

Activities and Ceremonies



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Girl Scout Bridging Awards

Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award

Blast Off to Brownie!

Even before there were Girl Scouts, there were Brownies – magical elves who did helpful things. Today, girls who become Brownies still help people by going on journeys like **Brownie Quest**, **WOW! Wonders of Water**, or **A World of Girls** with their Girl Scout sisters.



Brownies have a lot of fun together! They sing the Brownie Smile song, sleep in tents, go on hikes, and tell stories around campfires under the stars. (Don't forget to make hot chocolate and s'mores!). They may visit museums or zoos, meet people who have interesting jobs, or exchange SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) with new friends.

You will learn more about what it's like to be a Brownie by earning your Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award. Plus, you will be taking part in the great tradition of Girl Scout Bridging! As you grow up, you will continue moving up as a Girl Scout with these special ceremonies.

Earning the Award

To earn the Bridge to Brownie Award, complete the two bridging steps. These steps will help you pass down something you learned as a Girl Scout Daisy and look forward to what's waiting for you at the next level.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Inspire younger girls by sharing what it is like to be a Girl Scout Daisy.

Remember how excited you were about becoming a Daisy? There are younger girls who can't wait to follow in your footsteps. As you get ready to become a Brownie, spend some time letting younger girls know what you have enjoyed about being a Girl Scout Daisy. Do at least one of the following activities when you get together – or do them all!

- Teach younger girls the Girl Scout Promise, then take them through the Girl Scout Law. Share a story about how you learned to put the Promise and Law into action.
- Tell the younger girls about Amazing Daisy, Lupe, Tula, and the other flower friends, then share a story about your favorite. Why is she your favorite? What did you learn from her about making the world a better place? What did you learn about yourself? Help the younger girls color pictures of the flower friends to take home.
- Play a game together! Is there a special game you loved to play as a Girl Scout Daisy that you could teach the younger girls?
- With your Girl Scout Daisy sisters, make a little something you can give to the younger girls that shows them what Girl Scout Daisies are all about! Make a little "ticket" to Girl Scout Daisies. Or a picture of a flower friend with her line from the Girl Scout Law. Or a puppet. Or even a little message on a card. Whatever you make, be sure to explain what it means when you give it to the girls and offer them a great big welcome into Girl Scouts. Perhaps there is a song you can teach them, too.

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Brownies do.

Spend some time with some Girl Scout Brownie sisters. After all, they know about the fun and adventures Girl Scout Brownies can have together. Do at least one of the following activities – or do them all if you want.

- Say the Girl Scout Promise together. Then find out if your Girl Scout Brownie friends have a favorite part of the Girl Scout Law. Were they friendly and helpful, or courageous and strong? Then, ask the Girl Scout Brownies if they can teach you a favorite game they learned to play as Brownies.
- Ask the Girl Scout Brownies to teach you their favorite Brownie song, then sing it together.
- Ask your Girl Scout Brownie friends to help you make special “tickets” into the world of Brownies. Your Brownie friends can write down the three things they had the most fun doing as Brownies and help you decorate the tickets. Take your ticket home as a reminder of all the fun that is in store for you as a Brownie.
- Ask the Girl Scout Brownies to show you their journey awards and tell you what they did to earn them. How did they make the world a better place? What new friends can the Brownies introduce you to in their journeys?
- Start exploring how you and your Girl Scout Daisy sisters can help your community when you become Brownies. Ask the Brownies to help you decorate a box or jar that will become your “Take Action Idea Bank.” Get ideas by asking the Brownies how you can help your community. Get more ideas by talking to an adult who works in the community such as at a fire station, hospital, library or mayor’s office. You could even get ideas by walking around your neighborhood with an adult and looking for ways to help. For example, maybe you might see playground equipment that needs to be fixed. Write down all your ideas and put them in your idea bank. These ideas will be waiting for you when you become a Girl Scout Brownie.

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Daisy journey – or make up a new one. Then proudly add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest! For more ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#) in this packet.

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Bridge to Girl Scout Junior Award

Fly Up to Junior!

Get ready! Get excited! You are almost a Girl Scout Junior. What fun lies ahead? When you fly up to Girl Scout Junior, you will get to take part in cool new experiences, like going on an overnight at a science museum, working on a farm, attending a baseball game, visiting a wildlife preserve, making a robot, or trying new sports like archery. Now that you are older, younger girls look up to you, so you may decide to do something for them – perhaps plan a Teddy Bear tea for Girl Scout Daisies.



As a Girl Scout Junior, you can choose to go on any or all of three journeys: **Agent of Change, Get Moving!**, and **aMUSE**. On a journey, you and your Junior friends can team up to make a difference in the world. Every time you complete a journey, you will earn three awards. After you have finished one journey, you will be able to earn your Girl Scout Bronze Award – one of Girl Scouting’s highest awards.

Earning the Award

To earn the Bridge to Girl Scout Junior Award, complete two bridging steps. These steps will help you pass down something you learned to a younger Girl Scout and look forward to what is waiting for you at the next level.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Brownie.

Here are a few ideas to get you started (you only have to do one to complete the step).

- Teach a group of Girl Scout Daisies a song, game, or craft, especially one you loved doing on your Brownie journey. Share with your Daisy sisters your favorite parts of being a Brownie. Explain all they have to look forward to when they become Brownies. Inspire your Daisy sisters to climb the ladder of leadership.
- Help the Daisies create and decorate small books (you can make these easily by stapling blank pages between two pieces of construction paper). Make sure each Daisy writes her name on the cover of her book! Pass the books around and write messages to the Daisies, telling them what makes them special, why you are glad they are your sister Girl Scouts, and what they can look forward to as Brownies.
- Invite Daisies to attend one of your meetings to find out what being a Girl Scout Brownie is all about. Maybe you can demonstrate a cool skill you learned on an outdoor adventure. Or show them photos of your trip to the aquarium. Or teach them what you learned about taking care of your bicycle. When you are done, tell the girls all about Girl Scout Juniors and why you are excited to “fly up.”

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Juniors do.

The best way to find out what it really means to be a Girl Scout Junior is to talk to girls who are already Girl Scout Juniors. To complete this step, get together with your Junior friends and do one or more of the following activities (choose whatever sounds like the most fun to you and other Brownies).

- Ask your Girl Scout Junior friends what activities they loved doing as Juniors and why. Maybe they can tell you stories about their favorite memories of working as a team and maybe you and your Brownie friends can tell your own stories about what you loved doing as Brownies. Maybe your Junior friends can teach you a game or a special Girl Scout activity. If any of the girls were also Girl Scout Brownies, ask them how being a Junior was different from being a Brownie.
- Talk to one or more of the Girl Scout Juniors who earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award. Wow! That is a big accomplishment. How did she choose her project? Who was on her team? What did she learn? Ask what advice she would give to someone who wants to earn her Bronze Award. Does hearing about a Junior's experience inspire you to go for the Bronze, too?

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Junior Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Brownie journey – or make up a new one. Then proudly add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest! For more ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#) in this packet.

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Brownie Girl Scout Wings

Girl Scout Brownies who become Girl Scout Juniors “fly up.” Brownie Girl Scout Wings are given to each Brownie during their Bridging Ceremony to Girl Scout Junior.



Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Award

Climb Up to Cadette!

When you climb up to Girl Scout Cadette, get ready to lead! Organize a basketball league for girls in your community, help plan a badge workshop for younger Girl Scouts, or volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.



Try a [destinations](#) or getaway to California and visit a marine mammal center. Soak up the atmosphere at a majestic national park as you wander through the woods at Yosemite. Strap on your backpack and explore the Grand Canyon or hike the Appalachian Trail. It is up to you!

As a Girl Scout Cadette you can choose from three different Journeys: Explore the twists and turn of friendship in **aMAZE**; investigate what is really in the air with **Breathe**; or channel your creativity into an awesome project through **Media**.

You do not have to stop there. Once you have done a journey, you can embrace an issue you care deeply about and change your community for the better by completing a project to earn your Girl Scout Silver Award – the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn.

If you like working with younger girls, you can help your Brownie sisters on their journey and earn the Leadership in Action award in the process.

Earning the Award

To earn the Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Award, complete two bridging steps. These steps will help you pass down something you learned to a younger Girl Scout and look forward to what is waiting for you at the next level.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Junior.

As a Cadette, you will have the power to create an amazing impact on the world around you! Here are some ideas for taking everything you have learned and energizing younger girls to jump up to Junior. Use one of these ideas to start you off, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step.

- Show your Brownie sisters why being a Junior is so great. Make short videos of everyone in your group speaking for one minute about your favorite memory from your time as a Girl Scout Junior and show them to a group of Brownies. Don't forget to tell them why you can't wait to climb up to Cadette!
- Invite Brownies to attend one of your meetings and demonstrate a skill that will make them look forward to being a Girl Scout Junior. For example, you could show them photos from your group's favorite camping or canoe adventure and demonstrate how to pack a backpack for a longer trip. Get them excited to spend time outdoors with their Girl Scout sisters.

