A Brownie is a household fairy, but lives under and in the trees. This is the reason that the Brownie's badge is an Acorn and that she wears the leaf of the tree.

THE LAW OF THE BROWNIES

A BROWNIE IS:

B BRAVE

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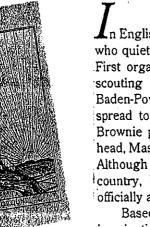
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Historical Program Activities for Brownie Girl Scouts

Compiled by the SFV Girl Scout Historical Society Girl Scouts of the San Fernando Valley, Inc. Updated April, 2002

How Brownies Came to Be Brownie Girl Scouts



In English folklore, a Brownie was a clever elf who quietly did good turns in mortals' homes. First organized in England in 1914, Brownie scouting activities were outlined by Lord Baden-Powell. After news of the Brownies spread to the United States, the first known Brownie pack was started in 1916 in Marblehead, Mass., by a woman named Mary Dennett. Although the idea caught on rapidly across the country, Brownies would not be recognized officially as Girl Scouts for ten years.

Based as it was on the English tradition, imagination and "magic" played a big part in the Brownies: the Packland, wherein each Six (a patrol) dwells; the totem toadstool; fairy rings and surprises; and the Pow Wow, where tales are told and the Pack doings discussed. These early traditions gave young girls the opportunity to kindle their imaginations. Just as in the Brownie Story, a Brownie was to combine useful service with lively surprises, till her family believed there really was a good fairy in the house.

In 1922, Helen Osborne Storrow, then First Vice President of the Girl Scouts, brought Vivien Rhy-Davids, the British trainer of Brown Owls (Brownie leaders) to the United States to conduct seminars for an experimental Brownie Girl Scout program. The next year, a national Brownie Committee was formed to create the essentials of program activities for American Brownies, and in 1924, Edith Ballinger Price, well-known illustrator and author, became its chair. Known as the Great Brown Owl for her role with leaders, she reminisced recently in an interview about the early days of Brownies: "V. Rhy-Davids started the whole thing. There were other people hanging around the edges who felt the way I felt about Girl Scouting-that they wished there was something for the younger children. I had a good committee, and we were bound we were going to get this thing

> Antique postcards from a private collection

going. We talked about what the tests should be: 'Would this be too hard?' 'Can a seven-yearold do this?' "

The committee created two main ranks for Brownies—girls age 7 to 10—each comprising four categories of requirements in the areas of intelligence, handicrafts, health, and service. To earn the rank of Golden Bar, younger Brownies would plant something and watch it grow; feed pets and observe their ways; sew. knit, or carve two articles; tie a parcel neatly using a square knot; throw and catch a ball from ten yards away; learn how to care for their teeth, hair, and hands; set a table for two; and more. To earn the Golden Hand, older girls would do such things as find the North Star and know another constellation; know the compass points: cook a simple dish; know how to clean and bandage a finger, treat a simple burn and a nosebleed; know what to do if their clothing caught fire; make change from a dollar.

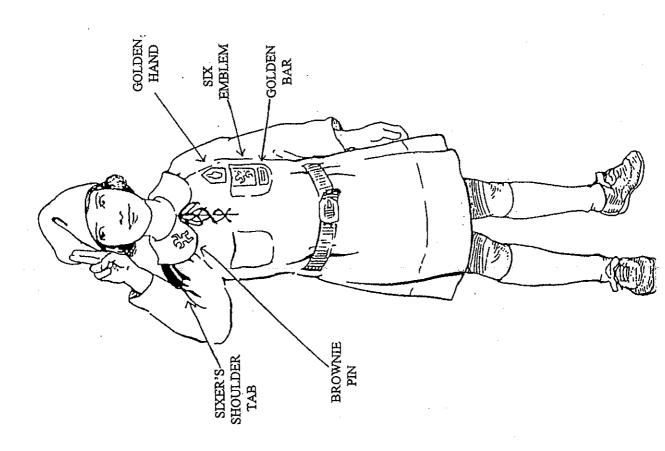
Juliette Low Was Pleased

"A child who had been a Brownie made a very good [Girl] Scout," recalled Edith Price. "She was well-prepared to be a [Girl] Scout, and a good one, or should be. We began to pull Brownies together, make a program. And Mrs. Low, who had been very worried about the program for younger girls, was so pleased that she hung that medal [Medal of Merit] on me."

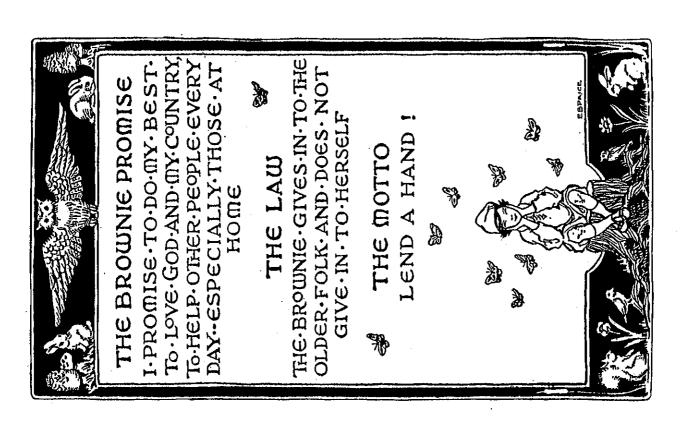
In 1926, Miss Price wrote the Brown Book for Brown Owls, which included the approved American tests and standards for Brownie Girl Scouts. Today the largest number of Girl Scouts are in the Brownie Girl Scout age level.

