

# 100 Years of Brownies in Canada

*These activities are for the  
Our Story badge*



*Part of the  
Guide Together badge*



Did you know that in 2020, the Brownie program celebrates its 100 birthday? The first Canadian Brownie pack was founded in Hanover, Ontario, in 1920. Brownies was founded as a way for girls younger than Guides to participate in the same kind of activities as their older sisters and friends.

These activities will show what being a Brownie was like in the past, and have you imagine what being a Brownie will be like in the future!

Try one, two, three, or all four of these activities!



*A picture of the original Hanover, Ontario Brownie pack in 1920*

## **Activity #1: Badges**

Look at the different badges from 1920 and 2018 and share what you notice. How are they different? Pick one of the old Brownie badges and talk about what you might have had to do to earn it. Feeling creative? Design your own Brownie badge! What would you have to do to earn it?

## **Activity #2: Uniforms**

Look at the ways the Brownie uniform has changed over time. Why do you think the uniform changed? Pick your favourite uniform and draw a picture of you wearing it. Or, pick the things you like about each uniform and create your own uniform design!

## **Activity #3: Brownies of the Past**

Chances are, you know a grown-up or older girl who used to be a Brownie! They might have been a Brownie here in Toronto, or somewhere else in Canada, or in a different country. Ask that person if you can interview them about their Brownie experience, then compare it with your own!

Some questions you might ask:

- When and where were you a Brownie?
- What was your uniform like? Did you like wearing it? What do you think of my uniform today?
- What were your favourite things about Brownies? Did you like camp, crafts, games, songs...?
- Did you earn badges? What did they look like?
- Who were your Brownie friends? Are you still friends today?
- Who were your leaders? What were they like?
- How did you Lend A Hand and help your community?
- What are some of your memories of being a Brownie? Do you have any pictures to share?

Tell us this person's story in a creative way - you could write an article, draw a comic, share a video of your interview, or something else!

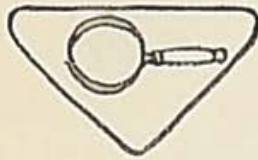
## **Activity #4: Brownies of the Future**

Now that you've learned about Brownies in the past, what might Brownies be like in the future? Imagine you're a Brownie in 2120 - what adventures will you have? What will your uniform look like, what badges will you earn, how will you Lend A Hand and help your community? Let your imagination loose! Draw pictures or write a story about a Brownie from 2120.

## Original Program Badges

### PROFICIENCY BADGES FOR BROWNIES 45

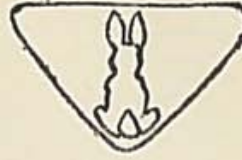
#### GROUP 1.—INTELLIGENCE (BLUE).



*Collector.*



*Jester.*



*Observer.*

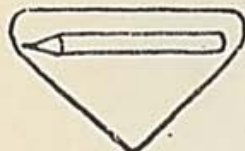


*Signaller.*



*Thrift.*

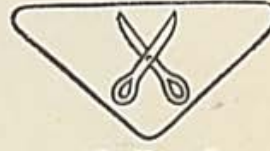
#### GROUP 2.—HANDCRAFT (YELLOW).



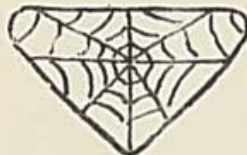
*Artist.*



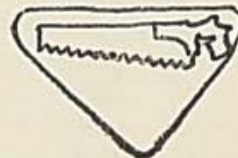
*Gardener.*



*Needlework.*



*Weaver.*



*Woodworker.*

#### GROUP 3.—PHYSICAL HEALTH (GREEN).



*Athlete.*



*Swimmer.*

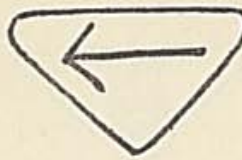


*Team Player.*

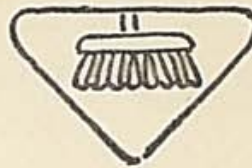
#### GROUP 4.—SERVICE FOR OTHERS (RED).



*First Aider.*



*Guide.*



*House Orderly.*

# Brownie Badges

Program Area	Themes		
 <p>Guide Together</p>	 <p>Our Story</p>	 <p>Spirit of Guiding</p>	 <p>Global Guiding</p>
 <p>Explore Identities</p>	 <p>Being You</p>	 <p>Different Together</p>	 <p>Gender Power</p>
 <p>Build Skills</p>	 <p>How To:</p>	 <p>Life Stuff</p>	 <p>Money Sense</p>
 <p>Be Well</p>	 <p>My Mighty Mind</p>	 <p>My Physical Self</p>	 <p>My Healthy Relationships</p>

Program Area	Themes		
			
Experiment and Create	Science Lab	Design Space	Art Studio
			
Connect and Question	Local Communities	World Stage	Canadian Connections
			
Take Action	Your Voice	Your Choice	Your Action
			
Into the Outdoors	Camping Skills and Adventures	Nature Discoveries	Our Shared Planet



Activity: Brownies in History  
Resource: Changes in Uniform

**Brownie Uniforms 1915 - 1920**



**Brownie Uniform 1945**



**Brownie Uniform (right) 1975**



**Brownie Uniform 1981**



Activity: Brownies in History  
Resource: Changes in Uniform

**Brownie Uniform 1983**



**Brownie Uniform (Camp) 1986**



**Brownie Uniform (right) 2007**

**Brownie Uniforms 1987**



**Brownie Uniform 2018**