

Suggestions and Practical Tips for the International Friendship Recognition

1. Working on this recognition is a wonderful opportunity to make new friends and learn more about your host country. Every Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scout should be encouraged to achieve this special award. This recognition can only be earned by USA Girl Scouts Overseas, so let's do it now, while we're here! Have fun! Be creative!
2. This recognition can be done on an individual basis or as a troop.
3. Requirements 1a, 1b, 2a, 5a and 5b must be completed with the new friend; the rest can be done individually or as a troop.

Requirement One:

1a. Determine if your girls have host nation contacts already or if they have their own ideas for

The Memory Book can be as simple or as detailed as your Girl Scout. Be sure to include also the information from Requirements 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 6a in the Memory Book.

Requirement Two:

2a and 2b. Check for information at the library (books, audio-cassettes, videos). Contact the host

nation teacher at one of the schools in your area or ask parents or other host nation contacts. Internet resources: www.girlscouts.org or www.wagggsworld.org or Sandy's World of Girl Scouting at <http://coy.ne.client2.attbi.com>

Requirement Three:

3a. Each country will have its own holidays and celebrations. Check <http://coy.ne.client2.attbi.com>

3b. Ask your friend. Watch TV. Go downtown and people watch. Look in the stores.

3c. There are many activities available. One place to check for some information is at the local

Tourist Information office. Often cities have websites listing local events.

Requirement Four

4a. The German Triple AAA service ADAC provides good maps. Other countries have similar

automobile clubs. Maps can also be downloaded off of the internet or purchased.

4b. Check the library or the internet at: <http://flagspot.net/flags>

Requirement Five

5a. There are lots of options for this one.

5b. Emphasize the positive!

Requirement Six

6a. Check the library or the internet. If you are getting together with a German Girl Guide troop

they can tell you themselves! Suggestions: www.scoutnet.de,
www.wagggsworld.org (links out to individual Girl Scout websites)

Requirement Seven

7a. Show the new girl your Memory Book. Or make a handout of the most important things you

have learned and give it to the newcomer to Germany.