-Mary Degenhardt

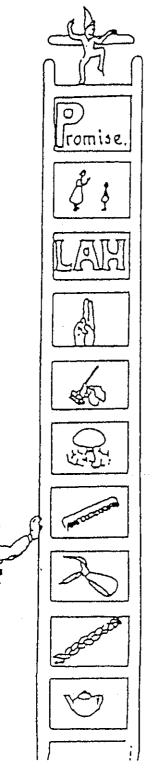




The Brownie Uniform 1927-1936



BROWNIE RECRUIT TEST



For Your Recruit Test

The Promise.

The Law.

The Motto.

The Smile and Salute.

The Good Turn.

The Fairy Ring.

Part your own hair.

Fold your tie..

Know how to plait.

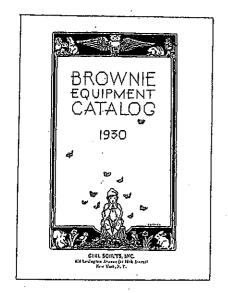
Wash up the tea things.



Early registration card used from 1921 to 1932.



Brownie Postcard Circa 1932-1941



How to get ready for a Brownie Meeting Polish your Brownie See that there are Wash your hands no holes in your badge, your belt and face. Clean socks or buttons and your shoes your nails off your overall. Remember a clean Brush and comb hankerchief. your hair and part Iron your tie. notebook, pencil it carefully. and Brownie Penny.



1927 INVESTITURE CEREMONY

A **Brownie** is being pinned by her Leader, "Brown Owl", while the Assistant Leader, "Tawny Owl", and the rest of her Brownie troop watches.



The significance of the Golden Bar is that it is a bit of the ground the Brownie stands on ready to lend a hand.

THE GOLDEN BAR BROWNIE

Intellegence

Before wearing the Golden Bar a Brownie should know and love outof-doors things. She may show her interest by—

- Planting something and watching it grow, such as a small garden plot, window-box or plant – or observing and telling about trees and flowers she has seen.
- Feeding wild or tame pets and watching their ways.

Handcraft

A Brownie should be able to do something with her hands. She may show her ability by –

- 1. Making two things: Sewn, knitted, woven, carved, built, modeled.
- 2. Doing up a parcel neatly and securely, using a square knot.

Health

A Brownie should be able to-

- Throw a ball ten yards with right and left hand. Catch a ball well thrown from a distance of six yards, four times out of six. Throw a ball six yards so it can be caught four times out of six.
- 2. Skip in good form a figure-eight course.
- A Brownie should take care of her teeth, hair, hands, nalls; shold breathe through her nose, and know why she should do all of this.
 Service

A Brownie should be dependable. She should know how-

- To pour a glass of water without spilling.
- 2. To carry a shallow pan of water across the room without spilling.
- To set a table for two, neatly.

The Tweeny has now become a Brownie, and as such she in due time begins to work for her Golden Bar. But not immediately. Remember that she has three years at least, if she comes to the Pack at seven, in which to perfect her Brownie tasks. If she is crammed and hauled through all three tests in the first year, no wonder she escapes from the Pack before it is time for her to fly up to the Troop.

THE GOLDEN HAND BROWNIE

From 1926 Handbook

Intelligence

Before wearing the Golden Hand, A Brownie should:

- Continue by growth of love and interest the nature observation begun in the Golden Bar test.
- Know by heart a nature poem of her own selection.
- Find the north Star by means of the Dipper, and know one other constellation, or Draw the general shape of the Dipper, and know a myth about one constellation or star.
- Know the four cardinal points of the compass in relation to each other.

Handcraft

A Brownie should be able-

- 1. To cook one simple dish,
- 2. To darn,
- 3. To make a present for some one.

Health

A Brownie should be taught always to call a grown person at once, if possible, in case of accident; but in emergency she should be able—

- To clean and bandage a finger.
- 2. To treat a very simple burn.
- To treat ordinary nose-bleed.

Service

A Brownie should

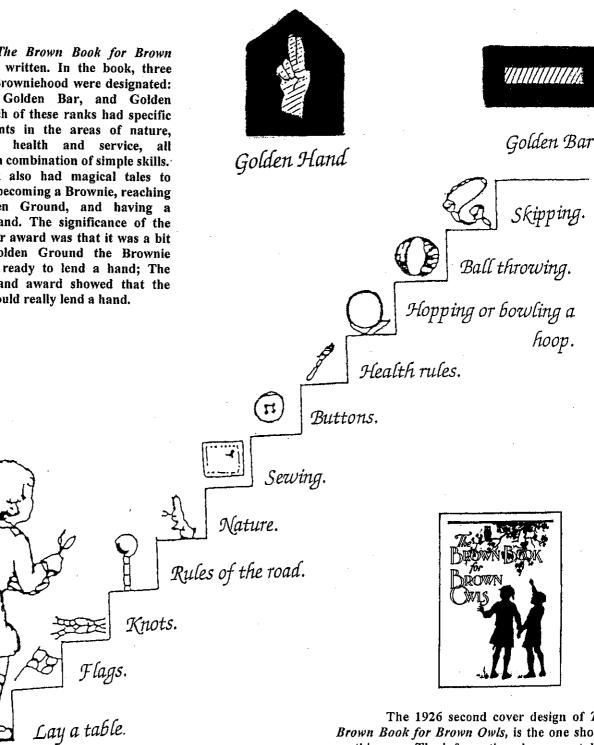
- [a] Know how to turn in a fire alarm.
 - [b] Know what to do in case clothing catches fire.
- Carry a twelve-word message accurately in her head for more than ten minutes and deliver it correctly.
- Know something of the place in which she lives such as places
 of historic interest or local fame, and she should also know the
 location of the nearest post office and drug store.
- Be able to make change from a dollar.

