

## BROWNIE GIRL SCOUT WAY ACTIVITY PLAN – MEETING 2

**Badge Purpose:** When girls have earned this badge, they will know how to practice and share the Girl Scout way.

**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
15 minutes	Sing a Song <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls learn a fun Girl Scout song!</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Song lyrics written on a poster <input type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Recording of “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain”
20 minutes	Juliette Low Story Game + Snack <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls enjoy snack and learn the story of Juliette Gordon Low.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Items referred to in story: pumpkin, daisy flower, toy horse, crayons, ring, bag of rice, picture of boy, telephone, pearls, Girl Scout pin <input type="checkbox"/> Towel to cover items <input type="checkbox"/> Paper + pencils for girls <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy snack
25 minutes	Flame Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls participate in a special Girl Scout ceremony.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Assorted shapes and colors of candles (1 per girl) <input type="checkbox"/> One tall candle for center <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or lighter <input type="checkbox"/> Bucket of water
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.



## Activity #1: Sing a Song

Time: 15 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 1 – Sing everywhere

Materials Needed: Song lyrics, written on paper or poster board or copies of the lyrics to pass out; (optional) recording of “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain”

Prep Needed:

- Practice the song on your own so you are comfortable teaching it.
  - Write the song lyrics on a large piece of paper or poster board or make copies of the lyrics to pass out to the girls (at the end of the activity plan).
1. If available, play the song “She’ll Be Coming ‘Round the Mountain” for the girls to become familiar with the tune.
  2. Tell the girls that they will be learning a new Girl Scout song today with the same melody. Have the group sing the song until they are familiar with it.
  3. Ask the girls to come up with a couple lines of their own song and share with the group.

## Activity #2: Juliette Low Story Game + Snack

Time: 20 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 2 – Celebrate Juliette Low’s Birthday

Materials Needed: Pumpkin; daisy flower; toy horse; crayons; ring; bag of rice; sailboat; picture of boy; telephone; pearls; Girl Scout pin; towel; paper and pencils for each girl; healthy snack

1. Hand out snack for girls to eat while discussing what they know about Juliette Gordon Low. Some sample questions could include:
  - What day is her birthday?
  - When was she born?
  - Where did she live?
  - Why is she important to the Girl Scouts?
2. Tell the girls they will be learning about Juliette Gordon Low and need to pay special attention.
3. Recite the following story to the girls:

### Juliette Gordon Low’s Story

Juliette Low was the founder of Girl Scouting. I’d like to tell you a little about her life: Juliette was born on October 31, 1860 – Halloween. **(Hold up pumpkin.)** Her uncle took one look at her and said, “She looks like Daisy.” This nickname stuck with her for the rest of her life. **(Hold up Daisy.)** Juliette always loved animals, especially horses. **(Hold up toy horse.)** She also loved to draw and paint pictures – so much that she created a children’s magazine with all of the articles and pictures done by children. **(Hold up crayons.)**

Juliette married Willie Gordon Low in 1886. **(Hold up ring.)** Some of the rice thrown at their wedding became lodged in Juliette’s left ear, causing her to become deaf in this ear. **(Hold up rice.)** Juliette and Willie both loved adventure, so together they decided to move to England. **(Hold up sailboat.)** Once in England, Juliette met Lord & Lady Baden-Powell. She enjoyed what they had done with the Boy Scout movement. **(Hold up picture of a boy.)**

Willie passed away while they lived in England and Juliette returned to Georgia. She then made the famous phone call which was heard around the United States: “Come on over to my house tonight, we are going to hold the first Girl Scout meeting!” **(Hold up telephone.)** As with all Girl Scout troops, money was needed to keep the program running, so Juliette sold the pearl necklace Willie had given her for a wedding present. **(Hold up pearls.)** Girl Scouting in the USA was born on March 12, 1912 and continues today with over 2.5 million members **(Hold up GS pin.)**



4. Cover up all the items you have been showing with a towel and give the girls a short time to list everything.
5. Uncover the items and ask the girls how many items they were able to remember. Ask each girl to share what they remembered most about the story and why.

