BROWNIE MY FAMILY STORY BADGE
VIRTUAL MEETING PLAN

Overview
This slide deck walks you through activities to complete all or most steps of a badge. It includes a variety of interactive activities that you can do as a troop - including video, group conversations, hands-on activities, and more. Review the full deck and notes section prior to your meeting for tips and suggestions. In addition, these first slides will outline the general meeting plan.

Depending on the length of your virtual meetings, you may choose to complete this badge over the course of 1-2 meetings. Connect with families ahead of time to let them know what materials they should have ready prior to logging in. Badges can be purchased by the troop for family in the online shop.

Materials Needed
Paper
Writing utensils
Recipe card template
Family special object

For 2D Family Tree: Paper or family tree template
For 3D Family Tree: Branch, construction paper, hole punch, string

Overview for the troop leader
### Brownie My Family Story Badge Virtual Meeting Overview

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**Overview for the troop leader**
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Step 1: Explore family stories
Step 2: Know where your family is from
Step 3: Make a story tree
Step 4: Find an object that means something to your family
Step 5: Share your family story
Open your meeting with the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.
I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,

And to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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ICE BREAKER

If you could be invisible for one day, what would you do?

Ice breaker question
WHO’S IN YOUR FAMILY?

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF FAMILIES!

Each family is special in its own way.

Tell us about your family
• Who do you live with?
• Do you have any siblings? How many?
• Do you have any pets?
• What do you like to do together as a family?

Step 1: Explore family stories
Step 2: Know where your family is from
Step 5: Share your family story

Tell girls a little bit about your own family. Then ask girls to tell each other about their families.
Step 1: Explore family stories

Watch a reading of Todd Parr’s *The Family Book* to explore many different kinds of families:
https://youtu.be/AyVL9bH0guk
WHAT’S A FAMILY TREE?

Your family tree is made up of everyone in your family.

Knowing who your family members are is only half the fun—find a special detail about each person and include that in your family tree.

Step 2: Know where your family is from
Step 3: Make a story tree

For this step, you’ll be creating family trees/family pictures with your girls. Prior to the meeting, complete your family tree/family picture to share with your troop.

Choose one activity option from Slides 9 – 12, then delete the slides you aren’t using.
**LET'S MAKE A FAMILY TREE!**

Use this example as a guide, or make up your own. Be creative!

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2D Family Tree: If you choose this activity, delete slides 11 and 12.

Step 2: Know where your family is from
Step 3: Make a story tree

PREP:
- If you’d like girls to use this template, send out a link to families and have them print out a copy for their girl to bring to the meeting. (Find the template here: [https://freefamilytreetemplates.com/family-tree-for-children/](https://freefamilytreetemplates.com/family-tree-for-children/))

MATERIALS:
- Template (or blank paper)
- Writing utensil
**3D Family Tree:** If you choose this activity, delete slides 10 and 12.

Step 2: Know where your family is from  
Step 3: Make a story tree

**PREP:**  
- Ask girls to find a branch outside and bring to this meeting.

**MATERIALS:**  
- Bring construction paper, writing utensils, a hole punch, and string.
WHAT DOES YOUR FAMILY LOOK LIKE?

Family isn't just who you're related to! Family can mean different things for different people.

Draw a picture to show us what your family is like!

**Family Picture:** If you choose this activity, delete slides 9-11.

**Step 2:** Know where your family is from

**Step 3:** Make a story tree

Troop leaders: For many different reasons, some girls may not be able to complete a family tree. If you know that some girls in your troop will be sensitive to filling out a family tree, substitute the family tree activity with this one instead.

**MATERIALS:**
- Paper and writing/coloring utensils
Step 1: Explore family stories
Step 5: Share your family story

Prior to the meeting, fill out your own family recipe card to share with your troop. Share the history behind this recipe—where did you get it from? Who taught you how to cook it? What’s your favorite memory associated with this food?

PREP:
• Send templates to families to help their girls complete the recipe card. (Find the template here: https://www.basicinvite.com/vintage-recipe-cards.html)

MATERIALS:
• Printed recipe cards
• Writing utensils
SHARE YOUR FAMILY RECIPE

EVERY FAMILY HAS A SPECIAL FOOD!

Tell us about your family recipe
  • Who gave you this recipe?
  • Do you eat it as part of a special occasion?
  • What’s the best part about the recipe? Eating it? Making it?

Step 1: Explore family stories
Step 5: Share your family story

You can copy and paste the questions into the chat box and then stop sharing your screen so that girls can see each other better while they share their family recipes.
Step 4: Find an object that means something to your family

Prior to the meeting, ask girls and families to find an old photo or special object that says something about their family. Girls should come prepared with a little bit of history about that particular picture or object (Who’s in the photo, when was it taken, who did this object belong and how did it get to your family, etc.)

You can copy and paste the questions into the chat box and then stop sharing your screen so that girls can see each other better while they share their family recipes.
WRITE TO A FAMILY MEMBER!

You learned so much about your family today!

Can you think of a family member who doesn’t live with you who might enjoy hearing from you?

Write a letter to them!

Step 1: Explore family stories
Step 5: Share your family story

Note: This can be assigned as activity for girls to do on their own if you don’t have time for girls to write their letters during the meeting. Writing to their family member is a step girls will have to complete in order to earn their badge.

MATERIALS:
- Paper
- Envelope and stamp
- Writing utensil
Let’s sing the Brownie Smile Song!

I've got something in my pocket, it belongs across my face.

I keep it very close at hand, in a most convenient place.

I'm sure you couldn't guess it if you guessed a long, long while.

So I'll take it out and put it on, it's a Great Big Brownie Smile!

If you need the melody for the Brownie Smile Song
https://youtu.be/9piYqXuktp4
You've earned the My Family Story Badge! See you next time, friends!

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