When your Brownie has completed this step she will be ready for the Girl Scout troop, so don't hurry her through it. There are a hundred bypaths that the tests open up and she should be free to follow them all.



For Your Golden Bar

In 1926 The Brown Book for Brown Owls, was written. In the book, three ranks of Browniehood were designated: Brownie, Golden Bar, and Golden Hand. Each of these ranks had specific requirements in the areas of nature. handcraft, health and service, all requiring a combination of simple skills. This book also had magical tales to represent becoming a Brownie, reaching the Golden Ground, and having a Golden Hand. The significance of the Golden Bar award was that it was a bit of the Golden Ground the Brownie stands on ready to lend a hand; The Golden Hand award showed that the Brownie could really lend a hand.



The 1926 second cover design of The Brown Book for Brown Owls, is the one shown on this page. The information above was taken from the 5th Edition, April, 1934 reprint. This book was the first official approved book for the leaders of Brownies and was discontinued in 1936.

BROWNIE INSIGNIA

You Are Invested

Your leader will tell you what it means to be invested. When you have been to as many troop meetings as you need in order to learn what it means to be a Brownie Scout, you are ready to belong. You have made friends with all the girls in the troop. You have paid your membership dues to the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. You know the Brownie Scout Promise. You make your Promise at the troop meeting. Then your leader *invests* you. She pins your Brownie Scout pin on the right-hand side of your collar* as soon as you have made your Promise. After the leader and you salute each other or use the Girl Scout handshake, the troop may salute you. Or they may show in some other way what an important day it is for the troop. This ceremony is called the *In-ves-ti-ture*. Now you are a Brownie Girl Scout. * Today, this pin is placed on your uniform on the special Brownie pin holder or on your Brownie sash or vest.



This is your Brownie Scout pin. The brownie is on a trefoil. The trefoil is the symbol of Girl Scouting all over the world. You wear it to show that you are a Brownie and belong to the Girl Scouts. * This is still true today.

The Pendant

This flower pendant means that you have been a member for one year. You may buy one at the end of each year you have been a Brownie and fasten it on your pin. * This pin is no longer in use. A membership star has replaced it.

The Bronze Star

In 1930 there was an attendance star for Brownies to earn by attending all the meetings of the pack during the year, with only one absence allowed for illness. The stars were worn on the Girl Scout uniform when the Brownie joined a troop, but they did not count toward the five-year Girl Scout service stripe. This star is no longer a Brownie award.

The World Pin

In 1949 the W.A.G.G.G.S. [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts] pin was introduced in the U.S.A. The design had special meaning. The two stars in the two leaves of the trefoil represent the Promise and Laws. The vein or line is the compass needle to always give the right course or way in Girl Guiding or Scouting. The base of the stalk was a copy of the heraldic "feu" and represents the flame of the love of mankind. The colors selected, gold and blue, represent the sun shining in a blue sky which is over all the Guides and Girl Scouts of the world. A special WAGGGS pin was introduced for Brownies all over the world in 1956. The two-finger salute was to indicate that Brownies everywhere made the same two part Brownie Promise. All Brownie Girl Scouts wore it until 1975 when all Girl Scouts were to use the same thee part Promise. This WAGGGS pin is worn today by all registered Girl Scouts.



BROWNIE PIN 1921



BROWNIE PIN 1937



BROWNIE PIN 1939-43 [Cut-out areas] 1943-46 [Solid background] 1946 [Returned to cut-out areas]



PENDANT 1939-1956



MEMBERSHIP STAR 1956 - Present

W.A.G.G.S. Pins



1956-1976



1976-1992



1992 to Present

Girl Scout Traditions

The Brownie Scout Salute

This is the way you make the Brownie Scout salute. Your first two fingers held straight stand for the two Parts of your Promise. You use the salute when you make your Promise and, if you are in uniform, when you see the Flag raised or lowered or passing by.



The Greeting Sign

This is the way you make the Brownie Scout greeting sign. You use It to greet other Brownies and Girl Scouts as sign of friendship, in the way knights of old used to do.





The Handshake

This is the Girl Scout handshake. You salute with your right hand and shake hands with your left. Brownies and Girl Scouts use this handshake all over the world.

The Girl Scout Motto

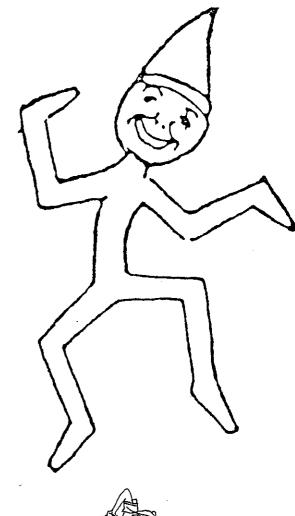
"Be Prepared"

This is the motto for all Girl Scouts. To "be prepared" means to be ready. When you learn the words in your spelling lesson, you are prepared for your class. When you know how to set the table, you are prepared to help your mother when she is busy getting dinner.

Girl Scouts learn to do things well so they will be prepared to do them in the right way at the right time. When something seems hard to do at first, you keep on trying until you satisfy yourself that you have done the best you can. Then you feel prepared to do it.