- Invite girls your age who aren't Girl Scouts to join you in a fun activity – learning martial arts, sign language or building a parade float. If you are doing a Take Action project, ask your buddies to tag along! Maybe you will inspire them to pitch in.
- Team up with the girls in your group that earned the Bronze Award and hold a question and answer session for interested Brownies. Describe how you chose your project, your planning process and how you overcame obstacles along the way. Inspire them to go for the Bronze, too!

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Cadettes do.

As a Cadette, you will set your sights on the world outside your local area. Find out what lies beyond your neighborhood. Make a list of all the places you would like to visit. But, there is no better way to find out what you have to look forward to than to talk with your Cadette sisters.

Use one of the ideas below to get you started, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step.

- Ask a Cadette to talk to you about her experiences so you know what you can expect. Does she have a favorite experience from her time as a Cadette? If she mentions a special activity or new skill she learned as a Cadette, ask her to teach you how to do it.
- Do you want to work on your Girl Scout Silver Award? Find the Cadettes that earned this honor and ask them for tips. Find out how they formed their teams, how they selected a project and what they learned along the way. If you have some ideas for your own project, be sure to ask them for advice.
- What journeys did Cadettes go on? What did they enjoy about the experience? Ask them how they helped their community and to share their best moments from their journey with you.

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Junior journey – or make up a new one. Then proudly add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest! For more ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#) in this packet.

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Bridge to Girl Scout Senior Award

Step Up to Senior!

Are you ready to embrace new adventures? Are you ready to say yes to new challenges? Then, step up to Girl Scout Seniors, where you will find opportunities to do all that and more.



First up: Leadership – it is what Girl Scouts is all about! When you are a Senior, your opportunities to develop your leadership skills and strive for change in the real world will expand. You will have a choice of three inspiring new journeys: ***GirITOPIA***, ***Sow What?***, and ***Circles of Sisterhood***.

You can take on a larger role within the Girl Scouts as well. You could become a member of a teen board or represent GSCI as a delegate to the National Council Session. You could even be selected to serve as a GSUSA National Girl Consultant.

Now that you are in high school, you can also be active in the Girl Scout Advocacy Network, a group that advocates for change on behalf of girls by promoting issues in Congress and state legislatures.

What else does the world of Girl Scout Seniors offer? Lots of adventure! You can try all sorts of new experiences – mountain biking, doing yoga, rock climbing, volunteering at the Special Olympics or touring an art gallery.

If you yearn to travel, check out the international Girl Scout [destinations](#) tailored for Seniors and above. You could explore Belize, come face to face with a Beluga whale in the Arctic, jet to India or trek through the Amazon rainforest.

You are sure to meet other Girl Scout teens and make some new friends along the way!

Earning the Award

To earn the Bridge to Girl Scout Senior Award, complete two bridging steps. In the process you will pass down something you learned to a younger Girl Scout and look forward to what is waiting for you at the next level.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Cadette.

You are excited about what lies ahead for you as a Girl Scout Senior. But, before you move on, you have a chance to inspire all those Juniors excited about bridging to Cadette. Let them know how much fun is in store for them! What about younger girls who are not in Girl Scouts yet? Maybe your story will inspire them to join! And, don't forget the adults out there – in your community, at school or in the state legislature. Share with them how Girl Scouting helps girls.

Think about your most memorable moments as a Cadette and find a way to share them with others. Use one of these ideas to start you off, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step.

- Take a group of Girl Scout Juniors to your favorite hiking spot, demonstrate something you have learned about outdoor safety and talk to them about [Leave No Trace](#). Or, tell them about your group's most memorable adventure and teach them your favorite Girl Scout tradition. Inspire them to climb up to Cadette!
- Did you earn a Silver Award? Make a PowerPoint Presentation or build a Website and talk a group of Girl Scout Juniors through your project. Be sure to let them know how you or your team got through the tough times and how much fun you had along the way!
- Organize a workshop for your community center, library or service center using what you have learned on a journey. Invite Girl Scout Juniors to the presentation. Make sure you save some time so they can ask you questions and so you can tell them about all the great things waiting for them if they become Girl Scout Cadettes.

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Seniors do.

Go straight to the source! Ask your friends in your local area or go online and connect with Seniors around the country to learn what you can do when you step up to Senior. Use one of the suggestions below, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- As a Girl Scout Senior, you can take part in all global travel opportunities offered by the Girl Scouts. Find out through GSCI, if any Girl Scout Seniors in your area have traveled internationally or to a national conference. Ask them the best way to learn more about the opportunities Girl Scouts can offer, across the country and around the world. Learn more about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and forums at the four World Centers or take a look at GSUSA resources such as [The Girl Scout Guide to Global Travel](#).
- Plan a weekend or overnight trip with some Girl Scout Seniors and ask them to take you to their favorite canoeing, horseback riding or surfing spot. Make sure you find out what they have enjoyed most about being Girl Scout Seniors and ask them to share their favorite Girl Scout traditions.
- If you are interested in earning your Gold Award, connect with Girl Scout Seniors already working on a project – whether online, on the phone or in person – and get some advice on how to choose from among all your great ideas. You probably have got a lot by now!
- Find out about council and national delegate opportunities for Girl Scouts. What does it take to represent GSCI as a national delegate? How do you become a member of GSCI's board of directors? Can you serve on a girl advisory team?

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Senior Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony or create a new one. Then proudly add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest! For more ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#) in this packet.

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Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award

Soar to Ambassador!

Do you have a lot to give? Do you want your voice to be heard? Are you excited to get involved with people and causes you care about? Girl Scout Ambassadors is for you!



Ambassador is the highest level a girl can attain in Girl Scouts. As a Girl Scout Senior, you began exploring the wider world. When you become an Ambassador, you will be ready to soar! Think of all that your future holds and how being an Ambassador can set you on your way!

Are you planning to go to college? You can find out about life there by spending the night on a campus or attending a workshop run by Campus Girl Scouts. Or, take a Collegiate Challenge [destinations](#), an event designed just for Girl Scout Ambassadors.

If you are interested in politics, learn how to lobby your elected officials and then visit your state capital – or even federal representatives – and urge them to act on an issue you care about!

Want to see the world? You can plan a trip to one of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts World Centers or go on a [destinations](#) trip with other Girl Scouts.

Use all the confidence you have developed as a Girl Scout to really challenge yourself physically. Try kickboxing, SCUBA diving, a high adventure challenge course – or go on a Survivor Encampment to see if you have got what it takes to survive in the wild?

You will have three new journeys to choose from – **Your Voice**, **Justice**, and **Bliss** and the new journey awards to earn.

Plus, you can earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouting's most prestigious award. You might even become one of the Girl Scout Young Women of Distinction, a national honor bestowed upon those who earn the Gold Award and do something really extraordinary.

Earning the Award

Are you ready to soar to Ambassador? Complete the two bridging steps to earn your Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Senior.

Whether you started Girl Scouts as a Daisy or joined as a Senior, you have learned a lot to get here! It is time to inspire others with what you know. Use one of these ideas to start you off, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step.



- Just as you are looking ahead to what it means to be an Ambassador, Girl Scout Cadettes are right behind you, ready and eager to take their next big step up the leadership ladder! Inspire them by giving them a glimpse of life as a Girl Scout Senior. Invite them on a camp-out, overnight trip, or other fun event and talk about your experiences. You can even continue the conversation on Facebook or by email, if you want.
- Take something you have learned in Girl Scouts and share it with others. Did you travel on a [destinations](#)? Hold a slide show for the Cadettes. Did you complete a Take Action project through one of the journeys? Blog about it. Did you attend the Girl Scout National Convention? Report back to the council.

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Ambassadors do.

Explore what it is like to be an Ambassador. What is the best way to do that? Connect with girls who are already there! Girls who have attained the highest level will be happy to share their experiences and give you a leg up in framing your next step. Here are ideas for making your get-together fun and inspiring. Or, come up with your own. You only need to do one to complete the step.

- Invite Ambassadors to a round table. Start with some tasty snacks and a few “getting to know you” games. Ask your Ambassador sisters about their achievements and challenges. Find out about their most surprising, funny or moving moments as Girl Scouts. Get their tips on how to make the most of your Ambassador experience!
- Meet with Girl Scout Ambassadors online by establishing a Wiki community. Or, start a Facebook, Google or Yahoo! group. Tap the widest network you can, to find out how others chose their Gold Award projects, how they connected with mentors, what outdoor adventures and trips they went on, or anything else that interests you. Start a list of what you would like to do as an Ambassador!
- Find out about how Girl Scouting in the United States and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts strive to effect change around the world. Look into Girl Scout [destinations](#), travel to the World Centers, WAGGGS conferences and other opportunities and forums open to Ambassadors. If you have already traveled through the Girl Scouts, reflect on how your experience might help promote social change.
- Join a council event, camping trip, overnight or Take Action project that involves Girl Scout Ambassadors. See what you can learn about expanding your current interests as you move into your next step in Girl Scouting. For example, if you were totally jazzed by the Senior **Sow What?** journey, develop a Gold Award project promoting locally grown food and healthy food production for the planet as you travel the Ambassador **Justice** journey.

