

BROWNIE CELEBRATING COMMUNITY BADGE – MEETING 1

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	Community Collages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls create a collage that defines community. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Plain or construction paper <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring utensils <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Glue <input type="checkbox"/> Old magazines (age-appropriate)
15 minutes	Snack Chat and Singing Symphony Swap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls enjoy snack and discuss songs that represent community. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Snack
25 minutes	Brownie Pride Parade Party <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls show off their Brownie Pride in a parade. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper grocery bags <input type="checkbox"/> Large-roll sheet paper or newspaper <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Tape <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Candy <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Music playing device
15 minutes	Wrapping Up	<input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Make New Friends lyrics poster

Getting Started

Time: 15 minutes

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

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



Activity #1: Community Collages

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Explore community symbols

Materials Needed: Plain or construction paper; coloring utensils; scissors; glue; old (age-appropriate) magazines

1. Ask the girls to define a “community” and to talk about what makes something a community. Instruct the girls to think of all the communities they are a part of.
 - Some examples may include: Girl Scouts, schools, families, sports teams, or recreation groups.
2. Pass out one sheet per girl and instruct them to create their own community collage by drawing one symbol or using one picture to represent each community of which they are a part.
 - TIP: Encourage girls to be creative – they can draw symbols, cut out and glue images from old magazines, or create their own cut-outs from construction paper.
3. As girls finish, encourage them to share what they created with a partner or gather back as a large group to share.

Activity #2: Snack Chat and Singing Symphony Swap

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Sing Together

Materials Needed: Healthy snack

1. While enjoying snack, talk with the girls about how songs are ways communities celebrate who they are or make them unique and special from other communities. As a large group, ask the girls for examples of some songs that represent different communities. For example, “What songs do we sing in Girl Scouts?” Other examples include:
 - The National Anthem, Star Spangled Banner – represents the U.S.A.
 - Take Me Out to the Ball Game – represents an American baseball tradition
2. After snack is finished, divide girls up into small groups and instruct them to brainstorm, teach each other, and rehearse one song that represents a community. After 10 minutes, they will perform it for the large group.
 - If girls have a hard time getting started, ask them the following questions to help them get started:
 - Are there songs only your class or school knows?
 - Is there a special song a family member taught you?
 - Is there a song or chant that you learned at a camp or activity?
 - Since each group will only perform one song, tell the girls this may require one girl to teach the song to the rest of the group. Encourage the girls to be considerate and caring by allowing all ideas to be shared as their group chooses which song they will prepare and perform.
3. After 10 minutes, ask each group to share and perform their community song to the larger group.

Activity #3: Brownie Pride Parade Party

Time: 25 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 3 – Follow the parade

Materials Needed: Paper grocery bags; large-roll sheet paper or newspaper; scissors; tape; (optional) candy; (optional) music playing device

Prep Needed:

- Divide supplies evenly in separate spaces for each of the small groups.
- Prepare a walkway/space that will be the “parade route”.
- (Optional) Set up music playing device (iPod or CD player).
- (Optional) Divide out candy bags to distribute to the parade walkers.



1. Tell the girls that they are going to be a part of the Brownie Pride Parade and split the girls into small groups in separate corners of the room.
2. Instruct each group to determine a team name, which will be represented in the Brownie Pride Parade.
3. Tell the girls to choose one person from their group to be the parade walker. The parade walker will be dressed up by the other girls in her group. The remaining girls get to be the parade designers who create the parade walker's outfit and get to watch the parade.
4. Next, the parade designers will create an outfit for the parade walker. The girls can use the paper and tape to create a fashionable outfit and accessories that represents their whole team. The parade walker will not participate in creating the outfit.
 - Example: The parade designers for the "Royal Queens" team may create a paper crown and a long robe for their parade walker.
 - Tip: Paper grocery bags can be crafted into a clothing item by cutting a hole for the head in the bottom of the bag and two arm holes on the sides.
5. Allow the girls to design and dress up their parade walkers for 15-20 minutes. Then, line up the parade walkers for the parade, and the designers along the parade walkway.
6. Play music (if applicable) and allow the parade walkers to march through and showcase their team pride through the parade route, tossing candy to the parade designers.

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 an experienced marcher, military member, city council member, or an older Girl Scout troop to your meeting to talk about the importance of communities.

