

## **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 borrowable kit that is available on request. The form to borrow the kit is on our website (www.gswny.org.) or reach out to Customer Care to request a kit rental 1.888.837.6410 or customercare@gswny.org. 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

**Daisy:** Participate in a basic flag ceremony in various roles (i.e. flag bearer, color guard) **Brownie:** Plan and carry out a basic flag ceremony with your leader. Directions and a diagram are included.

**Junior:** 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)

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador: Do all above plus;

- a) learn how to post the flag on a stand, on a wall, and on a flag pole.
- b) learn how and when to use the red sashes
- c) learn how to fold a flag
- d) 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)

**Brownie:** Brownie Investiture (directions included. See Worlds to Explore, c 1977, Brownie Story pg. 49)

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador: Plan a ceremony for your own troop or for a younger troop, or for your service unit. (Basic outline included)

## 3. \*Bridging and Fly-up

Plan and carry out a Bridging Ceremony for your level.

Brownie: Learn when and how to receive your wings. What do your wings represent?

- 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. (suggestions included)
- 6. Plan and carry out a Girl Scouts' Own. (see enclosed ideas and ceremonies box)
- 7. Make a friendship stick. Present it to a friend. (see enclosed instructions& ceremonies 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 box for felt pieces)
- 9. Learn and use patriotic and Girl Scout Songs appropriate to each ceremony. (see Girl Scout Pocket Songbook, 1956, and Sing Together, 1973.)