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony or create a new one. Then proudly add your Bridging patch to your sash or vest! For more ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#) in this packet.

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Bridge to Girl Scout Adult Award

Cross the Bridge to Girl Scout Adult!

Your moment is here! As a graduating Girl Scout Ambassador, it is time to embrace what you have learned in Girl Scouting, honor how that will forever be a part of who you are, and step into the world as a young woman of courage, confidence and character. It is time to begin your adult journey.



When you become a Girl Scout adult, you join nearly one million Girl Scouts – across the country and around the world – who volunteer their time and inspire girls to become leaders. You are also linked to an astounding 10 million global sisters through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and 50 million alumnae! Whether you want to build your resume, blaze a particular career path or make new friends based on a shared Girl Scout experience, you have got a worldwide sisterhood to add richness and fun for the rest of your life!

You will find many different ways to stay connected to Girl Scouts, the organization that helped you grow into the young woman you are today. If you are heading to college, consider joining Campus Girl Scouts, a great way to make friends and earn service learning credits.

Girls love to connect with young adults, so you are in a perfect position to influence and inspire those younger than you. You can volunteer to guide a troop, help girls earn badges by teaching a skill such as photography or rock climbing, mentor Girl Scouts as they do a leadership journey, help out at a day camp or work with girls as they participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Love to travel? Think about chaperoning girls as they visit Aerospace Camp, ride horses in the Appalachian Mountains, or celebrate world culture at Mexico's Our Cabana. You can become a camp counselor, represent GSUSA at national and international events, raise funds for GSCI or serve on the board of directors. Above all, you can give back to Girl Scouts, by sharing your experiences, listening to the girls, and inspiring them to dream big!

Don't forget to share future plans with Girl Scouts of Central Illinois. We would love to hear from you!

Earning the Award

Are you ready to cross the bridge to Girl Scout Adult? Complete the two bridging steps to earn your Bridge to Girl Scout Adult Award, the last award you can earn as a girl member.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as an Ambassador.

As a Girl Scout Ambassador bridging to Adult, you have no doubt felt a lot of inspiration. Dig deep and find a way to share your knowledge, skills, enthusiasm and spirit. To complete this step, donate your time to a special project within Girl Scouts, your community or the world. Use one of the ideas below, or come up with your own. Here is some ways to get started:

- Spend some time with Seniors bridging to Ambassador and share your favorite parts of your Ambassador journeys – your Take Action projects, trips, outings, friendships, and leadership lessons learned. As you help Seniors define what leadership means to them, reflect on how others helped you along the way!
- Inspire younger girls. Help them earn badges or complete a journey activity. Hold a fitness clinic or dance class. Teach them rock climbing, graphic design, cooking, karate, or another special skill you have learned as a Girl Scout.
- Volunteer time helping Girl Scouts of Central Illinois, a community group or a global organization. Work on the council website, join a community beautification project in your town, or create a flier promoting an international relief effort. Your actions will show others what you have learned from being a Girl Scout. As Gandhi said, “Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Find out what Girl Scout Adults do.

More than 900,000 adults empower girls to become leaders through Girl Scouting. Talk to Girl Scout Adults and find out what inspires them. Reflect on how Girl Scouting has influenced your life. Use one of these suggestions, or come up with your own. You only have to do one to complete the step. Here are some ways to start:

- Get together with a Girl Scout adult or group you admire. This does not have to be formal. You can start a conversation at a pizza party, walk on the beach, movie night or camping trip. Ask about the endurance of the Girl Scout legacy or the highlights of volunteering. What do they embrace about being adults in Girl Scouting?
- Hold an appreciation breakfast or lunch for Girl Scout Adults who have supported you! Share your memories, photos or even a poem to tell them how much their help meant to you.
- Create a slideshow of your best moments in Girl Scouts. Add some music and gather your friends, family and the Girl Scout Adults who influenced you to share your walk down memory lane!

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You have earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Adult Award. Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you have learned in your time as a Girl Scout. For more ideas, visit [Bridging Ceremonies](#) in this packet.

Once you have bridged, you may register as an adult. A special lifetime membership, at a reduced cost, is offered to registered Girl Scout Ambassadors at the time of their high school graduation, provided they apply for lifetime membership before their current annual membership expires.

Bridging Information

Moving on to New Adventures

Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a girl becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities. It is an activity that is recognized as a transition amid the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and is designed to emphasize the continuity in the Girl Scout program.

Through Bridging, girls will move from one program level to the next. There are six levels of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Daisy (K – 1st grade), Brownie (2nd – 3rd grade), Junior (4th – 5th grade), Cadette (6th – 8th grade), Senior (9th – 10th grade) and Ambassador (11th – 12th grade)

Bridging ceremonies often utilize a bridge as a prop. The bridge might be specially made for use in service area or troop ceremonies, or it might be a real bridge in a park or scenic area. The act of crossing the bridge is a physical, as well as a symbolic step into the future. Outdoor ceremonies can be memorable for all involved. Just be sure to have a backup plan for bad weather. Bridge examples can be found in this packet.

Many service areas combine a camp weekend with bridging activities. Girls have an opportunity to get to know the girls at the next level and to do activities with them. It is also a good way to include individually registered girl members who want the bridging experience with other girls.

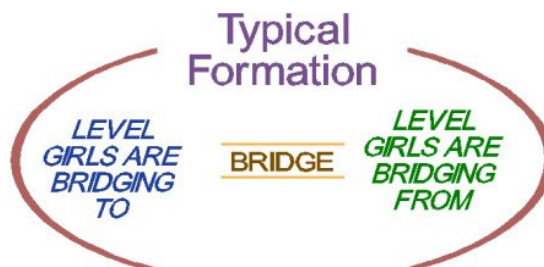
During bridging ceremonies, girls are honored for their progression and growth. At each level, Girl Scout resources like **Ceremonies in Girl Scouting** provide information on bridging activities and ceremonies. Girls can work with volunteers to create bridging ceremonies that mark milestones as they move into the next level.



Bridging Kits

[Bridging Kits](#) are available at all of the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois Service Centers. Each convenient kit contains items that are presented to the girls bridging to the next level. Simply add each girl's name to her official certificate.

Bridging Formation



Bridge Examples

A bridge can be constructed out of just about anything – the point is for it to be a symbolic crossing from one level to the next. It can be elaborate or simple, or you can even use a real bridge outdoors for the ceremony.

Example #1



Use three wooden pallets. The pallets are kept separate for the entire process, which makes them easy to transport in a car and set up at the ceremony site. The basic structure is built by simply laying two of them on the ground and the third one across them, like this:



To make them easier to walk on and look nicer, cover the pallets with cardboard using a staple gun. Then have the girls paint the cardboard brown. For hand rails use eight cedar fencing slats. Using smaller scraps of wood, make four simple slot areas on the sides of each of the two bottom pallets. This makes it easier to slip the vertical slats in at the meeting place without having to nail or screw them on permanently. String a flower garland across the posts. A daisy flower garland would be ideal, in honor of Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts.

Using two more big pieces of cardboard, paint them, using small paint brushes, to look like stones for the sides of the bridge. This could either be tied or stapled to the pallets once the bridge was set up.

Behind the bridge, arrange a rainbow of helium balloons strung on fishing string. This is a great backdrop for taking pictures after the ceremony.



Example #2

This is a much easier bridge to transport and takes very small storage space. There is no building or construction needed at all.



Supplies needed:

- 2 yards of rainbow fabric, cut into strips
- 2 daisy garland (6' long each), cut into 8 pieces each
- 8 wood dowels (large)
- 8 plastic tumblers
- 6 lbs of plaster of paris
- 8 pipe cleaners

Cut 2" off of four of the dowel rods to make them a little shorter for the ends. Mix the plaster of paris and fill the tumblers about 2/3s full. Insert the dowels, when the plaster of paris starts to set. Use the pipe cleaners to tie the strips of rainbow fabric to the tops of the dowel rods. Tie a bunch of daisies to the dowel rods using the same pipe cleaners and put more daisies in the tumblers as shown.

The girls walk through the colorful "handrails" to the other side. An arch of colorful helium balloons could be added to the middle for the bridging girls to walk under as they bridge from one grade level to the next.

<http://www.momsminivan.com/extras/bridge.html>

Bridges for Checkout

Bridges are available for check-out at all 7 Service Centers. Call the Office Coordinator at your service center to make your reservation.

