

New Volunteer Investiture Ceremony



Reading: A Leader's Resolution

I shall study my girls so that I may understand them.
I shall like my girls so that I can help them.
I shall learn, for they have much to teach me.
I shall laugh, for youth grows comfortable with laughter.
I shall give myself freely, yet I shall take some that they may acquire the habit of giving.
I shall be a friend, for a friend is needed.
I shall lead, yet I shall be aware of pushing.
I shall listen, for a listener prevents combustion.
I shall not overlook mistakes, yet I will not blame them.
Lastly, I shall try to be that which I hope they think I am.

Say the Girl Scout Promise - have a new leader light the 3 Promise candles and everyone recites the Promise together.

Sing - Let us all join in singing "When ere You Make a Promise".

Have returning Leaders read:

As we welcome you to your new position as a Girl Scout Leader, we give to you;

The adventure of seeing a Girl Scout try something new.

The joy of seeing a Girl Scout smile at you as you all sing around a campfire.

The pride in seeing their progress in understanding themselves, their troop, their community, and the world.

The friendship of the truest of friends, the heritage of the future of a great movement and the gift of eternal youth.

Now, in the words of Juliette Low, we say to each of you
"I trust you on your honor to keep the Promise which you have just made,
and this pin is the symbol of it".

Volunteer Rededication Ceremony

Materials:

3 candles in holders
Lighter or matches

The three candles are lit to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

Please join me in the Girl Scout Promise.



On my honor, I will try,
To serve God and my Country,
To help people at all times,
and to live by the Girl Scout Law

Ask: What have you found that keeps you in Girl Scouts?

(Have each person say one of these, or they can say one of their own)

Sisterhood - friendship with girls and with other women

Acceptance - of me as I am, not because of who my spouse is, or what my job is, or how much money I have, but of me, for what I can do, for what I am.

Service - in both seeing the need for service and the skills to meet the need.

Adventure- new trails to follow, new tests of skills and endurance, new things to learn.

Happiness - a deepened sense of the never-ending joy of living.

Responsibility- with responsibility comes "strength to lead and faith to follow"

Sing: "Make New Friends"



The Lesson of the Pearls

(Adult Investiture/Rededication)



Materials:

- 2-4 adults as leaders
- 10 adults as pearls
- Treasure Chest or precious box
- 10 large plastic pearls or white beads

Leader#1: Tonight we are gathered to share in the dedication of our new and returning leaders to the ideals of Girl Scouting.

Leader#2: At this time, the members of Service Unit___ will share with each other the "Lesson of the Pearls" found in our discovered treasure chest of Girl Scouting.

(as each pearl is talked about it will be dropped into the treasure chest)

Pearl #1: The first pearl stands for WISDOM. You have shown your joy in exploring wisdom through Girl Scouting.

Pearl #2: The second pearl symbolizes BEAUTY. You are beautiful to your sister Girl Scouts for you give of yourself.

Pearl #3: The third pearl is STRENGTH. You are the strength of the future of Girl Scouting.

Pearl#4: The fourth pearl is the symbol of TRUTH. You are an example of the truth of the ideas of Girl Scouting.

Pearl#5: The fifth pearl is FIDELITY. You have kept your promise and have affirmed it for life.

Pearl #6: The sixth pearl is our symbol of FELLOWSHIP. You have extended the hand of friendship and you have reaped the rewards.

Pearl #7: The seventh pearl is COOPERATION. You are an example of total cooperation and your many accomplishments reflect your willingness to work in harmony with others

Pearl #8: The eighth pearl is a symbol of LOYALTY. You are committed to the Law of Girl Scouting and strive to live by it.

Pearl #9: The ninth pearl is for VISION. You can see the future of Girl Scouts and will do your part to insure its continued success.

Pearl #10: The tenth pearl stands for SERVICE. You continue to give of yourself to others in need.

Leader#3: You stand here, a chain of friendship that encircles the globe. Our chain is made strong by your caring, your sharing and a desire to be the best that you can be.

Leader#4: Our wish is for you to explore the many treasures to be found in our chest of pearls. Remember to always be a link in our chain of friendship. Please join me in reciting the Girl Scout Promise.

Everyone:

On my honor, I will try:

**To serve God and my country, To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.**

Patchwork

Materials:

Variety of colored squares of paper or fabric (1 square per person)

Poster Board divided into grid squares (1 square per person)

Tacky Putty (1 dab of putty per square)

Make sure each paper square is the same size as the grid square. Put putty dot in center of each grid square.

As leaders are called forward, they choose a colored paper and when told to do so add it to the patchwork grid.

This ceremony can be done for Service Unit Team members, Troop Leaders, or for the Girl Scouts, with a few minor wording changes.

Speaker #1: Being a Girl Scout leader is like managing a quilt. First, we gather together our pieces (Girl Scouts) from different origins and cuts of materials.

Speaker #2: Some are shy and unimposing, like pastels. Others are dizzy patterns of vibrant color. We must bind them together, matching their sameness, blending their differences.

Speaker #3: The thread of Scouting is strong. Our own hands must be steady and sure, patiently making each stitch small and even.

Speaker#4: Until, finally, the quilt is finished, with a background of the Promise and Law and a thick padding of love and understanding. And though each patch is different, together they are strong, beautiful and warm; and the seamstress can be proud.