The Brownie Elf poem is copied on one side of card stock and the drawing on the reverse side. Cut the card stock to make 4 cards. Punch a hole in the top and insert a loop of yarn or ribbon or string to hang on a doorknob.

Brownie Smile Song - From 1963 Handbook







So I'll take it out and put it on-



"The Brownie Smile Song" also appears in the October 1924 book "The Brown Book for Brown Owls" It's a great big Brownie Smile!



And I keep it very close at hand

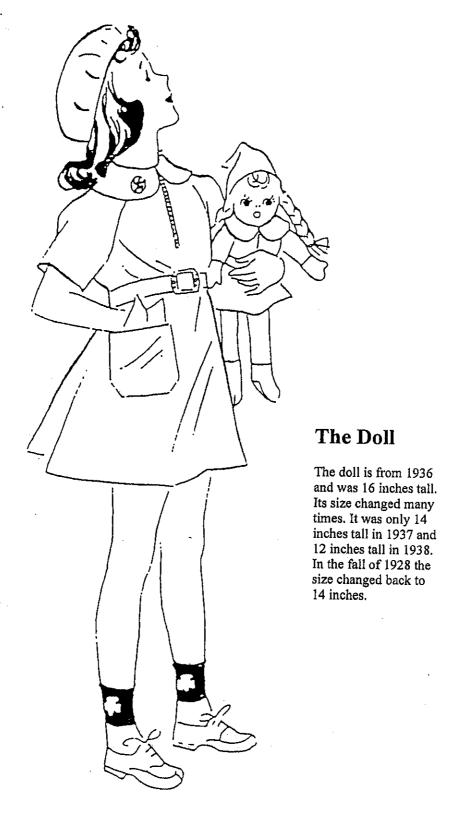


In a most convenient place.

I'm sure you couldn't guess it

If you guessed a long, long while,

^{*}See page 14 for poem.



Brownie Girl Scout Uniform 1936-1941

I am the Brownie Elf

I hang upon your door.

If your room is clean and neat,

I'll hang forever more.

But if your room's untidy,

I'll turn my face in shame,

And won't come out

Until you've learned

To play this Brownie game.

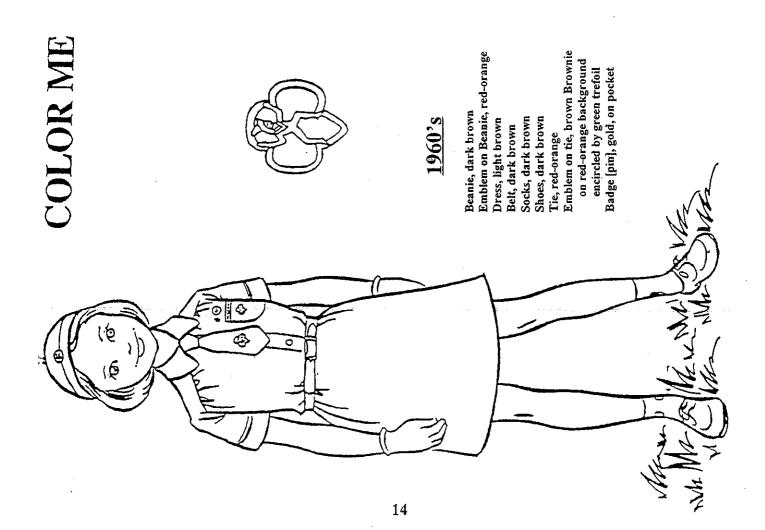






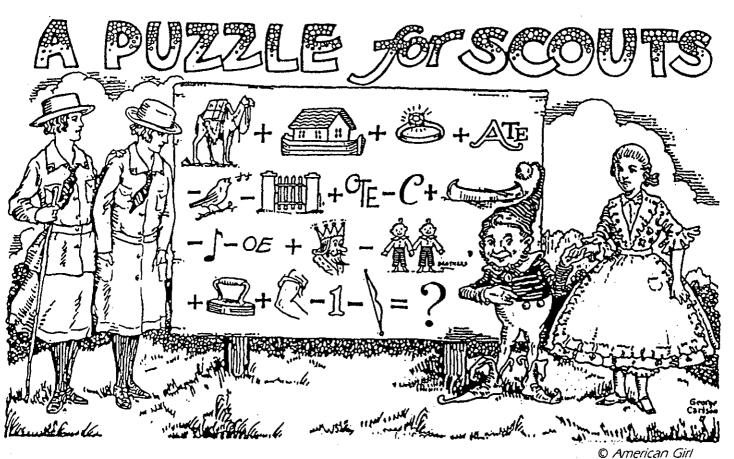
Brownie Scout insignia.

Uniform 1941-1956 Pin & Pendant 1939



Puzzles from the American Girl Magazine

The American Girl magazine was published by Girl Scouts for all girls from 1920 until 1979. Girls in Great-grandmother's troop would have enjoyed solving these puzzles. Rebus puzzles, a combination of pictures and letters, were popular in the 1920s.

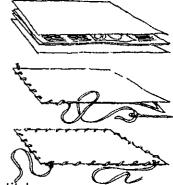


Something no Girl Scout should be without.

a sit-upon

Its funny name tells what it is. You sit upon it when the ground is damp or dusty.

To make one, first, get a large piece of waterproof material, like oilcloth or plastic and cut it into two squares. Next, put a cushion of stacked newspapers [that you have cut to size] between the squares. Now, fasten together with staples or stitches. Your leader will show you how to make a running stitch or overcast stitch. Be sure to staple or stitch in two pieces of tape to keep the edges from tearing apart.



overcast stitch

Girl Scout Word Search

Can you find all of the words in this puzzle? The words can go forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. You will want to circle a word when you find it and then cross it off of the list. Good luck!

