

PROMISE CEREMONIES



Promise Ceremonies are one of Guiding's most important traditions. For many girls making their Promise is the first time they have made a personal commitment – so it is a significant event in their life even if they do not become long term members of Girl Guides.

A girl decides in consultation with her Leader when she will make or renew her Promise. An adult who has made her Promise as a youth member is encouraged to renew it at an appropriate time. Any adult member of a State Guide organisation who has made the Guide Promise may conduct a Promise ceremony.



Ceremonies bring a sense of belonging and their use is encouraged. Units may create their own ceremonies and traditions

Promise Ceremonies can take place anywhere and at any time – it's up to those involved.

Some Units have developed a tradition around Promise Ceremonies while others choose a different theme every time.

Where?

Under the stars?
In the candle light?
At dawn or sunset on the beach or in the bush?
On a mountain top in the snow?
In a garden or hall decorated with flowers or in the theme chosen?

Things to remember:

Everyone should be in uniform as it's a very important occasion
Invite family and friends
Take photos
Promise Pins and Certificates can be purchased at the Guide Shop

Promise Ceremony in the Centenary Year:

You may like to have a "traditional" ceremony to celebrate our Centenary. For Guides over 10years, a formal horseshoe with colours may be the way to go. For Guides under 10years a Brownie Ring with a pond, the "Twist Me Turn Me" rhyme. ("Twist me and turn me and show me the elf, I looked in the water and there saw") and a path to the toadstool with magic fairy dust

Information about colour parties and horse shoe formations can be found in old Leader Hand Books or in a *Leader's Guide to Understanding the Promise & Law*