

# BROWNIE LETTERBOXER BADGE – MEETING 1

**Badge Purpose:** When the girls have earned this badge, they will know how to have fun adventures by finding and hiding letterboxes.

**Activity Plan Length:** 1.5 hours

Time	Activity	Materials Needed
15 minutes	Getting Started <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law and sing the Brownie Smile song.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Brownie Smile song lyrics poster
10 minutes	Practice Your “Seeking” Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls will use their seeking skills to find hidden objects.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Small objects <input type="checkbox"/> Notecards or slips of paper <input type="checkbox"/> Pen
20 minutes	Stamp it Out! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls create their own stamp to use for a future project.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Craft foam or pre-cut foam shapes <input type="checkbox"/> Jar lids or small piece of wood <input type="checkbox"/> Glue (if foam is not self-adhesive) <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Ink pad <input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Small notepads
15 minutes	Creative Scrambles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls create their own word scramble to use in writing clues.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Writing Utensils
15 minutes	Snack Chat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls enjoy a healthy snack while discussing future strategies for letterboxing adventures.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Snack
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: Practice Your “Seeking” Skills

Time: 10 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Get started with letterboxing

Materials Needed: Small objects; notecards or slips of paper; pen

Prep Needed:

- Hide small objects (or candy) around your meeting location.
  - Prepare some clues for the girls to use to find the objects (or candy).
1. Introduce letterboxing to the girls. Letterboxing is essentially a real-life hidden treasure hunt. To participate, look online for clues or set up your own letterboxes.
  2. Split girls into pairs and give each pair a clue.
  3. Have the girls practice their seeking skills using the clues to find the hidden objects.
  4. (Optional) When girls have found one object, have them trade with another group to try and find another hidden object.

## Activity #2: Stamp it Out!

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Find your own stamp

Materials Needed: Craft foam or pre-cut foam shapes; jar lids or small pieces of wood; glue; scissors; ink pad; paper; small notepads.

1. Explain to the girls that stamps are an important part of letterboxing and represent the person who made the letterbox. Anyone who finds your letterbox will have your stamp in their own notebook of stamps.
2. Have the girls create their own stamp by cutting a shape from craft foam, or use pre-cut shapes and let girls pick their favorite.
3. Have the girls glue the foam to a jar lid or piece of wood to make the stamp sturdy.
4. Have the girls test out their stamp by pressing it onto an inkpad and then firmly pressing it on paper.
5. Give each girl a notepad or make one by folding paper together. Girls can use these notepads to collect images from the stamps they find on their letterboxing adventures.
6. After girls have created their own stamps, have them work together to make a troop stamp that they will use in the troop’s letterbox. Save the stamp for a future meeting, where you will create your troop’s letterbox.

## Activity #3: Creative Scrambles

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Practice solving clues

Materials Needed: Paper; writing utensils

Prep Needed:

- (Optional) Look up different types of word scramble codes or secret languages online. Check out Pinterest for some great ideas.
1. Give the girls some examples of word scrambles.
    - For example: The last letter of every word becomes the first and the first becomes the last.  
**Kool rndeu eht elids ta eht karp = Look under the slide at the park.**
  2. Have the girls create their own word scramble and ask others to try and solve their clue.
  3. Ask the girls to brainstorm other ways to write clues.



## Activity #4: Snack Chat and Friendship Pledge

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Questions link to multiple badge steps

Materials Needed: Healthy snack

1. While enjoying snack, here are some questions to ask the girls:
  - Where are the best places to look for a letterbox?
  - How many letter boxes do you think are out there?
  - Where would you hide a letterbox?

## 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:
  - Look on the internet for letterboxing locations near you and go on an adventure.
- Speaker Ideas:
  - Invite an older Girl Scout that has done letterboxing to talk about her experiences.

