WOW! Wonders of Water
Girl Scout Brownie Sample Meeting 1
(60 minutes)

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**Goal:** The girls begin to express what they love about water and start to understand and experience water’s importance in the world.

**Supplies needed:**
- *Wonders of Water* Journey adult guide and girl book
- Roll of butcher paper or poster board for the Team WOW Map*
- Markers, colored pencils or crayons to decorate the Team WOW Map
- Materials for making a rainbow (will vary depending on which method you choose)
- Healthy Snack (optional)

* The Team WOW Map is a place where you and the Brownies will collect the drawings and collage items that the girls collect along their Journey and will add at each WOW gathering.

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**Pre-meeting Set-up:** Lay out supplies needed for arrival activity and rainbow activity.

**Arrival Activity:** As the girls arrive, ask them to do the quizzes in the first section of their book on pages 17, 20 and 22. You can also ask them to write their names on the Team WOW Map as they wait for the other girls to arrive.

**Opening (Start-up):** Invite all the girls to gather in a circle on the floor. If there are new members of your group, let them know that this is a Brownie ring. Next, explain the Team WOW Map and ask each girl to write down her favorite water activity on the map to get it started.

**Brownie Girl Scout Circle:**

**Part A – Business:** Still sitting in the Brownie ring, this is a great time to collect dues and talk about a team agreement. If this group already made a team agreement last year, review it with them and ask if they would like to add anything or make a new one. If your group is new, have the girls make a team agreement, or set some “ground rules” for the group during their meeting time.
Part B – Sharing: You can also take this time to play an introduction game. Ask the girls to go around the circle, say their name and one of her favorite water activities. You should go first to give them an example. You can say “Hi, my name is Allie and my favorite water activity is ice skating in the winter.” If there are no new members, just play the same game without saying names.

Program Activity:

Option 1: Introduce the Journey to the girls. Start by reading pages 4 to 10 of the girls’ book. If any of the girls want to read, you could have them take turns. Have the girls stop reading after the first paragraph of page 10. Then, ask the girls, “Have you ever wondered how rainbows are made?” Talk to the girls about rainbows they have seen and use page 11 of the girls’ book or page 48 of the adult guide to talk about the colors of the rainbow and the basic science behind making a rainbow. Once the discussion is over, choose one of the activities in the adult guide to make your own rainbow inside. There are three methods for making a rainbow depending on your meeting space. See pages 46 and 47 of the adult guide for directions. Once all of the girls have seen how it is made and tried to make their own, ask them to return to sitting in a circle on the floor.

Option 2: Ask the girls to turn to pages 24 and 25 of their books. If there is someone who wants to read, great! If not, go ahead and read that page. Be sure that the girls know what glaciers and poles are (there are great definitions on page 25). Once the girls read the page, initiate a discussion using the questions on page 45 of the adult guide. Following this discussion, ask the girls to turn to page 29 and talk about their ideas for water. If you have time, you can ask each girl to think of a creative way to “love water” and then present it to the group.

Snack (optional): You may ask for help from each parent to rotate bringing the snacks, you may bring the snack, or you may leave it up to the girls to bring in their own snacks.

Clean-up: Have all girls participate in cleaning up. Remember, Girl Scouts leave their space cleaner than how they found it! Encourage girls for a job well done cleaning up.

Closing: Close the meeting by bringing all the girls back into the ring to do a friendship circle and squeeze.
**WOW! Wonders of Water**  
**Girl Scout Brownie Sample Meeting 2**  
*(60 minutes)*

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<th><strong>Goal:</strong></th>
<th>As girls continue to explore what they love about water, they expand their knowledge of the water cycle and consider what promise they’ll make to protect water.</th>
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| **Supplies needed:** | - *Wonders of Water Journey* adult guide and girl book  
- The Team WOW Map  
- Markers, colored pencils or crayons to draw their favorite water places.  
- Art materials to make or decorate their water droplets  
- Materials for the water vapor activity (will vary depending on which activity you choose)  
- Healthy Snack (optional) |