## Activity #3: Flame Ceremony

Time: 25 minutes

Badge Connection: Step 3 – Share Sisterhood

Materials Needed: Assorted shapes and colors of candles (1 per girl); one tall candle for the center; matches or lighter; bucket of water

Prep Needed:

- Arrange candles on a table that the girls can gather around.
1. Discuss fire safety with the girls and the proper way to hold a candle. Show them the bucket of water should they need to extinguish their flame.
  2. Have girls stand in a horseshoe around the table and give each girl a piece of paper with their script. Explain you are doing a special Girl Scout ceremony. Ask girls to be respectful and quiet.
  3. The leader recites the following introduction and lights a tall candle in the middle of the table.

*Stars that shine together form a galaxy. Flowers that grow together create a garden. Buildings that stand together create a city. People who work together make a difference. Girl Scouts is a sisterhood and no matter where you are or how different you are, we will always share that friendship.*

4. Ask the girls to light one of the mismatched candles (one at a time with the tall candle you already lit) and recite their script. Add or subtract script lines based on the number of girls in your troop.
  - *I light this candle in friendship for all Girl Scouts who are younger, older, bigger, or smaller than me.*
  - *I light this candle in friendship for all Girl Scouts who worship differently than me.*
  - *I light this candle in friendship for all Girl Scouts of a different nationality or ethnicity than myself.*
  - *I light this candle in friendship for all Girl Scouts who are a different color than me.*
  - *I light this candle in friendship for all Girl Scouts who don't run, walk, hear, see, or learn the same as myself.*
  - *I light this candle in friendship for all Girl Scouts who have different beliefs than me.*

5. Leader ends with:

*Watch the flames closely, please. Notice that the light from each candle is the same as the others although the outside of the candles are different. So, too, are all of the Girl Scouts in the world. We wear different clothes, speak different languages, and observe different religions or beliefs. And yet we all belong to the same sisterhood – Girl Scouts. Today we pledge ourselves to world friendship, helping others and making the world a better place.*

6. Ask each girl to carefully blow out her candle and reflect on the ceremony. Discuss how they feel after the flame ceremony.



## 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:
  - Take a trip to the library and learn more about Juliette Gordon Low.
  - Attend a service unit or council-sponsored event so girls can see they are part of an even larger Girl Scout sisterhood.
- Speaker Ideas:
  - Invite a Girl Scout alumna to come and talk about what Girl Scouts was like when they were a girl.
  - Invite an older Girl Scout troop to teach girls more Girl Scout songs and traditions.



# She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain lyrics

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes  
She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes  
She'll be coming 'round the mountain, she'll be coming 'round the mountain,  
She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes (Hee Haw)  
She'll be driving six white horses when she comes (Hee Haw)  
She'll be driving six white horses, she'll be driving six white horses,  
She'll be driving six white horses when she comes (Hee Haw)

Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes (Hi, Babe)  
Oh, we'll all go out to meet her when she comes (Hi, Babe)  
Oh, we'll all go out to meet her, we'll all go out to meet her,  
We'll all go out to meet her when she comes (Hi, Babe)

She'll be wearing red pajamas when she comes  
She'll be wearing red pajamas when she comes  
She'll be wearing red pajamas, she'll be wearing red pajamas,  
She'll be wearing red pajamas when she comes

She will have to sleep with Grandma when she comes (Snore)  
She will have to sleep with Grandma when she comes (Snore)  
She will have to sleep with Grandma, she will have to sleep with Grandma,  
She will have to sleep with Grandma when she comes (Snore)

We will all have chicken and dumplings when she comes (Yum yum)  
We will all have chicken and dumplings when she comes (Yum yum)  
We will all have chicken and dumplings, we'll all have chicken and dumplings  
We will all have chicken and dumplings when she comes (Yum yum)