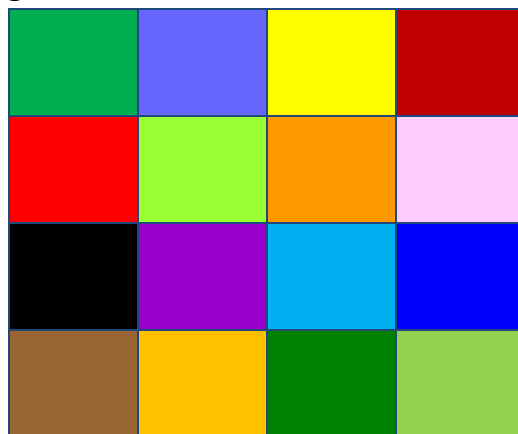
Speaker #5: This then is Girl Scouting. It is the Girl Scouting of returning leaders and the Girl Scout leaders to come.

Would the new leaders please step forward to make their Promise and a commitment toward building this patchwork piece. (The new leaders come forward and put their patchwork squares on the grid).

Speaker #6: Now would the continuing leaders rise and commit themselves to continuing their pieces of patchwork by joining us and making the Promise together.

Everyone: Say the Girl Scout Promise

Let us all join in singing "When Ere You Make a Promise".



Colors of Candelight

Materials:

A table

A candle holder for 5 candles

One each of green, red, blue, white, and yellow candles

Lighter or matches



The group stands in a semicircle around the table. Have one speaker for each candle.

As each color is described, the speaker lights that candle.

Speaker#1:

The green candle stands for our Girl Scout program reminding us that we have a duty to perform - to instill in our Girl Scouts the practice of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. It also means we are not to lose sight of these principles when emotions run high. If problems arise, we go back and review the purpose and ideals of Girl Scouting, for above all our thoughts and actions must be for the youth we are serving.

Speaker#2:

The red candle stands for fire, one of humanity's greatest blessings, but fire can also destroy. We can use fire for good or evil. We can be kind and considerate or we can trust each other if our fires are uncontrolled.

Speaker#3:

The blue candle stands for faith and loyalty, our faith in each other and our loyalty to our beliefs, our home, and our country.

Speaker#4:

The white candle stands for truth, honor, and fairness. May we treat all the Girl Scouts in the troop with fairness and honor, striving to be truthful and honest in our hearts.

Speaker#5:

The yellow candle stands for sunshine, the sun that warms us all. Just as the sun warms us, may we in turn spread warmth and friendship to those we meet. Let's make Girl Scouting fun for our troop members, but at the same time not lose sight of the Promise and Law.

Adult Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

At each* a candle should be lit.

Leader: Today (or tonight) we come in silence as we rededicate ourselves to Girl Scouting. We light three candles signifying the three parts of our Promise as together we renew it. Please join me in saying the Girl Scout Promise.

Leader: Our opportunities come to use through sharing our Girl Scout values - the right to grow through our experience in the Promise and Law. This candlelight becomes bright as we realize our golden opportunities.

New Adult: On my honor I will try*. I cannot succeed if I do not try. So I will try, I may not always succeed but I will grow with every new experience as I put into practice the Promise and Law.

Returning Adult: Our goal is to help Girl Scouts be good citizens today and active citizens tomorrow.

New Adult: I am proud of God and my country*. And on my honor I will try to serve God, my country, and help people at all times to the best of my ability. *(NB: God may be changed in accordance with the adult's beliefs).*

Returning Adult: Girl Scouts love their country and have an understanding of its relationship to the world.

New Adult: All Girl Scouts are siblings*. We learn that there are many likenesses in all people, but where there are differences we gain exciting opportunities of understanding.

Returning Adult: The pathway of Girl Scouting grows broader when other people become involved.

New Adult: Others need me*. It is good to know that I have skills and knowledge that I can share.

Returning Adult: Opportunities to develop into a more capable person are given to Girl Scouts as they assume their roles in the troop.

New Adult: I am a link in the golden chain of Girl Scouting*. The chain can be no stronger than each link.

Returning Adult: Each Girl Scout is an individual and by keeping ourselves forever fit, we are better ready to serve others and to enjoy everyday living.

New Adult: It is my privilege to keep myself physically fit*. To live with kind thoughts and unselfish deeds and to keep myself morally strong.

Returning Adult: And so the light grows brighter as it now fills this room and our hearts with the flame of accomplishment.



Flower Ceremony for Troop Leaders

Materials:

Flower stems, real or fake, of each color to be given to volunteers with their matching reading.

One at a time the new leaders come forward, read their piece and put their flower into a vase.

- I will do my best to be honest and fair. The **white** flower symbolizes truth, honor, trustworthiness, and fairness. I will be honest in my intentions and think fairly on behalf of all of the members of my troop.
- I will do my best to be friendly and helpful. The **orange** flower symbolizes friendship and generosity. I will be a positive role model showing that I am a good friend and am generous with my time and resources.
- I will do my best to be considerate and caring. The **yellow** flower represents warmth and kindness to friends. I will be considerate of families' needs and challenges and careful in my planning and inclusion.
- I will do my best to be courageous and strong. The **red** flower represents our strength and our courage to try new things. I will be an advocate for my troop and support them as needed.
- I will do my best to be responsible for what I say and do. The **gold** flower reminds me to always be reliable. I will do what I promise to do and follow through on my responsibilities.
- I will do my best to respect myself and others. The **purple** flower represents the concern that I have for the well being of myself and others. I make a point of not listening to or repeating unkind comments.
- I will do my best to respect authority. The **light blue** flower represents careful thought, attention, and concern. I will follow procedures and guidelines in a timely manner, understanding that organization and oversight are what keep our organization strong.
- I will do my best to use resources wisely. The color **green** represents nature. I will teach my troop how to keep and preserve our valuable natural resources.
- I will do my best to make the world a better place. The **dark blue** flower represents deep thought about myself and my world. I will help my girls understand their role in making the world better for everyone.
- I will do my best to be a sister to every other Girl Scout. The **rose** represents love, a basic ingredient in being a sister. I am thankful for my Sister Girl Scouts and will prove myself to be a loyal sister.

