

Short and Snappy Session



Investitures & Rededications

An **investiture** is a ceremony to welcome new girls or adults into Girl Scouting. It is a very meaningful step in the life of each person as she becomes active in Girl Scouts for the first time. This is the time in which a new Girl Scout receives her Daisy, Brownie or Girl Scout pin.

A **rededication** is a ceremony for girls and adults who have already been invested. It is a time to reaffirm their belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to reflect upon the meaning of Girl Scouting in their lives.

These ceremonies are usually held at the beginning of each Girl Scout year. They can be combined for a troop, group or Community that is investing and rededicating girls and adults at the same time.

What's a Short and Snappy?

- ◇ Short training/information segment provided at a Community Meeting
- ◇ Any Community Learning Coordinator or interested volunteer may lead a Short and Snappy.
- ◇ Short and Snappy's are 15–20 minutes in length.

A Traditional Candle Lighting Investiture/Rededication Ceremony

Use a three-candle grouping to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. As each candle is lit, the speaker can say the part of the Promise: (1) To serve God and my country, (2) To help people at all times, (3) and to live by the Girl Scout Law. The group can then recite the Girl Scout Promise.

Use a ten-candle grouping to represent the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law. Logs with holes cut in them are often used as candle holders. Each of the ten candles represents one part of the law. As the candles are lit, the speaker recites each law.

Make New Friends

Make new friends, but keep the old
A circle is round, it has no end

One is silver and the other's gold
That's how long I want to be your friend



What You'll Need for This Snappy:

- ◇ Leaders
- ◇ Moderator
- ◇ Resources needed: gorp items and big bowl to mix in. Also small bowls or cups for people to enjoy! Also following 2 pages as handout for everyone
- ◇ 15-20 minutes

Girl Scout Gorp Rededication Ceremony

A ceremony and a snack all in one!

Materials needed: A small table with a nice tablecloth. A large bowl (size depends on how large you want to make your mix). A nice fancy punch bowl would look great. Also you'll need all the ingredients for the gorp mix as listed below. You may want to get them separated into smaller individual bowls, or have the girls pour them directly from the packages. Using the packages might help with the visual aspect. You'll need a large spoon for mixing, and cups for making individual servings after the ceremony; maybe also a ladle to help fill the cups. (serves 15 people total - give or take: 12 parts in the gorp ceremony)

CEREMONY

1. *Have you ever wondered what goes into making a Girl Scout?
Well, we have a recipe to make to show you what we're all about.*
2. *Girl Scouts come in all colors, from cities and towns,
Every Girl Scout's a sister no matter what she looks like or how she sounds.
I am starting our mix with these colorful M&Ms.*
3. *Some of us are tall, and some of us are small.
When we get together, size doesn't matter at all.
I am adding pretzel thins and marshmallows.*
4. *With our words and our actions, we show that we care,
We try to do our best to be fair and square.
I will add Chex Cereal to our mix.*
5. *Sometimes we act a little "nuts," we love to joke and play.
We'd love to put a Girl Scout smile into everyone's day.
So I am adding a whole bunch of nuts.*
6. *When we get together, we make circles so round.
It's our never-ending friendships to which we are bound.
I will add Cheerios to our mix.*
7. *When we're planning and working, we just don't stop,
We keep ourselves busy; all around we will pop.
Next we add some popcorn.*
8. *We respect all God's creatures, if they're big or they're small,
The Earth is our home, and there is room here for all.
So for all the little creatures, I add some Goldfish crackers.*
9. *It was 1912 when Juliette Low started us off,
And like the girls back then, we're just "chips off the old block."
So for all of us, I add some candy chips. (chocolate, butterscotch, peanut butter, etc.)*
10. *We get a "kick" out of learning and doing new things,
And a "kick" out of helping others, and spending time with friends.
I am adding Kix Cereal to our mix.*

11. When we were Daisies and Brownies, we were fresh, new and rare,
But now we're Cadettes (can also substitute Jrs. or Srs.) and have experience to share.
*Added together, the number of years our girls have spent in Girl Scouting comes to _ * __.*
So for all the years we've spent in Girl Scouting, I am adding raisins.
**Here I thought we could add up all the years the girls have been in Girl Scouts and quote that number.*
12. Now we stir to the left and we stir to the right,
We mix it together with all of our might.
We welcome our troop to another great year,
And hope the memories they make, they will always hold dear.

Leader: Now that our recipe is complete, we look upon what we have created. Each of the ingredients went into our recipe separately, just like each of the girls came into the troop separately. As the ingredients mix together to form one dish, our girls mix together to form a troop. But even as we look upon our mix, we can still see each ingredient as separate and unique. Our girls bring each of their own unique talents and characteristics to our troop to make it what it is.

Girls sing: When'ere you make a gorp mix,
 Consider well its ingredients,
 And when made,
 In it we can see ourselves!

To tune of "When'ere you a promise"

Leader: Let's share our gorp mix.

Resources for Ceremonies

- <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics/traditions/ceremonies/>
- <http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/ceremoniesgirl.aspx>
- http://www.gshnj.org/_media/for-adults/ceremonies/ceremony_planner.pdf
- http://www.getyourgirlpower.org/files/Ceremonies_and_Girl_Scouting.pdf