

BROWNIE CELEBRATING COMMUNITY BADGE – MEETING 2

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they'll know about communities, how communities celebrate, and what makes them special.

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
20 minutes	Salute the Flag! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls practice a flag ceremony. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Flag ceremony instructions <input type="checkbox"/> American flag <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Red sashes for the Color Guard
25 minutes	Landmark Detective! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls create small sculptures of their favorite landmark. 	<input type="checkbox"/> "Famous Landmarks" cards <input type="checkbox"/> Modeling clay or play-dough <input type="checkbox"/> Writing utensils
15 minutes	Snack Chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls enjoy a healthy snack and discuss celebrations. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snacks
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: Salute the Flag!

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 5 – Join in a ceremony or celebration

Materials Needed: Flag ceremony instructions; American flag; (optional) red sashes

Prep Needed:

- Review flag ceremony instructions (at the end of the activity plan).



1. Tell the girls that a flag ceremony is a special type of celebration that honors the American flag and our country. Tell them that in this meeting, they'll learn the proper way to conduct a flag ceremony.
2. Review the flag ceremony steps with the girls.
3. Hold a flag ceremony during the meeting!

Activity #2: Landmark Detective!

Time: 25 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 4 – Be a landmark detective

Materials Needed: “Famous Landmark” cards; modeling clay or play-dough; writing utensils

Prep Needed:

- Print two copies of the “Famous Landmark” cards and cut them out.
1. Divide the girls into two teams. Give each team a set of landmark cards. Give the girls 3 minutes to name as many landmarks and their locations as they can. Girls can write on the back of each card.
 2. Go through the answers to see how many they got right. Give one point for each correct landmark and one point for each correct location. The team with most points wins!
 3. Tell the girls that next they will make a sculpture of their favorite landmark. It can be a landmark from one of the cards or a different one that they have seen or visited.

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 is your favorite landmark?
 - Where might you participate in a flag ceremony?
 - What types of community celebrations or ceremonies do you like to participate in?
 - If you could create your very own celebration, what would you celebrate?

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 museum, city council, state capital, or a famous landmark in your town.
 - Go to a local parade or annual festival in your community.
 - Attend a marching band concert or flag ceremony in your community.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite someone from your local VFW to speak about flag etiquette.



Flag Ceremony Instructions

Display, Customs, and Care of the American Flag

- The U.S. flag always occupies a position of honor
 - Carried in a procession, the U.S. flag is positioned to the right of other flags or is in front of other flags.
- When displayed, the U.S. flag must be to the flag's own right (the audience's left).
- When groups with other flags (i.e. state, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts of the USA, Council, etc.), should be at the center, in front of, or higher than the other flag.
- When with another flag on crossed staffs, should be on the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.
- When with the flags of two or more nations, should be flown on separate staffs of the same height. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.
- The U.S. flag flies (held or on the flagpole) longer than other flags:
 - Indoors – it is presented first and posted last.
 - Outdoors – it is raised first and lowered last.

The Color Guard of Honor

- The purpose of the Color Guard of Honor is to protect the flag. Because this requires full attention, the members do not participate in any part of the flag ceremony (singing, speaking, etc.) but stand silently "At Attention."
- The Color Guard may consist of any number. Ideally there should be at least two Color Guards for each flag. The minimum is one Color (Flag) Bearer and one Color Guard.
- Color (or Flag) Bearer: One per flag, if more than one flag is present. Hold staff (pole) at 30° angle in front of body, or hold folded flag (with point away from body) in front of body at waist level. Girls may wear a red sash over her right shoulder, tied in a square knot on the left side of her waist. Is responsible for putting flag in, or taking flag from, stand, or raising/lowering flag from flag pole.
- Color Guards: Stand on each side of the Color Bearer. Watch to see that the flag does not touch the ground. May wear a red sash around her waist tied in a square knot on her left side. One or more members may assist flag bearer in posting/retrieving the flag from the stand/pole.
- Caller: Only member of Color Guard to speak. Gives directions to audience and commands to Color Guard. Girls may wear red sashes, same as Color Guard.
- Line Leaders: Usually part of an outdoor Color Guard. Lead the audience into/out of the desired formation (usually a horseshoe in Girl Scouts).



Opening Flag Ceremony

Please stand for the presentation of the flag.

If you have an “audience,” such as at an Investiture/Rededication Ceremony (parents, invited guests, etc.), this is the signal that the ceremony is about to start.

Girl Scouts Attention.

This is the signal that the girls should be ready to start.

Color Guard Attention.

If the Color Guard has been standing “At Ease,” she comes to “Attention.” It is also a signal to be ready to start.

Color Guard Advance.

Indoors: The Color Guard Carries the flag(s) toward the front of the room and stands in front of the flag stands.

Outdoors: The Color Guard carries the flag to the flag pole.

Color Guard, Post the Colors.

Indoors: The Color Guard places the flags in the stands, the American Flag last.

Outdoors: The Flag Bearer attaches the flag to the rope and quickly hoists the flag, the American flag is raised first.

Color Guard, Honor your Colors.

The Color Guard salutes the Flag and then returns to “Attention”. The Pledge of Allegiance, songs, poems, Girl Scout Promise, are done now.

Join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Join me in saying the Girl Scout Promise.

Color Guard Dismissed.

The Color Guard walks to the back of the room, or away from the flag pole.

Closing Flag Ceremony

Please stand for the retrieval of the flag.

If you have an “audience,” such as an Investiture/Rededication Ceremony (parents, invited guests, etc.), this is the signal that the ceremony will be closing.

Girl Scouts Attention.

This is the signal that the girls should be ready to start.

Color Guard Attention.

If the Color Guard has been standing “At Ease,” she comes to “Attention.” It is also a signal to be ready to start.

Color Guard Approach.

Indoors: The Color Guard walks toward the front of the room and stands in front of the flag stands.

Outdoors: The Color Guard walks to the flagpole.

Color Guard, Honor your Colors.

The Color Guard salutes the Flag and then returns to “Attention.”

Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors.

Indoors: The Color Guard removes the flags from the stands, the American Flag first.

Outdoors: The Flag Bearer lowers the flag slowly and with dignity. The Color Bearers fold the flag(s).

Color Guard Dismissed.

The Color Guard carries the flag to the back of the room, or carries the folded flag to an appropriate place.



Famous Landmark Cards



Famous Landmark Answer Key

The Cherry and the Spoon (Minneapolis, MN)



Paul Bunyan & Babe the Blue Ox (Bemidji, MN)



Split Rock Lighthouse (Two Harbors, MN)



The Statue of Liberty (New York City, NY)



Mount Rushmore (Keystone, SD)



The Golden Gate Bridge (San Francisco, CA)



The St. Louis Arch (St Louis, MO)



The Sydney Opera House (Sydney, Australia)



The Eiffel Tower (Paris, France)



Big Ben (London, England)

