

BROWNIE MAKING FRIENDS BADGE – MEETING 2

Badge Purpose: When girls have earned this badge, they'll know how to be good friends.

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
15 minutes	Name Tag Extension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls learn a new way to introduce themselves. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper <input type="checkbox"/> Markers <input type="checkbox"/> Tape
15 minutes	Care Cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls create cards to show that they care about their friends. 	<input type="checkbox"/> Cards or construction paper <input type="checkbox"/> Coloring utensils <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Decorative supplies
15 minutes	Show-N-Play! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls share a favorite activity with the group. 	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Will vary</i> (Girls will bring from home)
15 minutes	Snack Chat: Mix it up! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls enjoy snack while chatting with a Girl Scout sister who they do not know very well. 	<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: Name Tag Extension

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Make friendly introductions

Materials Needed: Paper; markers; tape

1. Ask a few girls to assist you with passing out one sheet of paper and one marker to each girl.
2. Instruct the girls to write their first name vertically (one letter under the other) on the far left hand of their paper. Instruct them to write their name large enough to fill the length of the paper.



3. After each girl has written her name vertically on the paper, hand each girl a strip of tape. Instruct girls to pair up to help tape each other's name paper to each other's backs. Each girl should have her own name taped to her back.
4. Next instruct the girls to mingle with each other, looking at other girls' names on their backs. The goal is for each girl to find a letter in another girl's name that is also in her name. When a girl finds a letter, she must go up to that girl and introduce herself. After introducing herself, she will write her name within the letter on the other girl's name paper.
 - Example: M E L I S S A
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5. After writing in her name, the girls must make up a new fun handshake with that person only.
6. Continue mingling until the girls have introduced themselves to everyone. If time allows, gather as a large group and have girls introduce a partner they met and show their handshake they created (see if they can remember!)

Activity #2: Care Cards

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 - Show friends you care

Materials Needed: Cards or construction paper; coloring utensils; (optional) other decorative supplies

1. Ask the girls to break off into pairs. Tell the girls that they are going to make cards for each other that highlights something they like about their partner.
2. Instruct the girls to create a "care card" for her partner, illustrating something that she likes about her or makes her special.
3. If girls are stuck, encourage them to have a conversation about their favorite things.

Activity #3: Show-N-Play

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 3 - Share favorite activities

Materials Needed: Materials will vary according to the girl

Prep Needed:

- Prior to the meeting, instruct girls to prepare/bring and share a favorite activity with the group.
1. Sit girls down and allow each girl to stand before the group and give a one minute presentation on an activity she likes to do, and how to do it. This may be a game, cat's cradle, jump rope, etc.
 - Tip: Instead of requiring every single girl share, talk with the girls at about who would be interested in sharing an activity, or draw names out of a hat.
 2. Record each activity as each girl presents. Use this as a running list of possible activities you could incorporate to weekly meetings (such as warm-up activities or ice breaker games).
 3. After each girl presents, vote as a group on the top three activities they would like to try at another Girl Scout meeting. Designate a time for those girls to do their activity with the group at a future troop meeting.

Activity #4: Snack Chat: Mix it up!

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 5 - Practice friendship!



Materials Needed: Healthy snack

1. While enjoying snack, put girls into a seating arrangement where they are sitting next to a girl they may not know as well. Instruct the girls to pair up with the girl next to her and come up with three things that they have in common (i.e. how many siblings they have, what school they go to, if they have any pets, etc.). Have each pair share what they discovered with the group.
2. Review with the girls some of the things they learned about friendship today:
 - Was it easy or hard to introduce yourself to new people? Why or why not?
 - Today we did an activity where we made a special “care card” for a friend. What are some other ways that you can show your friends you care about them?
 - Why is it important to be a good friend?
 - What were some of your favorite activities that other Girl Scouts shared with the group today?

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:
 - Coordinate with another Girl Scout troop to visit and attend their next troop meeting.
 - Attend a Girl Scout gathering, such as a council-sponsored program event or camp.
- Speaker Ideas:
 - Invite another Brownie troop or an older girl troop to your troop meeting.
 - Invite a camp counselor, teacher, or an after-school program specialist to your troop meeting.

