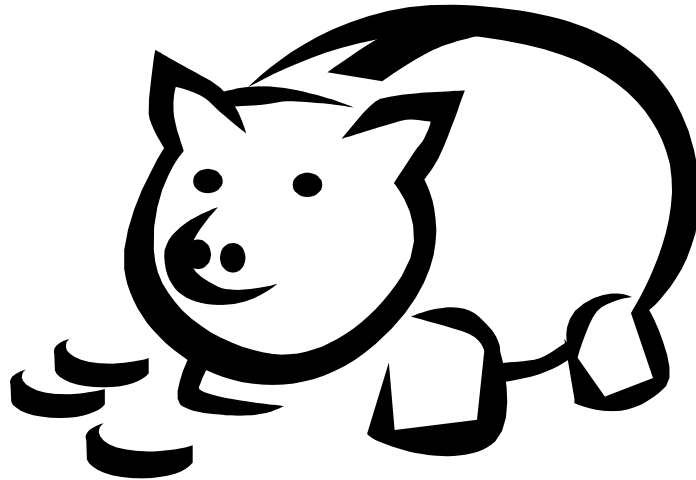


The Canadian Bank of Brownies



*A Unit activity to complete
The Money Talk Badge*

On many occasions we have been asked, “How can a Brownie complete the “Money Talk” badge if her parents are not in favour of her opening a bank account?” Let’s set up a “pretend” bank account for the girls in your unit. To follow is a plan to complete the badge requirements in two evenings or at a day event or an overnight camp. We hope you and your Brownies enjoy this activity!

The Method: As each Brownie completes each task she will receive a “coin” which she will then deposit in “The Canadian Bank of Brownies”

After she completes all the station tasks and deposits all of her “coins”, she can make a purchase at the “store”. Depending on your budget the store can be stocked with a variety of inexpensive dollar store party favours or you can purchase items from the Guide Shop to sell to your Brownies.

Supplies:

- “Coins” – 5 for each Brownie. You can purchase fake coins, use buttons or washers or even use “Monopoly Money”
- Paper – 1 for each Brownie. You can use regular printer paper or Poster paper. Mark each paper in half vertically and horizontally into quarters.
- Catalogues, flyers – a selection.
- Glue sticks
- Markers
- 3 calculators
- “The Canadian Bank of Brownies”
- Pass Book for each girl – see template- last page
- Stock for your “store”

There are five stations in the set up, plus a bank and a store. You can be as creative as you wish in setting up the store and the bank. Seven staff would be ideal; this is a great way to use some of the Mom's who would like to help out, but we've set up the project so three Guiders can man it, as well. Timing is very important as you will see as you read through this packet.

Adults can wear costumes! Just make sure they can do a quick change! Visor's to wear in the bank (like in the old Western movies) and a quick additional of a sweater for the store clerks would make it just a bit more fun for everyone.

Station #1: Money Recognition

Have one of each of the Canadian Coins, including the "Loonie" and "Toonie" and see if your Brownies can name all of the coins. You can also sing the coin song to the tune of "*Head and Shoulders, Knees and Toes*".

"Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters,
Dimes and quarters,
Dimes and quarters
Pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters,
Loonies and toonies in my bank."

As each name of a coin gets eliminated in the song, have the Brownies point to the coin whose name is no longer sung, as they sing through the song.

Station #2: Why do people use banks?

Discuss why people put money in banks and credit unions. You can discuss safety as well discuss the basics of interest.

Station #3: What to buy?

Have the Brownies choose something they would like to buy from the catalogues and flyers. You may wish to limit the choices so this station doesn't take up too much time for those girls who have

problems making decisions. Have the girls cut out the piece of paper, which includes the item and the price.

Station #4: Picking an item to buy.

Glue the picture of their chosen item in one section of their paper. Each Brownie should then print the price of the item they have chosen in a second section of their paper.

Station #5: How to save money

Have each Brownie decide how they will save up the money to purchase their chosen item. Don't forget taxes! You will have to help them with their calculations. The adults manning stations not in use will have moved to this station by this time and will assist the girls with their calculations. Have the girls print their calculations in the 3rd section of their paper. For example: \$1.00 per week allowance if saved for 200 weeks will buy an iPod! That's the same as almost 4 years!

The day of your event:

Divide your Brownies into three groups
 "The Pennies", "The Nickels" and "The Dimes".

	Start	15 mins.	30 mins.	45 mins.	60 mins.
Station #1	Pennies	Move to 5	Move to 5	Dimes	Nickels
Station #2	Nickels	Pennies	Move to 5	Move to 5	Dimes
Station #3	Dimes	Nickels	Pennies	Move to 5	Move to 5
Station #4	Prep	Dimes	Nickels	Pennies	Move to 5
Station #5	Prep	Prep	Dimes	Nickels	Pennies

- The reason everyone who is available moves to station 5 is that is where the Brownies do their calculations and you will need extra people at that station

- At the first station each Brownie in all groups will receive
- “The Canadian Bank of Brownies” Passbook
- Each station should take 10 minutes to complete
- As each brownie completes the task at each station they will receive a “coin”
- All Guiders will move to staff the bank after their group completes their task
- Guiders will accept the Brownie’s deposit, mark in each girl’s Pass book when they make a deposit and fill in the total column
- When the Brownies have all completed every station, all Guiders will move to the store
- As each Brownie makes her purchase, her Passbook should show a withdrawal of the full amount in their book, and she should be given her book back so she can fully understand the process.