W	1	Ρ	D	Ε	T	Α	K	Υ	L	R	K	F	Τ	Μ	Ν
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BUDDY BURNER

CAMPING ECOLOGY FIRE FUEL

GORP



JACKNIFE
KAPER CHART
KINDLING
MESS KIT
ONE POT
OUTSIDE

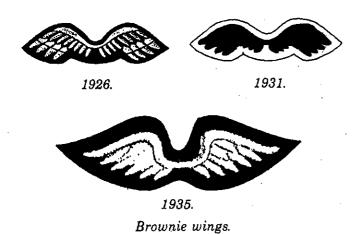


PATROL
SIT UPON
SLEEPING BAG
SQUARE KNOT
TENT
TINDER

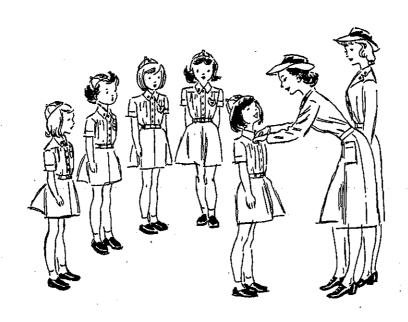
It would be fun to make up your own Girl Scout Word Search. Can you develop one for your friends to work?



Getting Ready To Fly Up

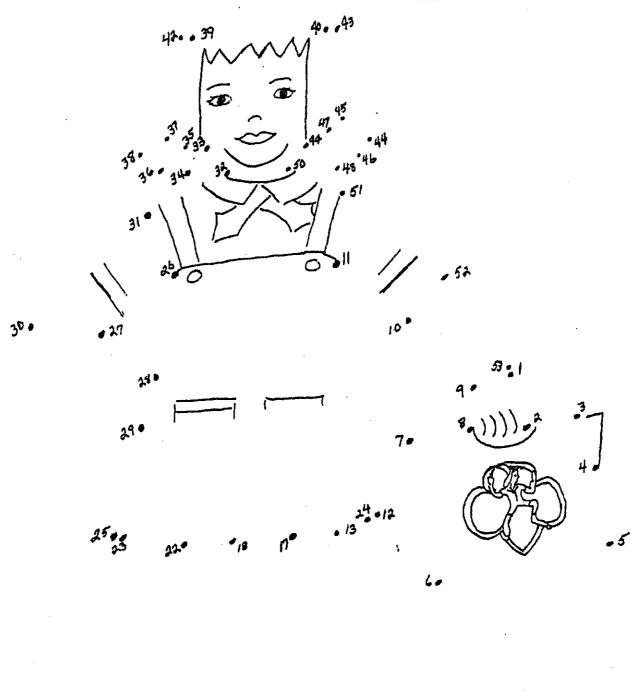


A Brownie who had attained neither the Golden Bar or the Golden Hand rank could not fly up to the Girl Scout troop, nor wear either set of wings. She was welcome to join the Girl Scouts, but she forfeited the linking ceremony. In 1935, the Brownie Wings changed their color and shape. The new wings - bright daffodil yellow embroidery on dark green felt - replaced the larger multicolor wings. It was felt that the new wings would look better on the then gray-green of the Girl Scout uniform. This style and color of Brownie wings continues to be used today - the only difference being the backing of thermoplastic first used in the 1970s. By 1940, the significance of the Brownie wings was changed to simply indicate past membership in a Brownie troop.



Find a Friend

Use a pencil to connect the numbered dots.



20 16 0 15

After you have connected the dots, color the picture, add trees, houses, flowers, animals, and anything else you wish.

History Search

- 1. What was Lady Olive Baden-Powell's title?
- 2. Who would have worn a khaki colored uniform your Mother, Grandmother, or Great Grandmother?
- 3. What Girl Scout Center is high in the mountains of Switzerland?
- 4. Who were Brown Own and Tawny Owl?
- 5. How does the original Brownie hat differ from the Brownie beanie?
- 6. What did the early Girl Scouts use for sleeping bags when they went camping?
- 7. Who baked the first Girl Scout cookies?
- 8. What year was Girl Scouts founded by Juliette Low?
- 9. What were the original Brownie Promise, Law and Motto?

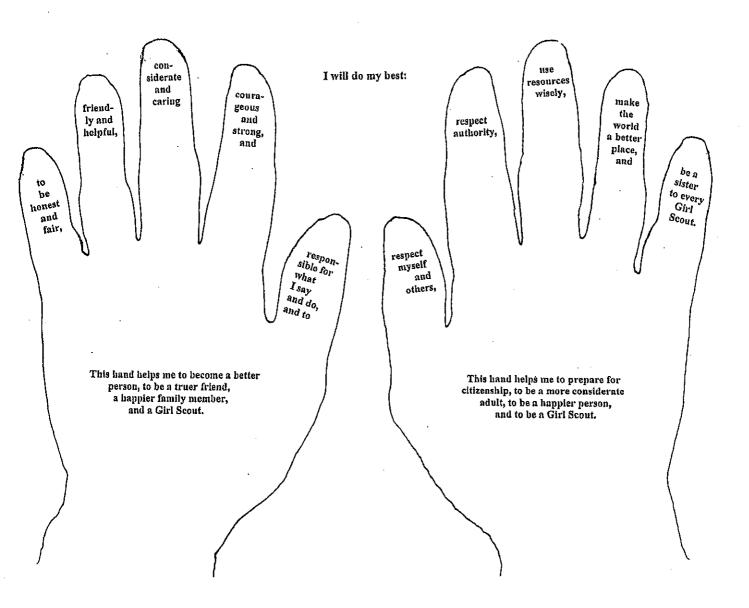




THE CURRENT GIRL SCOUT LAW.....