Bridge to Girl Scout Brownies

Ceremony #1

Supplies needed:

- Bridging Patch
- Membership star and blue disc
- Girl Scout Brownie Pin
- Bridging Certificate
- Daisy Ending Certificate
- A symbolic bridge
- Mirror to represent the pond

Preparation: Read the Brownie Story to your troop the week before the ceremony, so they will understand the meaning of the ceremony. (Brownie Story can be found in the Brownie handbook).

Formation: The Girl Scout Daisy troop should be on one side of the bridge with their leader. The Girl Scout Brownie troop that is helping to bridge them should be on the other side of the bridge with their leader in a circle.

A Girl Scout Brownie goes to the bridge and calls out the name of a Girl Scout Daisy. The Girl Scout Daisy goes to her leader to receive her Ending Certificate. Then she goes over the bridge and enters the Brownie Circle. Continue this until every Girl Scout Daisy has gone over the bridge and into the circle.

While the leader is reciting the poem, the Girl Scout Brownie leader sets up the “pond.”

Girl Scout Daisy Leader: We all remember the Brownie Story. We, too, will perform a little magic of “let’s pretend.” Close your eyes.

Cross your little fingers, stand upon your toes,
That’s a bit of magic every Girl Scout Brownie knows.
Now we all are standing in a forest glad
Listen very carefully; see the magic made.

Open your eyes.

Here we are in the big woods, before you is a pond.
You can almost hear the Wise Old Owl
And the friends of which you’re fond.

One at a time a Girl Scout Brownie takes a Girl Scout Daisy to the “pond” and repeats:

Twist me and turn me and show me the elf,

I looked in the water and saw “myself.” (Girl Scout Daisy says “myself”)

The Girl Scout Brownie then takes the Girl Scout Daisy to the Girl Scout Brownie leader who pins the Girl Scout Brownie pin on her uniform upside down, gives the Girl Scout handshake and asks the new Girl Scout Brownie to repeat the Girl Scout Promise. The Girl Scout Brownie then takes the new Girl Scout Brownie back to the ring. Repeat this procedure for each Girl Scout Daisy.

Girl Scout Brownie Leader: You are now all Girl Scout Brownies. The Girl Scout slogan is “Do a Good Turn Daily.” Go now and do three good turns for your family – one for each part of the Girl Scout Promise. When your good turns are done, have a member of your family turn your pin right side up.

Girl Scout Daisy Leader: Uncross your little fingers, come down from off your toes. Then the magic goes away, as every Girl Scout knows.

End with an appropriate song.

Ceremony #2

Older Girl Scout: These flowers represent the spirit of Girl Scouting. This spirit is often represented with the Daisy, which was our founder, Juliette Low's, nickname.

Older Girl Scout: The first three flowers represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

Girl Scout Daisy: On my honor, I will try: To serve God and my country

Girl Scout Daisy: To help people at all times

Girl Scout Daisy: And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Daisy: I will do my best: To be honest and fair

Older Girl Scout: This means that you will always tell the truth and that you will share things and take turns with others.

Girl Scout Daisy: To be friendly and helpful

Older Girl Scout: This means that you will ask a new girl to play with you and when you see a job that needs to be done, and you can do it, you will be willing to help do it.

Girl Scout Daisy: To be considerate and caring

Older Girl Scout: This means that you will respect the feelings of others and care about how they feel and what they think.

Girl Scout Daisy: To be courageous and strong

Older Girl Scout: This means you are willing to try new things, even though you may be a little scared and that you will stand for what is right.

Girl Scout Daisy: To be responsible for what I say and do

Older Girl Scout: This means that you will be careful about what you say and do so that you don't hurt other people or things.

Girl Scout Daisy: To respect myself and others

Older Girl Scout: This means you will try to be the best person you can be, and will be courteous to others.

Girl Scout Daisy: To respect authority

Older Girl Scout: This means you will respect adults, obey the law and will cooperate with others.

Girl Scout Daisy: To use resources wisely

Older Girl Scout: This means you will try not to waste paper, will turn off the lights, and turn off water faucets after you use them.

Girl Scout Daisy: To make the world a better place

Older Girl Scout: This means you will help with a neighborhood clean up, put litter in trash cans, and treat all animals kindly.

Girl Scout Daisy: To be a sister to every Girl Scout

Older Girl Scout: This means you will be a kind friend to everyone, not just to a few people.

Ceremony #3 - Bake a Batch of Girl Scout Brownies

Supplies needed:

- Oven (very large box decorated to look like an oven with a large opening in the back)
- Girl Scout Brownie handbooks (1 per girl)
- Whisk or spoon
- Measuring spoons
- Measuring cups
- Aprons
- Sifter
- Baking pan
- Spatula
- Large table
- Bowl
- Containers of 'ingredients'

Ceremony: Bridging Girl Scout Daisies (in uniform) line up behind the oven. Current Girl Scout Brownies are the 'bakers.' Assign speaking parts based on how many girls are in the troop.

Leader: We only have a few Girl Scout Brownies in our troop from last year! We need some new Girl Scout Brownies!

Girl Scout Brownie: Yes, what can we do?

Girl Scout Brownie: I know, let's make some new Brownies!

All girls: Yes, yes, yes!

Leader: Let's look in our handbook for the recipe. (All pull out their handbooks).

Leader: Here it is! To make Girl Scout Brownies, we must mix 3 basic ingredients: the Girl Scout Promise, the Girl Scout Law, and a desire to try new things. (Set the book out where people can read the "recipe" while 1 girl gets out a mixing bowl and spoon).

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – In a large bowl, we will cream together 1 cup of a promise to serve God, my country, and mankind.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – To this mixture, add 2 cups of honesty and 2 tablespoons of fairness. Mix together until well-blended.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Stir in one cup of friendliness and a cup of helpfulness.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Beat together ½ cup of caring and ½ cup consideration for others. Add to the mixture.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Now add to the mixture 2 cups of courage and strength, pour in some responsibility for what I say and do, and mix well.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Add one cup of respect for authority and one cup of respect for myself and others. Stir until well-blended.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Sift together ½ cup of a wise use of resources and 3 tablespoons of a promise to make the world a better place. Stir into mixture.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Sprinkle on some 'sisterhood of Girl Scouting' and mix well.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Blend together ½ cup of **discover**, where they will understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world, ½ cup of **connect**, where they will care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally, and **take action**, where they will act to make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – In a prepared pan, spread the batter evenly. (Have one or more girls pour the bowl mixture into the pan. Spread it out and then put it in the oven. *Someone inside the oven should secretly take it so nothing spills.*)

Girl Scout Brownie: (Reading from the recipe) – Bake at a moderate temperature until done. (Set the dial on the oven and set the timer).

Hidden from the audience view, adults help the Girl Scout Daisies change into their Girl Scout Brownie uniform.

When the timer rings, the Girl Scout Daisies enter the oven through the back opening.

Leader: (Open the oven door and the new Girl Scout Brownies crawl out of the oven)

All girls: Look! A new batch of Girl Scout Brownies!

The newly-bridged Girl Scout Brownies are welcomed into the troop!

Ceremony #4

Opening: Form a circle and call each girl's name. Explain why you are having this ceremony.

Celebration:

- Flag ceremony or Pledge of Allegiance.
- Say the Girl Scout Promise together.
- Leader read the Girl Scout Law.
- Have each girl tell her favorite part of Girl Scout Daisies and what she looks forward to as a Girl Scout Brownie.
- Have each girl walk across the bridge.
- Give each girl their Bridging Patch, Membership star and blue disc, Girl Scout Brownie Pin, Bridging Certificate and Daisy Ending Certificate.
- Greet each girl with a Girl Scout handshake.
- Sing the "Brownie Smile Song."

Closing:

- Form a circle and sing "Make New Friends."
- Do the friendship squeeze around the circle.

Dismiss and refreshments

Ceremony #5

The Daisy level bridging ceremony should be simple and fun for the girls with their input and suggestions. Include an opening flag ceremony and the Girl Scout Promise. The Girl Scout Law may also be incorporated in the ceremony or simply posted on a wall. If possible, invite a Girl Scout Brownie troop to the ceremony. The Brownies can form a Brownie Ring on one side of the bridge or room and welcome the new girls into the Ring. Read the following poem and present the girls with their Bridging Patch, Membership star and blue disc, Girl Scout Brownie Pin, Bridging Certificate and Daisy Ending Certificate. Then end the ceremony with a song.

