

DAISY PETALS CEREMONY

Cut out pieces of a daisy flower as indicated in the ceremony. While the ceremony takes place, girls can put the flower together.

- Leader #1: Juliette Gordon Low, nicknamed Daisy, was the founder of Girl Scouting here in the United States in 1912. Since that time, millions of girls just like you have made the Promise and followed the Law. The Promise and Law are basic to our belief in Girl Scouting.
- Leader #2: What is the Girl Scout Law? It is a rule every girl should use as a guideline to daily living. It is not always easy to know what the right thing to do is, but if you try to remember what the Law stands for, you will be a stronger person. The Girl Scout Law is the key to happy Scouting and living.
- Leader #1: Just as a flower lives and grows, so does a girl. Everything she does in life helps her make up her own mind and values to confront the world around her to make it a better place to live.
- Leader #2: Let us watch the flower grow and see what makes it develop. Begin with the stem of the flower. This stem carries water and life to the flower. Without this stem, there could be no life for this plant. In this instance, let us have the stem stand for the Girl Scout Promise – the lifeline of our organization.
- Girl #1: Next, we have the petals. This is the beauty of this plant. Each petal stands for one element of the Law. Think about the meaning of each. A Girl Scout does her best...
- Girl #2: to be honest. You should be as just as you can be. Do not lie, cheat, or steal. As Benjamin Franklin said, "Honesty is the best policy", and this is a good rule to follow even today.
- Girl #3: to be fair. This is conforming to established rules. Fair implies eliminating your own feelings, prejudices, and desires to achieve a balance between conflicting interests.
- Girl #4: to be considerate and caring. Make yourself useful whenever and wherever you see a chance to help. Helping is service. When Girl Scouts provide service, they accept no reward for the help they give others.
- Girl #5: to be responsible for what I say and do. The old phrase, "it takes more muscles to frown than to smile" is a good rule to remember. Try to appear pleasant, agreeable, and full of good spirits. Put on a happy face.
- Girl #6: to be courageous and strong. This means to try new things and do the right thing.
- Girl #7: to respect authority. Authority means power or knowledge. Respecting authority means we respect what others have to say.
- Girl #8: to show respect for others and myself. Each girl must decide for herself how she can best fulfill this important vow.
- Girl #9: to use resources wisely. This means we do our best to conserve and preserve the resources and beauty around us.
- Girl #10: to be a sister to every Girl Scout. We are tied together as sisters because each of us is a member of Girl Scouting. We are sisters to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world. We are working for the same purpose.
- Girl #11: to make the world a better place. We do our part to beautify the world, to treat it and its gifts with care and respect.
- Girl #12: One leaf for this flower represents our motto, "Be Prepared".
- Girl #13: And one leaf represents our slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily".
- All: Sing, "Girl Scouts Together"