Try this Learning the Law Game! Have everyone place their hands flat on their knees or on a table. Discuss each part of the law and identify its finger. Assign each girl a part, or parts of the law by number. If you have fewer than ten girls, assign each more than one number. To play the game, call a Number from one to ten. The girl [s] with that part of the law will respond. After she repeats her part, she calls another number.

When the Promise and Law are repeated this way, there will be a least one strong voice for each part of the law. When playing this gam, try for speed. After a few rounds, reassign the numbers.



Observation Games

Among the duties considered essential for a Girl Scout in 1913 was to be womanly, be strong, be handy and to be observant.

A Girl Scouts was urged to "see everything." She was to consider it almost a disgrace if, when with others, they see anything big or small, high or low, near or far that she failed to discover. Each Girl Scout was to see it first. Instruction in the art of observation cannot be laid down by any fixed set of rules. Practice is the main thing. Children are quick observers, for everything is new to them.

Kim's Game:

Twenty or thirty small articles have been placed on a table and covered with a cloth. The items will be uncovered for just one minute. The players are then to make a list of the displayed items. The winner is the one who remembers the most.

Morgan's Game:

In the 1913 handbook, players were instructed to run quickly to a certain bill board or shop window. (For this exercise we will use a poster.) The Girl Scouts were to study the window or bill board for one minute. (The poster will be uncovered for just one minute.) The players then run back to their meeting place and report all they can remember of the items represented on the poster.

The things I remembered seeing were:

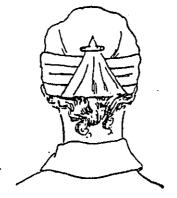
Kim's Game	Morgan's Game

1913 How Girls Can Help Their Country

Kim's Game came from the story "Kim" written by Rudyard Kipling. In the story, Kipling has the game used as an observation exercise for secret agents in India. Kim's Game is a favorite of Girl Scouts and Guides all over the world.

First Aid (Triangular bandage Uses)

- 1. Pressure on Armpit Artery
- 2. Arm Sling (1)
- 3. Collar bone fracture (3)
- 4. Ankle Sprain Dressing (1)
- 5. Fractured Hip (7 to 9)
 6. Kerchief Stretcher (5)
- 7. Padding for Splints (several)
- 8. Chest Carry (1)
- 9. Tump line carry (1) (Pack Strap)
- 10. Hand Bandage (1)
- 11. Head Bandage (1)
- 12. Foot Bandage (1)
- 13. Support for sprained wrist (1)
- 14. Tourniquet uses (1) ***This is now a NO-NO***
- 15. Trench Bandage (1)
- 16. Compress (1)
- 17. Smoke Mask for fires or gas (1)
- 18. Fireman's drag-free wrists (1)
- 19. Tied hands carry (1)
- 20. Tied hands across overturned canoe
- 21. Tying good ankle as splint to broken one (4)
- 22. Guide Rope to find way out of smoky room (troop)
- 23. Sunshelter for injured people (1 for each)



General

- 1. Rope for tying animals
- 2. Mosquito covering for head
- 3. Sweat band for games
- 4. Identification for teams in games
- 5. Tie for three-legged races.
- 6. Swatters for running the gauntlet
- 7. Red kerchief on projecting poles in transit
- 8. Padding for carrying load on head
- 9. Repairing harness
- 10. Substitute for hat or cap







Seen here are three of the symbols used to remind readers of the need to take special care in situations requiring special cartion.



This owl cautioned leaders of the 1940s and 1950s to be "Safety-Wise."



The Health and Safety Brownie appeared in the 1963 Brownie Handbook to say, "What is the safe way, the healthy way to do things here?"



Susy Safety was seen first in 1977, the symbol designed to increase safety

Demonstrate one use of the neckerchief:

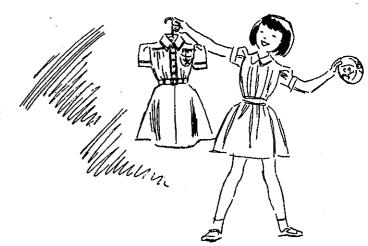
What symbol do you think might be appropriate for Girl Scouts of the 21st century?

Other ways the neckerchief could be used are:

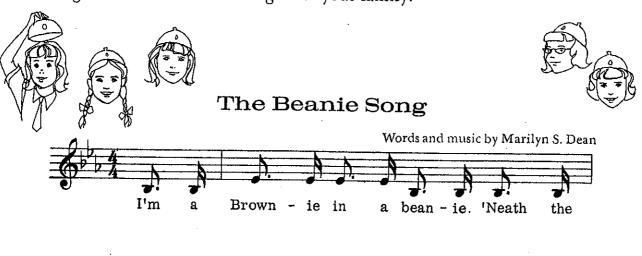
Uses of the Neckerchief, American Girl, January 1922 Illustrations, 1920 Scouting for Girls

The Brownie Scout Uniform [1951]

This is your Brownie Scout Uniform. You may Wear it after you are invested. You may wear it To your troop meetings, to school on troop Meeting days, and whenever Brownie Scouts Get together for a special occasion.