Leader:

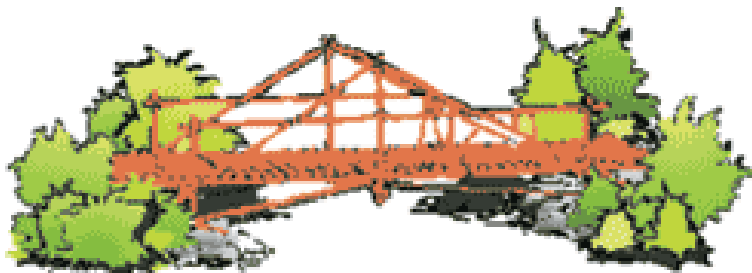
The Daisy is a flower,
As pure and white as can be.
Juliette Low was called Daisy,
She started Girl Scouts you see.
And now the time is near,
Daisies will bridge to Brownies,
For another Girl Scout year.

Leader presents the girls with their awards. The girls cross the bridge, walk on stepping stones or pass through an arch.

Leader:

Brownies you'll be for two short years
Make the most of each day that goes by.
Be cheerful and helpful and do a good turn,
And greet each Girl Scout with a "Hi."
Our Daisy years were lots of fun.
Now it's over and Brownies has begun!

Sing "Make New Friends" or the "Brownie Smile Song"



Daisy Bridging Song

Written by Gina Michael (Tune of Frere Jacques)

Goodbye Daisies (wave hand by opening and closing fingers)

Goodbye Daisies (wave hand by opening and closing fingers)

Sooo long (big arch with hand and arm)

Sooo long (big arch with hand and arm)

We're becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

We're becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Look out Brownies (pointing finger and moving it up and down)

Look out Brownies (pointing finger and moving it up and down)

Here we come (arms outstretched, encompassing the whole group)

Here we come (arms outstretched, encompassing the whole group)

We're becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

We're becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

We've worked so hard (swiping hand across brow)

We've worked so hard (swiping hand across brow)

All year long (hands open out front, palms pointed up)

All year long (hands open out front, palms pointed up)

We're becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

We're becoming Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Our time has come (tapping wrist as if pointing to a watch)

Our time has come (tapping wrist as if pointing to a watch)

We've crossed the bridge (fingers make walking movement in front of their face)

We've crossed the bridge (fingers make walking movement in front of their face)

We are now Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

We are now Brownies (pointing thumb in chest)

Ooh La La (hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Ooh La La (HAPPY DANCE – hands in front, wiggle whole body while open and closing hands)

Bridge to Girl Scout Juniors

Brownie Fly-Up #1

A Girl Scout Brownie “flies up” to Junior Girl Scouting in the spring, and receives her Girl Scout Brownie Wings. If possible, have your fly-up ceremony with a Junior troop in your Service Area. Often all age groups of Girl Scouts are involved, including the parents.



Supplies needed:

- Brownie wings
- Bridging patch
- Membership star and green disc
- Bridging certificate
- Age level pin
- Refreshments
- Brown construction paper, cut to represent stones
- Write a Girl Scout Law on each one

The Girl Scout Brownies sit on one side of the room in a Brownie Ring. The Girl Scout Juniors sit in a horseshoe (always make the open end toward the audience) on the other side of the room. Place your ‘stepping stones’ between the two groups and tape them down to the floor.

Everyone signs ***Girl Scouts Together***

Girl Scout Brownie Leader:

Brownie Girl Scouts, you are just about
To become a Junior Girl Scout.
Next year, you will find
That Junior Girl Scouts are true and kind.
So now I give you Brownie Wings
So you may fly to bigger things.

She pins the wings on each Girl Scout Brownie. The Girl Scout Brownies then take a few steps forward.

Girl Scout Junior Leader: Hello there! Who are you dressed in brown with such cheerful smiles and not one frown?

Girl Scout Brownies:

We are Brownie Girl Scouts and we like to have fun.
Junior Girl Scouts we’d like to become.

Girl Scout Junior Leader: By what right do you ask?

Girl Scout Brownies: By the right of our wings. (Point to their wings)

Girl Scout Junior Leader: We welcome you to Junior Girl Scouts. Please cross the bridge one at a time.

As each girl crosses, she is met by the Girl Scout Junior Leader and a Girl Scout Junior. She is given her Girl Scout pin and led to the Junior horseshoe by the Girl Scout Junior.

Girl Scout Juniors:

Welcome to Junior Girl Scouts
You’re a Brownie Girl Scout nevermore.
We’ll have lots of fun and lots of games,
As we teach you Girl Scout lore.
WELCOME, BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS!

Brownie Fly-Up #2

Supplies:

- Brownie wings
- Bridging patch
- Membership star and green disc
- Bridging certificate
- Age level pin
- A “nest”
- Bridge
- Balloons
- “Wings” for each girl

Nest: Paint a big nest on a tree branch on one long side of a cardboard refrigerator box. Make it big enough to cover the **entire** cardboard piece. Brace the “nest” on the ends so it will stand up (a triangle of 2x4s works great).

Wings: Have each girl in the troop create her own “wings” by choosing what kind of bird she would like to be. Wings are worn across the back of each girl, covering the back of their arms, and extending about 6” beyond their fingertips. To wear the wings, the girls put their arms through the loops of tape or straps that are attached to the underside of the wings.

- Cut a basic wing outline out of heavy paper. Wings should be about 4 to 6 feet long.
- Each girl paints both sides of her own wings like real birds’ wings or design their own.
- After the paint is dry, cover the underside of the wings with clear contact paper. This adds strength to the wings and keeps paint from rubbing off on clothing (this side will be on the girls’ back).
- Make handle/loops – two pieces of heavy duty tape, one 15” and one 9”. Center shorter piece on longer tape, sticky side together. Attach loops on the underside (contact paper side) of each set of wings, at about where the mid-upper arm and wrist will be. At the ceremony, girls can re-tape loops over their arms.
- At the ceremony, tape top of “wings” to the center back of the girls’ Girl Scout vests to hold up the wings.

Ceremony: All the girls duck down behind the “nest” and one-by-one pop-up, say their letter lines and pop down again. ***(The girls may want to write their own line).***

J – is for jumpy, happy kids who play with friends.

U – is for united – that our Troop stays together to play games and have fun.

N – is for nature that we share and care for.

I – is for important interests that make us more alike than different.

O – is for overnights that are exciting and super-cali-fragil-istic-exbe-ali-docious!

R – is for respect for myself and others and the world around me.

S – is for songs we enjoy and love to sing.

All the Girls stand together and say: Together we make JUNIORS! We are ready to cross the bridge to more exciting adventures!

Girls form a Brownie Ring behind the nest.

Leader:

Two years have passed since you first stood
By the magic pool and learned you could
Do lots of things in a Girl Scout way
And truly live by the words you say.

In commitment to promises and showing your respect
Satisfaction from working together is what you expect.
So Brownie Girl Scouts fly on and find
That Junior Girl Scouts are true and kind.
Now we give you Brownie wings,
That you may fly to bigger things!

All: Now it is time to say goodbye. Break the ring and out you fly.

- First girl is GENTLY pushed out of the nest by the second girl, then goes across the bridge and is met by one of her leaders and a Girl Scout Junior who help her take off her wings and Girl Scout Brownie vest, and put on her Girl Scout Junior vest.
- Leader hands her a balloon with her badges attached or inside and gives her the Girl Scout handshake.
- Each girl then does the same. The last girl in the nest can be pushed out by the narrating leader OR she can “trip” out of the nest herself.

New Girl Scout Juniors stand together in front of the stage.

Leader: Please congratulate and welcome Girl Scout Junior Troop _____.

Brownie Fly-Up #3

Opening: Flag Ceremony

Ceremony: Girl Scout Brownies form a ring.

Leader:

As Brownie Girl Scouts you will receive
Your wings of sunlight gold.
You're ready now for Junior Girl Scouts
And new adventures big and bold.

As the leader speaks, the girls can hold up letter cards.

B – stands for **BE** prepared for many fun surprises.
R – means adventures are **READY** in all new shapes and sizes.
O – is you're flying **OUT** of the ring in which you were a member.
W – is for your **WINGS** and **WONDERFUL** memories to remember.
N – means **NO-ONE** can deny how much we really care.
I – is for the **INTEREST** shown by leaders everywhere.
E – is for **ENERGY** and **EXCITEMENT** in full swing...
We've put it all together in this Brownie Girl Scout Ring.

All ages of Girl Scouts recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law. One by one Girl Scout Brownies leave the ring. Each is met by her leader who pins her wings on her gives her the Girl Scout handshake. A Girl Scout Junior steps forward and takes the Girl Scout Brownie by the hand and leads her to the Girl Scout Junior Leader, who pins the Girl Scout membership pin on her and gives the Girl Scout handshake.

Ceremony # 4

Take My Hand

This can be done in a couple of ways. One way is to pair up the bridging Girl Scout Brownies to recite the poem, join hands, and walk across the bridge together. Another way is to pair up a current Girl Scout Junior with each bridging Girl Scout Brownie – one would recite the first line, the other the second line, join hands, and then cross the bridge together. Add a couple of Girl Scout songs, decorations and anything else the girls would like and you will have a meaningful and fun ceremony.

