Brownie My Great Day Badge
Activity Plan 2

**Purpose:** When girls have earned this badge, they'll know how to stay organized and have a great day every day!

**Planning Guides Link:** Healthy Living and Creativity

**Fun Patch Link:** Organize

**Activity Plan Length:** 1.5 hours

**Resources**
- This activity plan has been adapted from the Brownie Skill-Building Badge set for the *It's Your Planet—Love it! My Great Day Badge*, which can be used for additional information and activities.

**Activity #1: Make a Calendar Book**
**Badge Connection:** Step 4—Plan ahead

**Time Allotment:** 20 minutes

**Materials Needed:**
- Calendar template (1-12 for each girl, depending on what type of calendar you will make)
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Hole punch
- Yarn or string
- Optional: a current calendar for referencing dates

**Steps:**
1. Explain to the girls that keeping a calendar is a great way to stay organized and plan ahead.
2. Have each girl create her own calendar book.
3. Direct girls to cut out the calendar template and glue it onto construction paper.
4. They can then write the name of the month at the top of the page and fill in the dates. Girls can create a calendar for just one month, the school year or the full calendar year. List birthdays, holidays, Girl Scout meetings and other important events on the calendar.
5. Next, have girls decorate the calendar book. They can draw pictures or make fun borders around each month. Girls may also create a cover if they wish.
6. To complete the calendar book, hole punch the corner of each page and attach the pages together with yarn or string.

**Activity #2: Organization Review**
**Badge Connection:** Various badge steps

**Time Allotment:** 5 minutes

**Steps:**
1. Spend a few minutes reviewing ways to stay organized. Ideas include:
   - Start your day by setting an alarm clock.
   - Set out your clothes the night before
• Make and label bins for your toys
• Organize your clothes
• Create a homework space
• Make a homework schedule
• Keep a calendar

Activity #3: The Organization Rap
Badge Connection: Step 5—Help others get organized
Time Allotment: 25 minutes

Steps:
1. Now that the girls are experts at staying organized, they should share their knowledge with others! To do this, they will create a rap, skit, or poem to share the organization tips they have learned.
2. Divide the large group into smaller groups of three to five girls each.
3. Each group will decide if they want to create a rap, skit or poem. Girls should spend 15-20 minutes creating their rap, skit, or poem.
4. Have each group share their rap, skit, or poem with the entire troop. Encourage girls to share their organization tips with family and friends, too.

Activity #4: Snack Chat
Badge Connection: Questions link to multiple badge steps
Time Allotment: 10 minutes

While enjoying snack, here are some things for girls to discuss:
• How do you remember special events and birthdays?
• Does your family keep a family calendar? If so, what activities or events do you keep track of?
• If you made the grocery list for your next shopping trip, what would you include?
• What are your favorite ways to stay organized?

More to Explore
• Field Trip Ideas:
  o Visit the library and find books on staying organized.
  o Visit a community place (like a school or recreation center) and offer to organize supply closets.
• Speaker Ideas:
  o Invite an organizational expert to discuss ways to stay organized.

Customize It!: If your group wants to expand work on this badge or simply try different activities, go for it! There are many ways to earn this award, including: Completing the activities as listed in the Brownie Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting, completing two of these activity plans, attending a council-sponsored event or customizing activities. Pick the one(s) that work best for your group. Girls will know they have earned the award if:
• They can start their day out right by learning a new routine
• They learn ways to stay organized at school or home
• They can make homework time a breeze
• They can plan ahead
• They can help others get organized

Family Follow-Up Email
Use the email below as a template to let families know what girls did at the meeting today. Feel free to add additional information, including:
Hello Girl Scout Families:

We had a wonderful time today learning about staying organized and have earned the My Great Day Badge.

We had fun:

- making our own creative calendars
- reviewing organizational tips and tricks
- creating our own organization raps, skits, and poems

Continue the fun at home:

- Help your Girl Scout plan ahead by keeping her calendar up to date.
- Create lists together to use on shopping trips or outings.
- Look through the *Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting* with your Brownie to find other activities you could try at home.

Thank you for bringing your Brownie to Girl Scouts!

This activity plan was adapted from Girl Scouts River Valleys.