

BROWNIE INVESTITURE OR BRIDGING CEREMONY

You may adapt the ceremony to suit your needs. You can have girls outside the room and have one knock on the door. If you are in a big room or outdoors have girls at one side and call them forward. The pond should be out of sight. Have somebody ready to set it down when they close their eyes.

Leader: "Who comes to these woods?"

Girls: "We do!"

Leader: "What do you want?"

Girls: "We want to be Brownies Girl Scouts."

Leader: "Please come in. Or please step forward."

(Brownies enter or move forward in orderly line)

Leader: We all remember the Brownie Girl Scout Story. We, too, will perform a little magic of let's pretend. **CLOSE YOUR EYES.** (While leader recites the poem, the pond is placed.)

"Cross your little fingers, stand upon your toes.
That's a bit of magic, every Brownie Girl Scout knows.
Now we all are standing in a forest glade
Listen very carefully, see the magic made
OPEN YOUR EYES
Here we are in the big woods, before you is a pond.
You can almost hear the Wise Old Owl and the friends of which you
are fond.

(Assist each girl to the pond and while turning her, repeat:)

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf, I looked in the water
and saw

Girl says, "myself"

Place G.S. pin upside down, give G.S. handshake, and ask the girl to repeat the Promise. She then stands to the side. Repeat process with each girl.

Leader: You are now all Brownie Girl Scouts. The Girl Scout slogan is, "Do a good turn daily." Go now and do three good turns for you family, one for each part of the G.S. Promise. When your good turns are completed, have a family member turn your pin right side up.

At this point you may want to sing the Brownie Smile Song or any other song.

Leader: Uncross your little fingers, down from off your toes.
Then the magic goes away, as every Girl Scout knows.