Supplies:

- Bridge
- Decorations (Paper doll Girl Scouts are cute with this theme. Check out http://www.makingfriends.com/friends/f_scouts.htm)
- Songs
- Invitations, refreshments
- Brownie wings, bridging patch, membership star and green disc, bridging certificate, and age level pin

Girl Scout Junior Bridging Poem

(J. Brennan)

Take my hand in friendship
I give to you this day.
Remember all the good times
We had along the way.

Take my hand in helping
Other people that we know.
The more we give to others,
The more that we will grow.

Take my hand in learning
To camp on nature's ground.
Enjoying trails and campfires
With new friends that we've found.

Take my hand in giving
Our knowledge of true scouts
To girls we meet and talk to
Who have so many doubts.

Take my hand in thanking
Our leader and our guide.
With sincere appreciation
For standing by our side.

Take my hand in eagerness
To be an older scout.
We're proud to be bridging
Is what we're going to shout.

So take my hand to follow
New scouting paths in sight.
We're joining hands with each
And in friendship we'll unite.

(In Unison)
We give our hands in Promise
To hold our country dear,
And abide the Girl Scout Law
Each day throughout the year!



Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes

Ceremony #1

Supplies:

- 10 white candles each tied with the specified color of ribbon
- 3 green candles
- Bridging certificate
- Bridging patch
- Membership star and disc
- Matches
- Bridge

Have on a table the candles in candle holders. On the white candles tie a ribbon of the following colors: purple, blue, orange, red, gold, white, yellow, green, brown, and silver.

All are standing in the horseshoe formation.

Leader: Please join me in the Girl Scout promise.

Leader:

The trail of Girl Scouting winds wide and long;
From Girl Scout Brownies and beanies and sit-upons
To campouts and Girl Scout Juniors and badges to earn;
So much to do, so much to learn.
Then over the bridge and on to Girl Scout Cadettes,
With memories and pleasures we'll never forget.
Now (girls' names), Girl Scouts tried and true;
Cross over the bridge, we give them to you.
A gift of a girl is a precious thing;
Take care and great joy they will bring.

Girl Scout Junior leader presents each girl with the Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes patch, membership star and disc, bridging certificate and a candle with a silk daisy attached and a specific color of ribbon. Girl Scout Cadettes cross over the bridge. After all the girls are in the horseshoe:

Leader: The daisy symbolizes your dedication to the Girl Scout Movement, which was started by our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, and began in our country on March 12, 1912. Juliette Low's nickname was Daisy. You are following in her footsteps as you become a unique and caring influence in today and tomorrow's world.

Have the Girl Scout Cadettes light the appropriate candles and recite the following scripts:

On my honor I will try
To serve God and my country (light the green candle to the girl's left)
To help people at all times, (light the middle candle)
And to live by the Girl Scout Law. (light the candle to the girl's right)

All together: I will do my best to be:

Honest and fair

The purple ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of honesty and fairness. A Girl Scout works honestly and keeps her promise. She is fair in all she does and to those she meets.

Friendly and helpful

The blue ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of friendship and thoughtfulness. A Girl Scout is amiable and loyal to her friends. She helps others wherever and whenever she can.

Considerate and caring

The orange ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of kindness and warmth. A Girl Scout works well with others and looks out for the well being of others.

Courageous and strong

The red ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of adventure and independence. A Girl Scout attempts new tasks and braves new endeavors. She is confident and self-assured in her actions.

Responsible for what I say and do

The gold ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of ownership and pride in her work. She readily admits her strengths and weaknesses and is aware of the consequences of her actions. A Girl Scout is up front with her intentions.

All together: And to:**Respect myself and others**

The white ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of integrity. A Girl Scout directs her thoughts and deeds to encompass her own beliefs and to be sensitive to, and respectful of the beliefs of those around her.

Respect authority

The yellow ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of regard for another's position. A Girl Scout understands the importance of having a leader of a group to make final decisions. She works with that leader to make the best decisions for the good of the group.

Use resources wisely

The green ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of being careful with resources. She uses her materials, money, time, and energy wisely. A Girl Scout does not waste the Earth's resources.

Make the world a better place

The brown ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of improvement. A Girl Scout strives to clean, conserve, and enrich the world around her. She believes it is important to leave a place better than she found it.

Be a sister to every Girl Scout

The silver ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's loyalty to sisters all over the world. A Girl Scout is always ready to accept more friends into her ever-widening circle. She treats all of her sisters with kindness, acceptance, and warmth.

All girls return to the horseshoe. Sing an appropriate song, such as "Girl Scouts Together" or "Where'er You Make a Promise."

Ceremony #2

Girl Scout Juniors form a horseshoe at one of the bridge, while Girl Scout Cadettes form a horseshoe on the other end. Each Girl Scout Junior is presented with a candle while she is still on the "Junior" side of the bridge. One by one, each bridging Girl Scout Junior walks to the center of the bridge, escorted by her leader. When they reach the center of the bridge, they are met by an experienced Girl Scout Cadette. The ceremony then proceeds in the following manner:

Leader: May I present Girl Scout Junior _____, who is eager to accept the challenge of Cadette Girl Scouting.

Girl Scout Cadette: I, _____, challenge you, _____, to serve your younger sister Girl Scouts, your community, and your country, as we have served you. If you accept this challenge, I will light your candle in respect, that you will live your challenge to the fullest. Do you accept this challenge?

Bridging Girl Scout Junior: I will accept this challenge.

Upon accepting the challenge, the Girl Scout Cadette will light the bridging Girl Scout Junior's candle.

Leader: (Name of new Girl Scout Cadette), would you please recite the Girl Scout Promise.

New Girl Scout Cadette: On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Cadette Leader and girls congratulate the new Girl Scout Cadette and welcome her to Cadette Girl Scouting.

The same procedure is repeated until all girls are bridged.

Do a closing or a song.

Ceremony #3

After the Girl Scout Juniors have crossed the bridge:



Leader: We present you a *Silver Key*, which will symbolize that you are seeking to unlock the door to Girl Scout Cadettes as you begin your work on the Leadership in Action award and Silver Award. Use it as a symbol that you are in pursuit of the gold at the end of your Girl Scout journey.

Leader: You are about to enter another phase of Girl Scouting. You will find yourself leaving behind your childish enthusiasm and entering a world of new experiences where you will gain an understanding of your own self worth and individuality. As you accept more responsibility you will experience a growth in your knowledge, abilities and judgments. In these tools place your new enthusiasm for the future – use them wisely.

Leader: (Name of new Girl Scout Cadette), are you willing to accept the challenges and responsibilities of a Girl Scout Cadette?

Girl Scout Cadette: I am.

Leader: As you say the challenges, light the candles before you as a symbol of acceptance.

The Challenge of Cadette Girl Scouting:

1. I challenge myself to have confidence in myself and my abilities and to achieve my goals.
2. I challenge myself to form beliefs and values based on the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
3. I challenge myself to gain skills that will prepare me for a positive, healthy, and independent future.
4. I challenge myself to develop a positive attitude toward learning and seek opportunities to expand my knowledge and skills and to set challenging goals for myself and take appropriate risks.
5. I challenge myself to examine ideas from a variety of viewpoints.
6. I challenge myself to have more positive and trusting relationships with others.
7. I challenge myself to have a greater understanding of team building.
8. I challenge myself to have a greater understanding of how conflict-resolution skills contribute to effective leadership.
9. I challenge myself to be more aware of people from various backgrounds.
10. I challenge myself to understand the importance of community networks.
11. I challenge myself to address deeper causes of issues in my community.
12. I challenge myself to seek out community support and resources to help achieve my goals.
13. I challenge myself to recognize the importance in advocacy in accomplishing positive changes.
14. I challenge myself to show increased commitment to educating others on how to better our community.
15. I challenge myself to use my leadership skills to effect change in my life and my community.

Bridge to Girl Scout Senior

Ceremony #1

Supplies:

- 8 white candles and holders
- Bridging certificate
- Membership star and disc
- Bridge
- Bridging patch
- Matches

Girl Scout Cadettes should be in a horseshoe on one side of the bridge and a Girl Scout Senior(s) on the other side of the bridge. After the Girl Scout Cadettes cross the bridge and are met and given the Girl Scout handshake by the Girl Scout Senior(s), they should then form a horseshoe with the Girl Scout Seniors.

Leader: When you are a Girl Scout Senior, your life is filled with action. In addition to group activities, Girl Scout Seniors have many individual opportunities coming their way. You can take part in special events and activities planned by Girl Scout Seniors for Girl Scout Seniors. You can be a delegate or a member of Girl Scouts of Central Illinois' council board and help plan council activities. You may be selected for one of the many [destinations](#) open to Girl Scouts each year. And during your journey as Girl Scout Seniors, you can now begin to work on the Senior Visionary Award, the Senior Harvest Award, and the Sisterhood Award. These awards lay the foundation needed for you to pursue the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts.