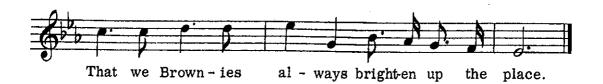


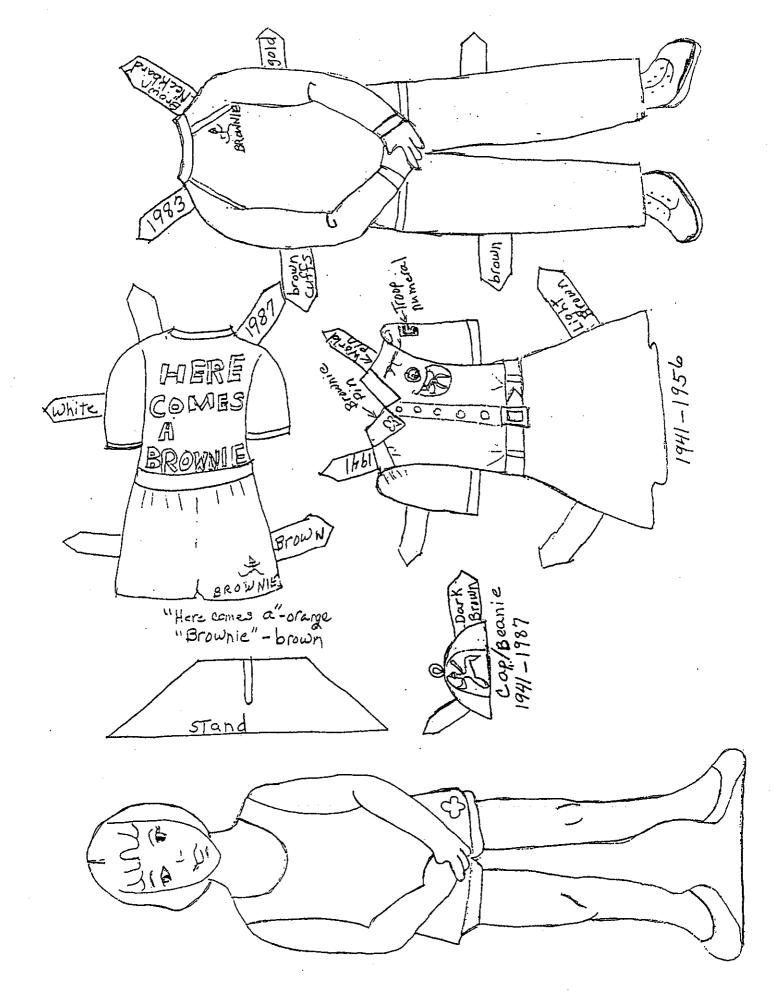
To top off the uniform, Brownies wear a little beanie. Brownies have a song about their beanies. Sing it for your family.

