

BROWNIE MY FAMILY STORY BADGE – MEETING 2

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they will know about their family story.

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
25 minutes	My Country Tis of Thee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls will share their family history. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Glue <input type="checkbox"/> Tape <input type="checkbox"/> Wooden dowels or straws <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Computer with internet access <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Books with images of flags
20 minutes	Family Show & Tell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls share an item from home that is important to her family history. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show and tell items (girls bring from home)
15 minutes	Snack Chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls eat a healthy snack while discussing family traditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy snack
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: My Country Tis of Thee

Time: 25 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Know where your family is from

Materials Needed: Construction paper; coloring utensils; scissors; glue; tape; wood dowels or straws; (optional) computer with internet access; (optional) books with images of flags

Prep Needed:

- Prior to meeting, ask girls to speak to their families about their family heritage and where they come from.
 - (Optional) Find images of flags from around the world online, or check out a book about flags from the library.
1. Tell the girls that it can be fun to learn about your family history and heritage. Ask the girls if anyone knows what countries, states, or towns their family comes from. Have the girls share what they found about their family history.
 2. Each country has its own flag. The flag is a symbol for the country that it represents. Share with the girls that at this meeting, they will get to make a flag that represents a place where their family is from. If girls are unsure of their family history, they can pick a place they think they are from, or they could always make an American flag.
 3. Show the girls images of various flags from around the world. Use images online or check out books from the library to give girls ideas.
 4. Pass out materials and supplies. Girls can use construction paper, glue, scissors, and or coloring utensils to make their flag.
 5. Attach the flag to a wooden dowel or straw with tape and wave your flag in the air!

Activity #2: Family Show & Tell

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 4 – Find an object that means something to your family

Materials Needed: Show and tell items that girls brought from home

Prep Needed:

- Prior to the meeting, ask the girls and their families to choose an item to bring for show and tell. The item could be a photo, a piece of jewelry, a decoration – anything that tells a part of their family's story.
1. Ask the girls to sit in a circle. One at a time, have girls share the photo or object they brought from home. Have girls answer the following questions:
 - What is the item you brought today?
 - Who does the item belong to?
 - Why is the item important to your family?
 - What do you like best about the item?
 2. After each girl shares her item, she can hold her item and walk around the circle so everyone can get a closer look. Remind girls to “look with their eyes, not with their hands” if the item is fragile.

Activity #3: Snack Chat

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Questions link to multiple badge steps

Materials Needed: Healthy snack

1. While enjoying a healthy snack, here are some things for girls to talk about:
 - What songs or games do you like to play with your family?
 - What holidays or special events do you celebrate with your family?
 - Has your family ever made a time capsule? If so, what did you put in it?
 - What would you put in a family time capsule?



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 local school or library and view display cases with old photos, award, and memorabilia.
 - Invite family members to go on a field trip and share family stories on the way.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite someone from the VFW to talk about girls about the American flag.
 - Invite family members to talk about their family history.