New Girl Scout Seniors may alternate lighting the candles and saying the parts of the following pledge:

I pledge as a Girl Scout Senior to:

1. Uphold the highest ideals of womanhood as expressed in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
2. Be thoughtful and considerate and assume my share of responsibility in the activities of my troop.
3. Be a better citizen of my community and prepare myself for the duties and responsibilities of adult citizenship in a democracy.
4. Realize my deep commitment to volunteer my services wherever and whenever needed.
5. Keep myself healthy and the world around me as safe as I can make it.
6. Seek new knowledge and the skill to use it.
7. Increase my knowledge and understanding of the peoples of the world toward the goal of peace.
8. Prepare myself for the future.

Return to horseshoe

Do a closing or a song.

Ceremony #2

Supplies:

- Yellow Roses or Daisies
- Membership star and disc
- Bridging certificate
- Bridging patch

The speaking parts can be split up into a few more parts if you have more girls available.

Girl Scout Senior: Tonight we Girl Scout Seniors celebrate with these Girl Scout Cadettes, who are ready to bridge into Senior Girl Scouting. It is our aim during this evening to see that you have a glimpse into the different options of the Girl Scout Senior program and that we can get to know each other.

Girl Scout Senior: We know that you have prepared yourselves well and will want to use your experience to extend your knowledge and to explore new interest. We know too, that you will adhere to the belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which underlies the activities in the Girl Scout Senior program.

All join in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Girl Scout Senior: There are so many journeys to explore! In the journey of ***GIRLtopia***, you will consider the reality of life for girls throughout the world. During the ***Sow What?*** journey, you will examine big food issues, the caring of our planet, and nourishment from the land, which has been the core of Girl Scouting since its founding in 1912. ***Mission: Sisterhood***, is a journey designed just for you to see how much sisterhood does for the world.

Girl Scout Senior: And now it gives us much pleasure to present you with a gift to represent your bridging from Girl Scout Cadette to Girl Scout Seniors. As your name is called, please come forward to receive your gift.

Girl Scout Senior: (After all the girls have received their gifts)

Let us be friends in everything of duty and of play.
And in whatever other deeds we do from day to day.
Let us be kind and generous to those who cross our path
And not allow ourselves to live in jealousy or wrath.
Let us consider what we have and how much we can spare
To spread the sunshine within us to others everywhere.
For, after all, our happiness to some degree depends
On how we go about the task of comforting our friends.
So let us follow friendliness with every step we take
And do some worthy deed each day for someone else's sake.

Close with an appropriate song.

Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador

Supplies:

- 8 white candles and holders
- Bridging certificate
- Membership star and disc
- Bridge
- Bridging patch
- Matches

Girl Scout Seniors should be in a horseshoe on one side of the bridge and a Girl Scout Ambassador(s) on the other side of the bridge. After the Girl Scout Seniors cross the bridge and are met and given the Girl Scout handshake by the Girl Scout Ambassador(s), they should then form a horseshoe with the Girl Scout Ambassadors.

Leader: When you are a Girl Scout Ambassador, your life is filled with action. In addition to group activities, Girl Scout Ambassadors have many individual opportunities coming their way. You can take part in special events and activities planned by Girl Scout Ambassadors for Girl Scout Ambassadors. You can be a delegate or a member of Girl Scouts of Central Illinois' council board and help plan council activities. You may be selected for one of the many [destinations](#) open to Girl Scouts each year. And during your journey as Girl Scout Ambassadors, you can now begin to work on the Ambassador Advocate Award, the Ambassador Sage Award, and the Ambassador Dream Maker Award. These awards lay the foundation needed for you to continue your pursuit of the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouts.

New Girl Scout Ambassadors may alternate lighting the candles and saying the parts of the following pledge:

I pledge as a Girl Scout Ambassador to:

1. Uphold the highest ideals of womanhood as expressed in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
2. Be thoughtful and considerate and assume my share of responsibility in the activities of my troop.
3. Be a better citizen of my community and prepare myself for the duties and responsibilities of adult citizenship in a democracy.
4. Realize my deep commitment to volunteer my services wherever and whenever needed.
5. Keep myself healthy and the world around me as safe as I can make it.
6. Seek new knowledge and the skill to use it.
7. Increase my knowledge and understanding of the peoples of the world toward the goal of peace.
8. Prepare myself for the future.

Return to horseshoe

Do a closing or a song.

Ambassador to Adult Girl Scout

Ceremony #1

Leader: Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience we have outcomes for the ways in which we hope each girl will grow through her Girl Scout journey. We hope that she will:

Girl Scout Ambassador: *Discover* myself and values and use my knowledge and skills to explore the world.

Girl Scout Ambassador: *Connect* with other girls to care about, inspire, and team together locally and globally.

Girl Scout Ambassador: *Take Action* to make the world a better place.

Poem (girls read together)

We are the present...and the future too.
We turned our eyes to you to point the way.
We learned to walk, ourselves, against the day
When you no longer lead us by the hand.
You taught us the meaning we need
For, soon, there will be those
Whom we must lead
In ways which you have shown.
And, having taught us,
Show us that your are not afraid for us to walk alone.
You taught us to reach for the stars,
To gather ourselves the dreams
That beckoned once to you.
You taught us those things that we must know
To make your dream, our dream come true!
By Joan McEniry

Leader:

You've been Ambassador Girl Scouts and how you've matured.
You've learned, grown, and shared
And shown how much you truly care.
We will miss you, our sister Girl Scouts,
And hope you continue as Adult Girl Scouts.

Submitted by Jari, Girl Scouts – Arizona Cactus-Pine Council

DISCOVER  CONNECT  TAKE ACTION

Ceremony #2

All: Girls lead with courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place.

1. Thank you for providing us the imagination to see the world.
2. Thank you for giving us vision of what we may become.
3. Thank you for instilling us with patience, wisdom, and goodness.
4. Thank you for touching our lives with color and beauty, with creativity, friendship and the love of people.
5. Thank you for helping us to be generous and kind.
6. Thank you for giving us faith and hope for the future.
7. Thank you for showing us the deep joy which comes from unselfish service to those who are less fortunate so that the world is better for our having lived upon it.
8. Thank you for nurturing us as children and challenging us as young adults.

Leader: As we return to our homes, grant us the wisdom and strength to take up our part in Girl Scouting and the life of our communities with sincere love and commitment.

Submitted by Jari, Girl Scouts – Arizona Cactus-Pine Council

Ceremony #3

Leader: Today as you prepare yourself for the future, remember also to think not only of the young adult you are today, but of the woman you will become. The Girl Scout Promise and Law will help you take action when you are faced with a decision and will help you develop the personal values that will give meaning and direction to your life.

Call each girl by name who earned the Bridge to Adult Girl Scouting and present her with her Bridge to Adult Pin.

Have the girls rededicate themselves to the service of Girl Scouting by reciting the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Leader: There are many different adult positions in Girl Scouting that makes Girl Scouts possible. Most importantly is the Girl Scout leader who helps in planning, shares expertise, and finds other resource people who can also help with various parts of the Girl Scout program. As you embark on this adventure, we wish you well.

Closing: Friendship Circle of Adults and girls. Sing Girl Scouts Together, On My Honor, or whatever song that is deemed appropriate.

Submitted by Jeannie

Service Area or Multi-Troop Fly-Up and Bridging Ceremonies

Ceremony #1

Perform opening flag ceremony and sing “America, the Beautiful”

Welcome to Girl Scout Brownies

(1st grade Girl Scout Daisies bridging to Girl Scout Brownies)

Girl Scout Brownie Leader: Come on girls and join our ring; here we plan most everything.

Girl Scout Brownies escort 1st grade Girl Scout Daisies into the circle. They can then be presented with their Bridging patch, ending certificate, bridging certificate, membership star and disc and their membership pin, if desired.

Third Grade Girl Scout Brownies Fly-Up

(3rd grade Girl Scout Brownies fly-up to Girl Scout Juniors)

Girl Scout Brownie Leader: Now it's time to say goodbye; break the ring and out you fly.

The Ring breaks to let girls and their leader out. She takes them to the bridge, repeats the following poem and gives them their Girl Scout Brownie Wings.

Leader:

Girl Scout Brownies you are just about
To become a Junior Girl Scout.
In the troop you soon will find
Girl Scout Juniors are true and kind.
So now I give you Brownie Wings
That you may fly to bigger things.

Girl Scout Brownies cross the bridge. Girl Scout Juniors meet them at the other end and each one takes a Girl Scout Brownie to the Girl Scout Junior horseshoe. When all are in place, they recite the Girl Scout Promise together and the new Girl Scout Juniors are presented with their Girl Scout pin.

