

# Investiture and Rededication Ceremonies

## *Fast Fundamentals*



### Overview

An investiture ceremony welcomes all new members to Girl Scouts, while a rededication ceremony is a great way for returning members to kick off the troop year and renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Both ceremonies, at their core, are traditions that allow us to reflect on the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement and the empowering journey girls—and the millions of Girl Scouts who came before them—will undertake. Depending on your troop’s members, you might decide to hold a combination investiture/rededication ceremony. As with all Girl Scout activities, keep your troop’s ceremony girl-led, and encourage girls to make it their own.

An investiture/rededication ceremony itself does not need to be formal or elaborate; in fact, it has only a few requirements. New members must:

- Recite the Girl Scout Promise, either individually or as a group.
- Receive the appropriate membership pin—the Girl Scout Daisy pin, Girl Scout Brownie pin, or Traditional Membership pin, or membership star/disc depending on the girls in your troop.
- Investiture Only: Be verbally welcomed into your troop and to Girl Scouting. You may choose to give the welcome to new members yourself or returning girls might want to collectively give the welcome.
- Rededication Only: Returning members recommit themselves to the Girl Scout Law and Promise to kick-off their Girl Scout year.



### Pearl of Wisdom

From the very beginning, Girl Scout ceremonies have been observed to reinforce values, pass on traditions, and give life to the beliefs in the Promise and Law by highlighting accomplishments that illustrate a Girl Scout’s belief. Ceremonies also reinforce the Girl Scout heritage by reminding us of the contributions made by the women who nurtured the movement in its infancy and began so many of its traditions. These special rituals form a framework for today’s actions and provide inspiration for the future.

## Activity 1: Candlelight or Flashlight Investiture

- Thirteen candles or flashlights are placed on the table.
- **Leader 1:** *We are about to receive into the Girl Scout sisterhood the girls who are ready to become Girl Scouts. The investiture ceremony is their first great international bond, for it is by this same Promise that girls all over the world become affiliated with the worldwide movement of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.*
- **Leader 2:** *The Promise is in three parts. That is why our pin is in the shape of a trefoil. The first part is about duty to God and country (light first candle), the second part is about service to others (light second candle), and the third part concerns our dedication to living by the Girl Scout Law (light third candle).*
- At this point in the ceremony, ten girls come forward to say one part of the Law.
- Each girl lights one candle from the center candle as she says her part.
- **Leader 1:** *Every great movement has a code of behavior. The Girl Scout code is embodied in the Promise and Law.*
- At this time, all girls being invested come forward. Each in turn says, “My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I wish to become a Girl Scout.”
- **Leader 2:** *(Recites the Girl Scout Promise with each girl, then pins each girl and gives the Girl Scout handshake.) This pin tells everyone that you are a Girl Scout. I know you will wear it proudly.*
- All: Sing your favorite Girl Scout Song or recite the Promise together.



## Activity 2: Rededication

- **Open with presentation of flags**



**All:** *We believe*

- **Girl 1:** *In the sacredness of the Promise, a Girl's word accepted without doubt. That character, not power nor position, is of extreme importance.*



**All:** *We believe*

- **Girl 2:** *That a dedication to the rendering of service is the common duty of mankind. That only in the fire of unselfish sacrifice is selfishness consumed.*



**All:** *We believe*

- **Girl 3:** *That keeping physically fit and mentally alert develops a keen sense of responsibility for one's self and a concern for others.*



**All:** *We believe*

- **Girl 4:** *That keeping physically fit and mentally alert develops a keen sense of responsibility for one's self and a concern for others.*



**All:** *We believe*

- **Girl 5:** *That in helping other people we will help ourselves.*



**All:** *Together we rededicate ourselves to the Girl Scout Promise. (All repeat the Promise.)*

## Activity 3: Lesson of the Pearls

### Instructions:

Set up the following:

- Treasure Chest
- Two Candles
- 10 Large Plastic Pearls

Assign each role to a different Girl Scout to place the pearl in the treasure chest when reciting the Lesson of the Pearls found on the next page.

**Leader 1:** *Tonight, we are gathered to share in the rededication of our leaders to 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.*

Pearl 1: <b>WISDOM</b>	You have shown your joy in exploring wisdom through Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in treasure chest.)
Pearl 2: <b>BEAUTY</b>	You are beautiful to your sister Girl Scouts, for you give of yourself. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 3: <b>STRENGTH</b>	You are the strength of the future in Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 4: <b>TRUTH</b>	You are an example of the truth of the ideas of Girl Scouting. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 5: <b>FIDELITY</b>	You have kept your promise and affirmed it for life. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 6: <b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	You have extended the hand of friendship and you have gained the rewards. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 7: <b>COOPERATION</b>	You are an example of cooperation and your many accomplishments reflect your willingness to work in harmony with others. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 8: <b>LOYALTY</b>	You are committed to the Law of Girl Scouting and strive to live by it. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 9: <b>VISION</b>	You can see the future of Girl Scouts and you will do your part to ensure its continued success. (Place pearl in chest.)
Pearl 10: <b>SERVICE</b>	You continue to give of yourself to others in need. (Place pearl in chest.)

**Leader 1:** *You stand here, a golden link in our chain of green and gold. A chain of friendship that encircles the globe. Our chain is made strong by your caring, your sharing, and your desire to be the best that you can be.*

**Leader 2:** *Our wish is for you to explore the treasures to be found in our chest of pearls. Remember to always be a golden link in our chain of friendship and let nothing break this chain of green and gold. Please join me in reciting the Girl Scout Promise.*

**All:** Recite Promise

## S'more Info

Celebrate Your Newest Girl Scouts with an Investiture Ceremony:



[girlscouts.org](https://www.girlscouts.org) > Tips for Troop Leaders>Ceremonies, Traditions, and Awards> Investiture Ceremony



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