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<td><strong>Arrival Activity:</strong></td>
<td>As the girls arrive, ask them to think about their favorite “water place.” It could be the ocean or a pool or water from the hose they use to run the sprinkler in their backyard. Once they have figured out a place, ask them to draw it!</td>
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<td><strong>Opening (Start-up):</strong></td>
<td>Invite all the girls to gather in their Brownie ring.</td>
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| **Brownie Girl Scout Circle:** | **Part A – Business:** Still sitting in the ring, this is a great time to collect dues and talk about anything that the girls need to do for the next meeting. For example, are you going on a trip? Remind the girls that they need to bring the permission slip back at the next meeting.  
**Part B – Sharing:** Talk about the girls’ favorite water places that they drew. Ask each girl to describe her favorite water place to the group and place it on the Team WOW Map. |
**Program Activity:**

**Option 1:** Help the girls make sit-upons to use when they are sitting as a group in their Brownie ring. A sit-upon is usually made by inserting newspaper between two sheets of vinyl material or another sturdy material that won’t rip. To make one, cut two sections of vinyl cloth, large enough to cover a standard section of newspaper. Punch holes about two inches apart all the way around both pieces of vinyl. Help the girls thread yarn through the holes, connecting both pieces of the vinyl and tie three out of the four sides securely. Then, stuff newspaper or another soft material into the pocket. Once the sit-upon is full enough, tie off the other side and you’re done! Feel free to let the girls decorate their sit-upons if there is enough time.

**Option 2:** For this activity, the girls get to use their new sit-upons! Ask the girls to sit in their Brownie circle on their new sit-upons and let the girls know that you are going to continue reading the WOW story today. Ask if anyone can remind the group about what happened in the story at your last gathering. Once you are all up to date, start where you left off on page 10 and read until the end of the chapter on page 23. In this section of the chapter, the girls learned about the Water Cycle. Now, let the girls know that they are going to see the water cycle in action! Use the activity from page 58 of the adult guide and the visual from page 15 of the girls’ book. If you don’t have the facilities to do that activity, or you want another water cycle activity to do, you could have the girls become the water cycle! There are four stages of the water cycle: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and runoff. Ask for four volunteers and have them stand in a circle. Hand each of the four girls something to represent each stage of the water cycle. For evaporation use a picture of a sun. For condensation use some cotton balls. For precipitation, use a paper snowflake (it will remind the girls that precipitation comes in many forms!). For runoff, use blue paper streamers. Now, ask for another volunteer to be the water drop in the water cycle just like in the story. Hand her a prop to represent the water droplet. Then, ask her to walk around the circle. As she is walking, she will meet her Brownie friends in the circle. When she does, she exchanges her prop for the one she is carrying, physically going through the stages of the water cycle! Give each girl a turn to be a water drop.

**Snack (optional):** You may ask for help from each parent to rotate bringing the snacks, you may bring the snack, or you may leave it up to the girls to bring in their own snacks.

**Clean-up:** Have all girls participate in cleaning up. Remember, Girl Scouts leave their space cleaner than how they found it! Encourage girls for a job well done cleaning up.

**Closing:** Close the meeting by having the girls stand up and hold hands. Let them know that they are going to learn a new song:

- **Water, water, here and there**
- **We are brownies and we care**
- **Liquid flows and vapor rises**
- **Snowflakes drift, ice disguises**
- **Water changes round and round**
- **Brownies watch the rain fall down!**

If you want, you can have the girls make up gestures for each of the verbs and make a dance to go along with their new song!
WOW! Wonders of Water  
Girl Scout Brownie Sample Meeting 3  
(60 minutes)

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<th>Girls make their water promises and learn how to make group decisions when they choose what they want to do for their investiture/rededication ceremony.</th>
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| **Supplies needed:** | - *Wonders of Water* Journey adult guide and girl book  
- The Team WOW Map  
- Art materials to make or decorate their water droplets  
- Materials for each girl to make her own personalized invitation  
- Healthy Snack (optional) |

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<th>Organize the materials for decorating the water drops and making the investiture/rededication ceremony invitations.</th>
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<td><strong>Arrival Activity:</strong></td>
<td>Welcome the girls and invite them to post anything they have for the Team WOW Map. Ask the girls to read and think about their answers to the “Time for a WOW!” questions on pages 23 and 33 of the girls' books.</td>
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<td><strong>Opening (Start-up):</strong></td>
<td>Invite all the girls to gather in their Brownie ring. Ask for two volunteers to choose how they would like to open the meeting. Do they want to say the Promise? Sing a song?</td>
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**Part A – Business:** Still sitting in the ring, this is a great time to collect dues. You can also ask if the girls have anything they would like to add to the Team WOW Map. Let them know that in a few meetings, they are going to have a ceremony where the new girls will officially become Brownie Girl Scouts and the returning girls can show that they want to be Brownie Girl Scouts for another year.  
**Part B – Sharing:** Have the girls decide as a group what they want to do at their ceremony to show their guests what they love about Girl Scouts. A flag ceremony? Sing a song? Share their WOW map? Perform a play about what they love about being a Brownie Girl Scout? |
**Program Activity:**