Girl Scout Juniors Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes

Girl Scout Junior Leader:

As we say ‘Welcome to you,’ we have to say a goodbye too.
The time has come for some to cross; the Girl Scout Cadettes gain is our loss.”

Girl Scout Leader stands at the end of the bridge and says a goodbye to 5th grade Girl Scout Juniors as they start across the bridge. Girl Scout Cadettes meet them at the other end of the bridge and take them to their horseshoe.

Girl Scout Cadettes Bridge to Girl Scout Seniors

Girl Scout Cadette Leader: Welcome to Girl Scout Cadettes. As you join us to help make a well-rounded troop ready to meet new challenges, we too, must say goodbye to some of our members as they progress on to Girl Scout Seniors.

Girl Scout Cadette leader stands at the end of the bridge and gives the Girl Scout Cadettes the Girl Scout handshake as they start across the bridge. The Girl Scout Seniors will meet them at the other end.

Girl Scout Seniors Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassadors

Girl Scout Senior Leader: Welcome to Girl Scout Seniors. As you join us to help make a well-rounded troop ready to meet new challenges, we too, must say goodbye to some of our members as they progress on to Girl Scout Ambassadors.

Girl Scout Senior leader stands at the end of the bridge and gives the Girl Scout Seniors the Girl Scout handshake as they start across the bridge. The Girl Scout Ambassadors will meet them at the other end.

Close the ceremony by singing "Girl Scouts Together."

Ceremony #2

5 Stepping Stones

As the Girl Scout Daisies step over the stepping stones, the Leader says:

Stepping stones are for you Daisies,
Cross them while you sing.
You Daisy days are over now,
Come join our Brownie ring.

Girl Scout Daisies now join the Girl Scout Brownie ring, where they repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the leader.

When you were a very young girl
You wore Daisy Girl Scout Blue.
You learned the joy of singing
With Daisy friends so true.
But now that you are older
You will be trying something new.
You will bring along your happy smile
To Brownies we are welcoming you.

The Girl Scout Brownies are in the Brownie Circle and the Bridging Girl Scout Brownies are in the middle.

Now is the time to say goodbye
Break the ring and away you'll fly.

Girl Scout Brownies then cross over the Bridge to Girl Scout Juniors. They repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the Leader.

When you were a young girl
You learned through "trying many things
Now you are ready for new adventures
As Juniors, your ideas can take wings.

Girl Scout Juniors then cross over the Bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes. They repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the Leader.

When you were a young girl
You learned a lot of things
By singing, badge work, and helping others
You learned what happiness you can bring.
Now you come to Cadettes
Ready to take a greater part
In Girl Scouting and your community,
And Cadettes is just the start.

Leader reads to all.

When I hear of young girls
Who haven't been a Girl Scout
I think of all the wonders
That she has never seen.
We've watch you girls grow
And marveled at the sight,
Your caring, talents and abilities,
And using them just right.

Please join me in the Girl Scout Promise.

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Closing ceremony: Retire the flags by the Color Guard.

We would like everyone to join us in a big Friendship Circle and sing "Taps" with us.

Thank you for coming.

Submitted by Liz, Pennsylvania, USA

Ceremony #3 (Multi-level Arch Bridging Ceremony)

Girl Scout Daisies and sister Girl Scout Brownie troop should stand and proceed to the designated area for the Arching Ceremony. (The arch can be formed by leaders or Girl Scout Brownies raising their arms to make an arch; holding 2 branches to make an arch; or make a floral arch).

Speaker:

When I was a very young girl,
I learned the joy of singing.
But now that I am older
I'll take along by happy smile.
I wore Daisy Blue
With Daisy friends so true
I'll wear a hat of brown,
To Brownies I am bound.

Daisies cross through the Arch.

Speaker:

Through the Arch to a wondrous thing
A Daisy joins the Brownie Ring.

Fly-Up Brownies and sister Girl Scout Junior troop assemble.

Speaker:

When I was a young girl,
I wore a dress of brown.
I learned the B's of Brownies
And friendship all around.
Now the dress I'll wear
Will be of Girl Scout green.
Old friends join hands with new
As a Junior I'll be seen.

Girl Scout Brownies now cross under the Arch to bridge to Girl Scout Juniors.

Bridging Girl Scout Juniors and sister Girl Scout Cadette troop assemble.

Speaker:

When I was a young girl,
I wore a dress of green.
I learned through helping others
What happiness can mean.
Now I'll follow in proud footsteps,
Where other Scouts have been.
Exciting Cadette adventures...
Where I'm ready to begin.

Girl Scout Juniors now cross under the Arch to bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes.

Bridging Girl Scout Cadettes and sister Girl Scout Senior troop assemble.

Speaker:

When I was a young girl,
I wore a dress of green.
To Seniors I am going
By learning the world around me
Through service to others,
A new world I have seen.
I know I'll achieve my goals,
I'll discover my own role.

Speaker:

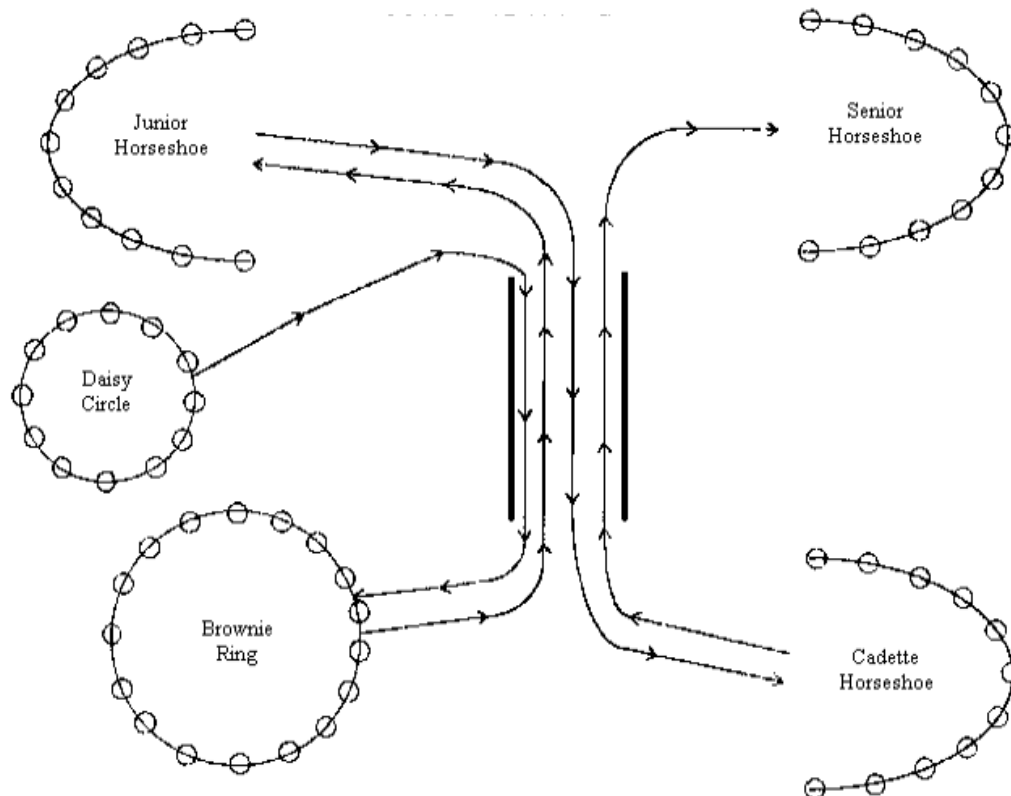
When I see young girls...
Who haven't worn our dress of green.
I think of all the wonders
That they have never seen.
We've watched our girls grow,
And marveled at what we've seen.
And now that we are older
We still love our dress of green.

Submitted by Liz, Pennsylvania, USA

Tips and More Resources

The formation below can be used with having a multi-level bridging ceremony. **Note:** If you have Girl Scout Ambassadors participating in the ceremony, the girls will form a horseshoe next to the Girl Scout Cadettes so that Girl Scout Seniors can cross over the bridge to join them.

FORMATION FOR A MULTI-LEVEL BRIDGING CEREMONY



- As your girls get older, let them take on more responsibility for planning and implementing the ceremony. Getting them more involved helps the girls feel that the ceremony is *theirs*, not just another activity to take part in. It will be much more meaningful! Even young girls can help by making invitations and decorations.
- Have simple activities to keep younger girls or siblings busy – coloring pages and crayons are often enough.
- Songs and games really add a celebratory feel to the ceremony. A group game can be a great icebreaker. Print copies of the song lyrics for the guests so they may sing along with your troop!
- Once again, the internet is full of great ideas for ceremonies, songs, games, etc. Here are some great resources to get you started:

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/insignia/bridging_awards/

<http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/traditions/ceremonies.htm>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/millennium/puppet/989/cere/cerebridge.html>

<http://www.makingfriends.com/>