# Tips and Sources for GS Ceremonies

Google. Type “Girl Scout Ceremonies.” Or something more specific such as “Brownie Fly up ceremonies” “Girl Scout Bridging Ceremonies” Scout’s Own ceremonies, Girl Scout Flag Ceremonies, Girl Scout Investiture Ceremonies, Girl Scout Rededication Ceremonies.

Girl Scout Ceremonies Book: GSUSA published different editions of “Ceremonies in Girl Scouting.” The information is online at the links below but if you like books, keep your eye open for used copies.

Bridging: GSEM did a webinar on bridging ceremonies. It was great! You can watch/listen at

<https://sas.elluminate.com/site/external/launch/nativeplayback.jnlp?psid=2013-04-17.0916.M.C9A6919C2DC026239E24959A5375A7.vcr>

Pinterest: mostly Daisy stuff because it hasn’t been around that long. Lots of cake ideas!

BE SENSITIVE TO YOUR AUDIENCE: Some ceremonies mention God, etc. Consider using more inclusive language. Don’t ask people to ‘swear;’ some sects prohibit that. There’s a ceremony going around out there where Girl Scout Daisys are put into an ‘oven’ and come out as Brownies. Don’t do this ceremony or sure as shootin’ there will be someone who will have terrible (and justifiable) memories of the Holocaust.

Wear your Uniform! And ask the girls to wear theirs. The pictures will look much better. Take pictures!

Candle ceremonies are great if you are at a venue where they are allowed. Make sure to teach the girls how to light candles ahead of time. Most of them don’t learn that anymore. Tie back that beautiful long hair!!!

<http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics/traditions/ceremonies/>

<http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics/traditions/ceremonies/bridging.asp>

<http://www.gshnj.org/?p=ceremonies>

Links to lots of great ceremonies from Heart of NJ council.

<http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=SpMYU--Mqdo%3D&tabid=7490>

58 pp of ceremonies!

<https://www.girlscoutsp2p.org/volunteers/toolbox/Sample%20Ceremonies.pdf>

20 pp from North Carolina council

<http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/SubPages/CeremoniesCelebrationsGS.htm>

Scouting Web is very helpful but lots of old stuff you will need to rewrite….

<http://www.crossroadsgirlscouts.com/uploads/1/3/8/9/13893965/scouts_own.pdf>

Scout’s own – a very important ceremony neglected now

Need flags?   
Girl Scouts sells them!  <http://www.girlscoutshop.com/EASTERN-MASSACHUSETTS-COUNCIL>  
<http://www.girlscoutshop.com/s.nl/sc.15/.f?search=flags>   
There used to be a flag store in Arlington where I went to buy my Scottish flag...don't know if it's still there - but it seems to be....<http://www.arlingtonbanner.com/>

Ceremony box: The box contains gloves, sashes, flag holders and 3 flag stands. It contains a book of ceremonies for many occasions, plus copies of the P&L. The flag ceremony commands are taped to the box lid so they can’t get lost…consider making one for your troop/service unit. Then, a request for a quick ceremony won’t be so scary!