

# INVESTITURE CEREMONY

## 29 Oct 99

### Brownie Troop #367

**Opening Ceremony:** Crystal, Kelly, Alyssa, & Gabi are in front of the table. Crystal leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation:** Amanda comes forward and gives the Invocation and then goes to the back of the room to the hallway.

#### Investiture

**James:** All stand or sit around the "pond" and then the leader says the magic words:

Cross your little fingers, stand upon your toes  
That's a bit of magic every Brownie knows  
Now we all are standing in a forest glade  
Listen very carefully, see the magic made

**James:** "Who comes to the Brownie woods?"

**Brownies-to-be:** "We do"

**James:** "What do you want?"

**Brownies-to-be:** "We want to be Brownie Girl Scouts"

**James:** Then they enter and gather around the pond.

For those who've come, I'm here to share  
The Brownie Story with girls who care

For once, a long time ago  
When fairies and elves in England did grow  
Two little girls as normal as you  
Lived with their father and grandmother, too!

Their father, a tailor, worked hard all day  
And Granny, very busy, had no time to play  
The girls loved to play and dance and sing  
They could make a game out of any old thing

Then one day the father, a wise old man  
Told of the magic of Brownie Land  
He told them of the Brownies who work and dust  
And clean for their families without making a fuss

Granny told them to look for a magical place  
Where the wise old owl might show them the face

Of a Brownie who was willing to clean and sew  
And dance and sing, 'cause Brownies love that, you know!

Our two found the owl with the answers to share  
With all the little girls waiting way out there  
Said he "Go to the Magical Brownie Ring,  
Join all the Brownies in everything."

"Deep in the woods when the moon is out  
Go to the pond - turn yourself about  
You'll find magic that starts with a rhyme"  
And this magic circles the world in time

"Twist me and turn me  
And show me the elf  
I looked in the water  
And saw myself"

Now all of us know of the magic Brownie woods  
Where each little girl helps as she should  
Where trees and flowers and the rain and the sun  
Are friends of children who join Scouting fun

**James:** Who comes first to the Magic Pond

**Melisa:** (Reads girls names, one by one, alphabetically)

**James:** Turns girls, one by one, while saying:

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf  
I looked in the water and saw \_\_\_\_\_"

**Girl:** Myself!

**James:** Congratulate the girls have them turn around and take a seat.

### **Rededication**

**James:** Four of our Brownies have already had a year of fun and excitement in Girl Scouts. These girls will now rededicate themselves and learn a little more of what the Girl Scout Oath and Law means and what it means to live by them everyday. Will Gabi, Crystal, Alyssa, and Kelly please come forward and stand in front of the magic pond.

Girls, you have already shown how helpful Brownies can be by helping me and Ms. Melisa each week. You have helped your fellow Brownies learn the Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan. Now I ask each of to read one line of the Oath and Law and listen to my words carefully:

**The Promise:**

On my honor, I will try

It is a big promise to live up to, and the first words mean "I will do my very best".

To serve God and my country

You will honor God and will be faithful to your own religion. You will be a good citizen of our country.

To help people at all times

I will be ready and willing to help people anytime that I am needed.

And to live by the Girl Scout Law

I will try everyday to make the ten parts of the Girl Scout Law a part of my life.

**The Law:**

I will do my best to be honest and fair

This means that people can trust us and that we treat others as we would like to be treated

To be friendly and helpful

We make ourselves useful, not just at home and among our friends, but whenever we see the chance to help

To be considerate and caring

We are thoughtful of the rights and feelings of others, and we care about them

To be courageous and strong

Having courage and strength doesn't mean that we face things without fear, only that we try to do them whether or not we are afraid.

To be responsible for what I say and do

We cannot blame others for our own thoughts, words or actions

To respect myself and others

We have to like ourselves before we can like others, and we must respect other people for who and what they are

To respect authority

Rules are made to protect people and their rights. We follow rules without argument

To use resources wisely

Our natural resources won't last forever. We will work to conserve them

To make the world a better place

We try to make our world a better place through our words and actions

To be a sister to every Girl Scout

**Girl Scouts have friends all over the world and we share the same principals in our Promise and Law**

**James:** Congratulations Brownies and welcome back for another exciting year. Ms. Melisa would like to lead the girls in a Brownie Song.

**Melisa:** Brownies please come forward and make a circle around the magic pond.

***Weave the magic in and out, in and out, in and out  
Weave the magic in and out, for we are Brownies  
We have tidied everything, everything, everything  
We have tidied everything, for we are Brownies***

**Try-It's:**

**Crystal-  
Remaining – Girl Scout Ways**

**Upcoming Events:**

**November 6,** Veterans Day Parade UC Blvd and Pat Book at 9:45am  
**November 12,** Overnight at Scout Hut  
**November 13,** Day Hike at Lost Maples State Park  
**December 4,** Christmas Caroling Base chapel at 5:45pm until 8:00pm  
**December 12,** Troop Christmas Party  
**December 18,** Girl Scout night with the Iguanas Freeman Coliseum at 7:05pm  
tickets tickets are \$6.50 & \$10.50  
**January 8,** Father & Daughter Walk around day  
**February 12,** Thinking Day  
**April 1,** World Wide Games Fiesta Texas Parade Grounds

**Announcements:**

**Calendars**

**Parents Needed to:**

**Emergency Contact for 6 Nov Parade  
Emergency Contact for 13 Nov Hike  
Sign Up for Hike/Sleep Over  
Organize Troop Christmas Party**

**\Benediction:** Crystal please come forward and lead us in the benediction

**Closing Ceremony:**