

Court of Awards Ceremonies

Court of Awards ceremony is a special time to honor and present girls with badges and awards, such as Cookie Awards, that they have earned. Often parents, family members and friends are invited so that they too can share in recognizing a job well done. It can be held at any time during the year and as often as the girls would like. The last Court of Awards is also a good time to recognize all of the adults that helped during the year with troop activities.

Brownie Try-It Ceremony

Decorate the ceremony site with samples of the activities girls did to complete Try-Its.

Leader: To complete a Brownie Try-It, girls choose and complete four activities in one of the Try-Its. Today we are celebrating the completion of the _____ Try-It(s). Let's tell about what we tried and learned.

Ask each girl to name one thing they tried to do as part of a Try-It activity. Girls may hold up samples of their work, etc. Present each girl with her Try-Its.

Junior Court of Awards

Leader: A badge is a symbol of accomplishment. Each girl who is honored here today has increased her skill and knowledge in a particular subject and has earned her right to wear the proficiency badge symbolizing her special interests and activities.

Speaker #1: The Sign of the Rainbow gives you a full variety of colorful choices and is a symbol of hope for your future. You have gained new skills in many ways and are able to work with girls in other troops.

Speaker #2: The Sign of the Sun is a symbol of great energy. It provides us with light to see and understand better. You have become a good leader in your troop and have made this year a successful one for the troop.

Speaker #3: The Sign of the Satellite shows that you were guided into exploring way to help yourself, you neighbors, and your community. Satellites were made to view and explore new horizons. They aid communication in many ways. You adventured into new worlds which are opening up to you.

Speaker #4: The Sign of the World shows that you got to know yourself better, increased your understanding of your own values, and gained experience in working with others. Millions of people live on this earth - and everyone can contribute, in some way, toward making our world a better place.

Call each girl individually and present their awards.

The Spelling of Girl Scouting

Equipment needed: posterboard with letters G-I-R-L S-C-O-U-T-I-N-G on them.

Speaker #1: G is for the Gracious way we all proclaim our birth.

Speaker #2: I points up the ideas shared and those we'd like unearthed.

Speaker #3: R is for the respect we have for every race and creed.

Speaker #4: L is for our loyalty to promises we heed.

Speaker #5: S is for sincerity of deed and word and mind.

Speaker #6: C is for the countless ways in which theses are combined.

Speaker #7: O is obligation that we owe to fellow man.

Speaker #8: U means that it's you who must be first to lend a hand.

Speaker #9: T is for the teamwork which has evidenced our growth.

Speaker #10: I is for integrity which backs the Girl Scout oath.

Speaker #11: N is for the noble way we remember days of old.

Speaker #12: G is for the Grateful thanks for efforts toward our goal

Speaker #13: Each of these is Girl Scouting
What work! What fun! What pride!
To recall with admiration
And seek with greater stride

Speaker #14: Receiving all these badges
For all that we have done
Shows the pride we carry
What pride! What work! What fun!

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Equipment needed: posterboard with letters on it.

Speaker #1: B Stands for Badges to be given today. What is a badge? An outward sign of an inner accomplishment. A scrap of colored material is not nearly as important as the job that was done to earn it.

Speaker #2: A Awards given at the Court of Awards. Here we are not rewarded for the badge itself but for what the badge represents. It means new knowledge, new skills learned, discipline required to complete requirements, and new opportunities to be of service to others.

Speaker #3: D Stands for Deeds. Good deeds to be done now and in the future for family, friends, and the community. Good deeds done with the knowledge and skills acquired through the badges.

Speaker #4: G Is the Girl in Girl Scouts. And most of all the earning of badges shows Growth. Growth as an individual in becoming an increasingly worthwhile person through living the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Speaker #5: E Is for Eagerness and Energy. These are necessary to earn badges. Badges do not come easily and they should not, or their value would be small. Badges present challenges and difficulties to an individual and satisfaction in accomplishment.

Speaker #6: S Stands for Many Things. Service to others should be one aim in life. Another aim is Self-development for the life you now lead and for the future. Most important, perhaps, is Self-respect: the way you feel about yourself as a person. Self-respect comes from setting high goals and ideals and striving ever to reach them.

Speaker #7: And so we have badges to be given today in this Court of Awards. Your leaders know the work you have done to receive them. We know how eager you are to wear them, and it is with great pride and feeling of accomplishment that we present them to you today.

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Each girl is presented her badges. They can be stapled or taped on to a trefoil cut out of green construction paper. Each girls awards can be put on a green streamer hung off of a large trefoil. After each girl receives her awards, it is customary for the leader and the girl to share a Girl Scout handshake while the leaders makes appropriate congratulatory remarks, or girls could make a comment about what they did to earn an award.

A Badge Is adapted from Glendyl Walton

A badge is a symbol
of something earned
For doing things nimble
while a skill is learned.

A badge is a token
of a service rendered
With no praise spoken
for assistance tendered.

A badge is a goal
for which girls work hard
To accomplish a role
and meet with high regard.

A badge is not to be taken lightly
Its possession is quite a feat
It must be earned rightly
And all requirements meet.