



## **Brownie Beanie Basics**

Girls need to complete at least four of the requirements. Number 1 is required.

### **1. Brownie Story**

Learn about how Brownie Girl Scouts got their name. Read both the traditional and new versions of the Brownie Story.

Which version of the story do you like best? Complete a craft activity, make up a skit or incorporate parts of the story into a ceremony so that you can share it with others.

### **2. Brownie Girl Scout Uniform**

Look through the Girl Scout catalog or look at the Girl Scout Shop on-line at [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org) with an adult to see the different uniform options that Brownie Girl Scouts are entitled to wear. Which pieces do you like best? How do you want to display your insignia and awards – on a sash or on a vest? Research how the uniform has changed over the years. If you could design a new uniform piece, what would it look like? Draw a picture of it and share it with the girls in your troop.

### **3. Brownie Girl Scout Traditions**

Have an older girl or adult who was a Brownie Girl Scout come to your meeting and share with you what it was like when she was a Brownie. Tell her about what it is like to be a Brownie Girl Scout now. Think of some questions to ask her, like:

- What is still the same?
- What has changed since she was a Brownie?
- Who was her leader?
- What awards did she earn as a Brownie Girl Scout?

Ask her to teach you a song or game that she enjoyed playing with her troop. Teach her a song or game that your troop enjoys.

#### **4. Girl Scout Special Days**

Girl Scouts celebrate special days throughout the year. Learn about one of these special days so that you can plan and participate in the celebration. Some of these special days include: Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday (October 31), Thinking Day (February 22), Girl Scout Birthday (March 12), and Leader Appreciation Day (April 22). Girl Scout Week starts the Sunday before Girl Scout Birthday (Girl Scout Sunday) and ends the Saturday following Girl Scout Birthday (Girl Scout Sabbath).

#### **5. Ceremonies**

Brownie Girl Scouts celebrate some special ceremonies just for Brownie-aged girls, like Brownie Girl Scout Investiture Pond Ceremony or Flying Up. Find out about one of these ceremonies. Plan a ceremony incorporating some of these traditional elements into it to honor the traditions of Girl Scouting. Or learn some traditional songs and sing these at one of your troop's ceremonies.

#### **6. Kapers and Service**

If you've read the Brownie Story, you know that Brownie Girl Scouts are "helpful little people." Discuss kapers in your troop's Brownie Ring and find out how you can help in your troop meetings and activities. Brownies are not only helpful at home and in their troop, they look for ways to be helpful in their community. With your troop, identify a service project that you could do with your Brownie troop to help out. Once you've agreed on an idea, checked *Safety-Wise*, and have permission (if needed) – go ahead, do it and have fun!