**Option 1:** Remind the girls that at their first meeting they came up with an idea for why they love water. Using the discussion tips from pages 59 and 60 of the adult guide, start to talk about how they can turn the reason why they love water into a water promise. Once each girl has decided on her water promise, have her write it on her water droplet and decorate it!* Make sure that the girls know that they need to keep their water promise and let everyone know how they fulfilled their promise at the next meeting.

*Tip: There are pre-made water droplets that you can photocopy on page 51 of the adult guide. Or, you could have the girls make their own water droplets from recycled paper. Be sure to collect the decorated water droplets when the girls are done—you’ll need them later!

**Option 2:** Make invitations to the investiture/rededication ceremony to bring home with them and practice for the ceremony.

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**Snack (optional):** You may ask for help from each parent to rotate bringing the snacks, you may bring the snack, or you may leave it up to the girls to bring in their own snacks.

**Clean-up:** Have all girls participate in cleaning up. Remember, Girl Scouts leave their space cleaner than how they found it! Encourage girls for a job well done cleaning up.

**Closing:** Close the meeting by bringing all the girls back into a Brownie ring to do a friendship circle and squeeze.
**WOW! Wonders of Water**
**Girl Scout Brownie Sample Meeting 4**
*(60 minutes)*

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<th>Goal:</th>
<th>Girls select their top two reasons for loving water and earn the LOVE Water award after they report on how they carried out their promise.</th>
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| **Supplies needed:** | • *Wonders of Water* Journey adult guide and girl book  
• The Team WOW Map  
• Art materials to make their “Underwater World” sea animal.  
• Any materials the girls need for their ceremony  
• Healthy Snack (optional) |

| **Pre-meeting Set-up:** | Organize all the materials the girls need for the activity. Make sure you have enough LOVE Water Awards for each of the girls. |
| **Arrival Activity:** | You may allow girls to enjoy a snack at this time. |
| **Opening (Start-up):** | Invite the girls into a friendship circle. |
| **Brownie Girl Scout Circle:** | **Part A – Business:** Still sitting in the circle, this is a great time to collect dues. Also be sure to remind the girls to make sure their guests can come to the next meeting for the ceremony.  
**Part B – Sharing:** Hand out each girl’s water drop with her water promise on it. Also give each girl a small glass of water. Have each girl come into the middle of the circle and tell everyone her two reasons for loving water and the water promise she carried out. After each girl has a turn, say:  
• We have learned to LOVE water and understand the water cycle.  
• We have all promised to care about water.  
• Now toast yourselves and your LOVE Water Award and drink up!  
While the girls toast one another, hand out the LOVE water awards. Once all the girls have their awards, ask each girl to put her water drop promise on the Team WOW Map. Then, have the girls close the ceremony with a special rap:  
*Water, water here and there  
We are Brownies and we are here  
We mapped our world and pledged for sure  
To do one thing to keep it pure!* |
**Program Activity:**

**Option 1:** Read the chapter “Underwater World” starting on page 60 of the girls’ book. Once they are done, have the girls make their favorite sea animal come to life in any way they want. Do a few girls want to get together to make a play? Do they want to draw a picture? Write a poem or a story? Make sure that the girls know in which part of the ocean their animal belongs—refer the girls to pages 80 and 81 of their books to find out!

**Option 2:** With the rest of your time, have the girls practice their ceremony to make sure it is just right! Remind the girls again to make sure their guests can come to the ceremony.

**Snack (optional):** You may ask for help from each parent to rotate bringing the snacks, you may bring the snack, or you may leave it up to the girls to bring in their own snacks.

**Clean-up:** Have all girls participate in cleaning up. Remember, Girl Scouts leave their space cleaner than how they found it! Encourage girls for a job well done cleaning up.

**Closing:** Have the girls sit in their Brownie circle and sing the Brownie Smile Song.