

GSWNY Ceremonies Patch Program

Ceremonies have always been a special and important aspect of Girl Scouting. The GSWNY Archives Committee has developed this patch program for troops so that they may learn about Girl Scout Ceremonies of the past and develop their own ceremonies. Information and resources are available in a travel box that is available on request from each Girl Scout service center. The box may be borrowed for a maximum of two weeks. \$25 refundable deposit is required. Contact Annette German - Annette.German@gswny.org at Girl Scout Headquarters to schedule this resource.

These are minimum requirements. You may choose additional activities.

Daisies.....do two starred

Brownies.....do three starred

Juniors.....do three starred plus one other

Cadettes.....do three starred plus two others

Seniors.....do three starred plus four others

Ambassadors.....do all requirements

*1. Flag Ceremonies (Flag & Red Sashes in the resource box)

Daisy-Participate in a basic flag ceremony in various roles (i.e. flag bearer, color guard)

Br- Plan and carry out a basic flag ceremony with your leader. Directions and a diagram are included.

Jr- Above plus- learn the commands in a flag ceremony. Learn when and how to salute the flag, in and out of uniform. (Junior Handbook, c. 1963, Pp. 253-71.)

Cad, Sr, & Amb- Do all above plus;

-learn how to post the flag on a stand, on a wall, and on a flag pole.

- learn how and when to use the red sashes

- learn how to fold a flag

-learn how to dispose of a worn flag

*2. Investiture and Rededication

Learn about and participate in an investiture for your level.

Daisy -Petal Ceremony (directions included in resource box)

Br- Brownie Investiture (directions included in resource box. See Worlds to Explore, c 1977, Brownie Story pg. 49)

Jr, Cad, Sr, Amb- Plan a ceremony for your own troop or for a younger troop, or for your service unit. (Basic outline included in resource box)

*3. Bridging and Fly-up

Plan and carry out a Bridging Ceremony for your level.

Br- Learn when and how to receive your wings. What do your wings represent? Where should they be displayed on your vest or sash?

4. Plan and carry out a Thinking Day Ceremony on February 22nd.

5. Learn the definition of "Court of Awards". Plan one for your troop or another troop. (Suggestion included)

6. Plan and carry out a Girl Scouts' Own. (See enclosed ideas in ceremonies resource box)

7. Make a friendship stick. Present it to a friend. (See instructions and example in ceremonies resource box)

8. WAGGS is the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The World Pin symbolizes our unity with Girl Scouts around the world. Learn about the parts of the World Pin and plan a World Pin Ceremony. (See ceremonies resource box for buildable pin board)

9. Learn and use patriotic and Girl Scout Songs appropriate to each ceremony.

(See Girl Scout Pocket Songbook, 1956, and Sing Together, 1973.)

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