BROWNIE MY GREAT DAY BADGE – MEETING 1

**Badge Purpose**: When girls have earned this badge, they'll know how to stay organized and have a great day, every day!

**Activity Plan Length**: 1.5 hours

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| 15 minutes | Getting Started  
• Girls will recite the Girl Scout Promise + Law and sing the Brownie Smile song. | □ (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster  
□ (Optional) Girl Scout Brownie Smile song lyrics poster |
| 15 minutes | Weather Relay  
• Girls will have a relay race. | □ Two bags (grocery bags, garbage bags, or duffle bags will work)  
□ Two sets of adult-sized cold weather outfits  
□ Two sets of adult-sized hot weather outfits |
| 25 minutes | Aluminum Can Pencil Holders  
• Girls will make containers to help stay organized. | □ Clean aluminum cans (such as those used for soup or beans – one per girl)  
□ Construction paper  
□ Scissors  
□ Glue  
□ Markers  
□ (Optional) Stickers, glitter, foam stickers, ribbon, etc. - for decorating |
| 10 minutes | Homework Tips  
• Girls will brainstorm tips to help make homework time more successful. | □ White board or large paper for brainstorming  
□ Writing utensils for brainstorming |
| 10 minutes | Snack Chat  
• Girls will eat snack and have a topic discussion. | □ Healthy snack |
| 15 minutes | Wrapping Up | □ (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster |

**Getting Started**

Time: 15 minutes

Materials Needed: (Optional) Girl Scout Promise and Law poster and (optional) Brownie Smile song lyrics poster

Welcome everyone to the meeting, recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and sing the Brownie Smile song.
Activity #1: Weather Relay  
Badge Connection: Step 1 — Start your day right  
Materials Needed: Two bags (grocery bags, garbage bags or duffle bags will work); two sets of adult-sized cold weather outfits; two sets of adult-sized hot weather outfits  
Prep Needed:  
- Divide clothing into bags (one set of each outfit placed in each bag).

1. Split the girls into two teams and give each team a bag of clothes.  
2. At the signal, call out which type of weather the girls need to dress for (hot or cold).  
3. As a team, the girls must find which clothing items they need.  
4. The first girl will then dress for that weather, run to a turnaround point, run back to her team, remove the clothes and hand them to the next girl.  
5. The next girl repeats the process.  
6. The first team to finish and sit down wins!  
7. Play a second time with the other outfit, if you wish. You may also choose different types of clothes and weather (rain, snow, beach, etc.).

Activity #2: Aluminum Can Pencil Holders  
Badge Connection: Step 2—Sort out your stuff  
Materials Needed: Clean aluminum cans—such as those used for soup, beans and vegetables (one per girl); construction paper; scissors; glue; markers; (optional) stickers, glitter, foam stickers, ribbon, etc. to decorate the cans  
Prep Needed:  
- Make sure aluminum cans are empty, have their labels removed, and are clean. Be careful of sharp edges! Do not use the cans if they may cause harm to the girls.

1. Explain to the girls the importance of keeping their things organized. One way of staying organized is by having special containers for different things. Today, girls will make a container to hold pencils, scissors and other desk items.  
2. Cut out construction paper sized to cover the can.  
3. Color the construction paper prior to gluing it on the can.  
4. Glue the construction paper onto the can.  
5. Finish decorating the pencil holder with stickers, ribbon, etc.

Activity #3: Homework Tips  
Badge Connection: Step 3 — Make homework a breeze  
Materials Needed: (Optional) White board or large paper for brainstorming; (optional) writing utensils

1. As a group, brainstorm tips to make homework time a success. If you’d like, make a list of your ideas on a white board or large sheet of paper. Here are a few ideas to get started:  
   - Create a homework-friendly area.  
   - Set a regular time for completing homework.  
   - Turn off the TV.  
   - Have your supplies ready (pencils, rulers, books, etc.).

Activity #4: Snack Chat  
Badge Connection: Step 4 — Snack talk  
Materials Needed: Snacks for the group and discussion.
Badge Connection: Questions link to multiple badge steps
Materials Needed: Healthy snack

1. While enjoying a healthy snack, here are some things for girls to talk about:
   - How do you wake up in the morning? Do you set an alarm? Do your parents wake you?
   - Is it hard to keep your room clean and organized?
   - What can you do to make cleaning your room fun?
   - Where is your favorite place to do your homework?

Wrapping Up

Time: 15 minutes
Materials Needed: (Optional) Make New Friends song lyrics poster

Close the meeting by singing Make New Friends and doing a friendship circle.

More to Explore

- Field Trip Ideas:
  - Visit a store that sells organizational materials.

- Speaker Ideas:
  - Invite a teacher to speak to the girls about homework tips.