Overview
The Investiture ceremony is a ceremony to welcome new girls or adults into Girl Scouting. It is a very meaningful step because it is the point at which they become active in Girl Scouts for the first time. This ceremony requires preparation by Troop Leaders, Volunteers, parents, and the girls.

Timing
The investiture is typically held once girls can recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law. You may want to plan this for your third or fourth meeting.

Framework
Investiture Ceremonies have three basic parts:

• Opening: Girls are gathered and the Troop Leaders welcome girls to the ceremony and explain what the girls will do in the troop. Troops may also do a reading about Juliette Gordon Low, or read a quote.
• Pinning: Girls receive their Girl Scout membership pin. Troop Leaders give each girl a Girl Scout handshake.
• Closing: Troop Leaders welcome the girls to Girl Scouts. Troops may also sing a song to close the ceremony.

Resources
As you work with girls to plan their Investiture ceremony, there are several resources to help you guide girls through the planning process, including:

• Ceremonies in Girl Scouting is available for check-out at some GSSEM service centers.
• Social media sites such as YouTube has videos of others’ ceremonies, and Pinterest has ceremony ideas.
• Internet searches for Investiture scripts.
• The Ceremony Worksheet is available at gssem.org/forms.
• 6 Memorable Girl Scout Ceremonies Supplemental Learning Module is found on gssem.org/learning.

Girl Led Planning
Ceremonies girls like best are the ones they help to create. Encourage girls to plan and participate in their own ceremonies. Ask girls questions to understand their vision. Remember that younger levels of Girl Scouts such as Daisies or Brownies need more guidance.

For Daisies, you may wish to bring different Investiture scripts to the meeting and see which one they like the most. From there, you can go through the ceremony and edit it to the girls’ liking.

Brownies and Juniors can design ceremonies with your help by asking girls open-ended questions. When asking open-ended questions, be sure to give girls options to choose from.

Who do we want to invite to our ceremony?
• How will they be invited? Will leaders invite via email or social media, or will girls create invitations?

When during our meeting do we want to have our ceremony?
• Do we want it in the beginning, middle, or the end?
How will the ceremony begin?
• How will everyone stand?
• Will girls speak, or will leaders speak?
• What do we want to say?
• Do we want to talk about Juliette Gordon Low?

Do we want any songs, poems, or quotes to be included?
• What songs do we know that are about friends?
• What sayings do we know about friends?

In the main part of the ceremony we say the Girl Scout Promise and Law and give out your membership pins. How do you want to receive your pin?
• Should everyone come to the front one at a time, or should everyone get their pin in their spot in the horseshoe?

Should we say anything else after you get your pins?
• Do we want to sing a song?
• Do we want to form a friendship circle?

What things will we need for the ceremony?
• Do we want to have a banner? Do we need flowers?
• Do we want to have food at the ceremony? What kind of food do we want to have?
• What can we make ourselves?