult right away if I come across or receive any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
- I will always follow the rules of Internet sites, including those rules that are based on age of use, parental approval and knowledge, and public laws.
- I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents or guardians. If my parents or guardian agree to a meeting, I will arrange it in a public place and bring a parent or guardian along.
- I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parent or guardian.
- I will talk with my parent or guardian so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide on the time of day that I can be online, the length of time that I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
- I will not use the Internet to collect money for Girl Scout products, and I will follow all safety guidelines related to Girl Scout product sales.
- I will practice online "netiquette" (good manners) at all times when online.
 - I won't spam others.
 - I will not bully nor will I tolerate bullying (and I will always tell a trusted adult if this is a problem).
 - I won't use bad language.
- I will be guided by the Girl Scout Promise and Law in all that I do online.

Signed,

Girl Name _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

*The GSUSA Online Safety Pledge is based upon the Online Safety Pledge developed by the [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#). (Revised 2010)