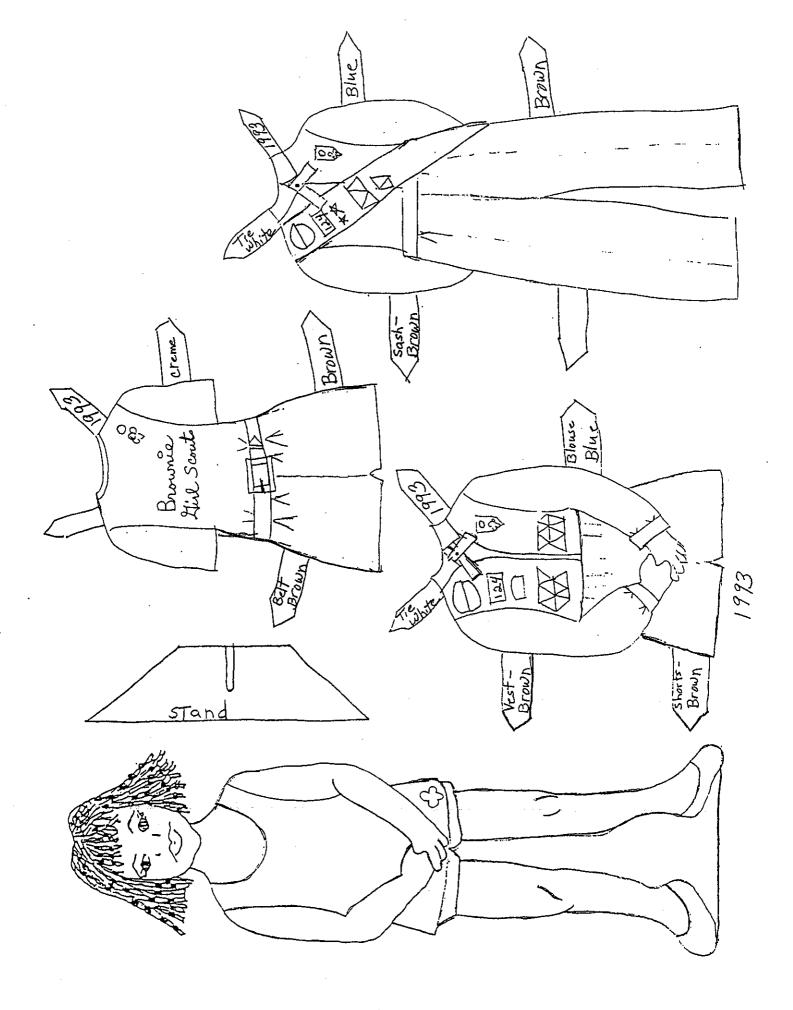


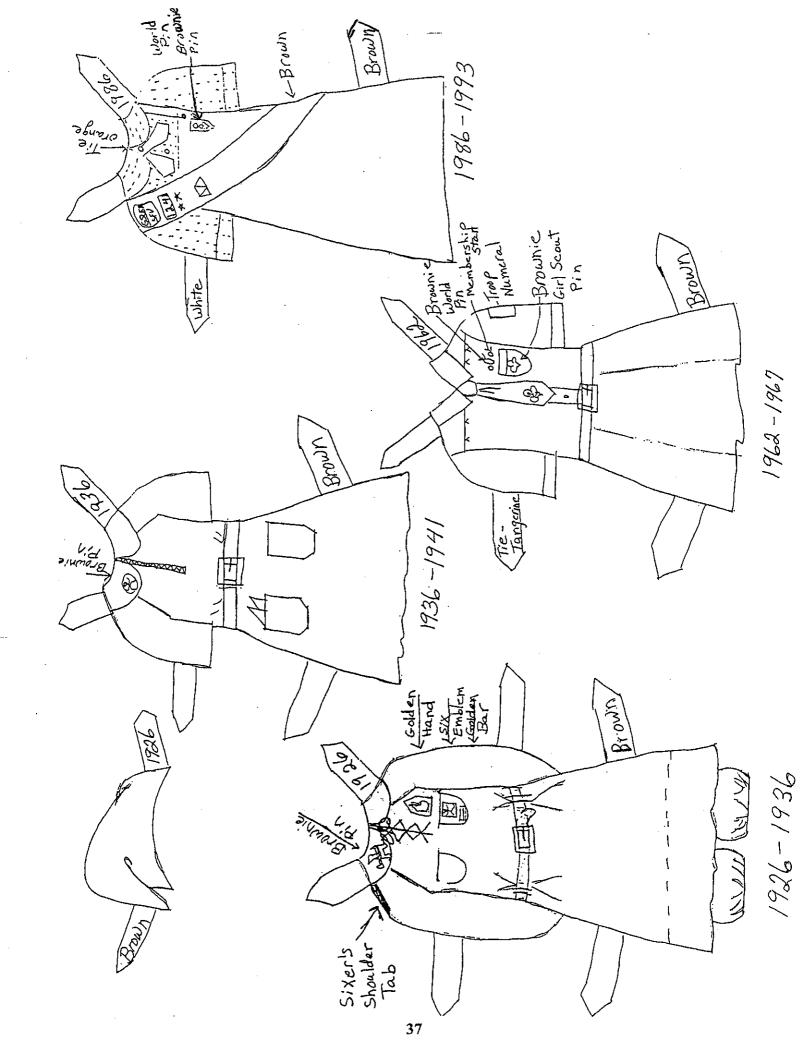












ANSWER PAGE

History Search [p. 15]

- 1. World Chief Guide
- 2. Khaki Uniforms were worn 1914 to 1928
- 3. Our Chalet
- 4. Brown Owl Leader Tawny Owl - Assistant Leader [See Page 6]
- 5. See page 3 and current handbook or catalogue
- 6. See page 28
- 7. See page 31
- 8. See page 11, 1912
- 9. See page 2







Brown Owl Pin



Brown Owl Hat Insignia

A Puzzle for Scout [page 18]

CAMEL + ARK + RING + ATE - LARK + GATE + OTE - C + CANOE - NOTE - OE + KING - KIN + IRON - ELBOW - ONE - BOW = AMERICAN GIRL

Word Search [page 19]

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Instructions For Box And Booklet Use

The contents of this box were collected to help leaders teach girls about Brownie History. The booklet has stories, activities, and crafts to help you. We have made copies of some of the booklet pages into a packet for you to distribute to your troop. If you wish to copy other pages in the booklet, please do so, but leave the booklet intact for others to use.

Most of the activity pages have instructions on them. Below are a few additional suggestions.

Pages 13, 14 – Brownie Elf door hanger – you may want to glue onto a square of poster board to add stability to the door hanging. [Poem on one side, Brownie Elf on the other]

Page 21 – Paper Bag Puppet – Color, cut out, cut head separate from body, glue head onto bottom of paper bag, glue body onto side of bag, and have fun. You may want to help the girls write a puppet play based on what they have learned about Brownies.

Pages 35, 36, 37 – Brownie paper dolls and clothes. There are 2 paper dolls to color and cut. The tabs on the clothes have the date and the color of the uniforms. They may be glued to tag board or a manila folder before cutting out to make them more durable.

Page 38 – Books for Book Search – This page lists the historic books located in this box, some of which are song books and singing game books. Try a new game or song. Also included are a 1951 and 1963 Brownie handbook to be used for the Brownie Book Search [P. 39].

Page 39 — Brownie Book Search — Use the 1951, 1963 and your current Brownie Handbooks to find the answers. Compare the answers to see what has changed. This can be done as a group effort or by dividing girls up into smaller groups and let them compare their answers. The correct answers can be found on page 40 of the leader booklet.

Page 41 – Brownie Try-It Activities – Shows how you can use the activities in this book to work on some Try-Its.

NOTES: Please take the time to read through the booklet, look through the contents, and collect the additional supplies needed before your troop meeting.

If you have a small troop, you may want to use the box as a troop historical project and take several meetings to complete activities.

If you have a large troop, you may want to divide up the activities into several stations, let younger groups of girls go between stations, spending 15-20 minutes or more at each station doing activities. This could be done similar to a wide game.

Most important is to make it a fun learning experience for the girls.