



Bridging to Ambassadors Guide

Use this guide to talk to your girls about bridging and to get them looking forward to their next step in Girl Scouting. Below you'll find the bridging requirements for bridging to the Girl Scout Ambassador grade level.

Soar to Girl Scout Ambassador!

Girl Scout 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'll be ready to soar!

Earning the Bridging Award

Are you ready to soar to Girl Scout Ambassador? Complete the two bridging steps to earn your Bridge to Girl Scout Ambassador Award. Complete one in each step to complete these requirements:

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Whether you started as a Girl Scout Daisy or joined as a Girl Scout Senior, you've learned a lot to get here! It's time to inspire others with what you know:

- Inspire Cadettes 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.
- Take something you've learned in Girl Scouts and share it with others.
 - ◆ Did you travel on a Destination? Hold a slide show for Girl Scout Cadettes? Did you complete a Take Action project through one of the journeys?

Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Explore what it's like to be a Girl Scout Ambassador. What's the best way to do that? Connect with girls who are already there! Here are ideas for making your get-together fun and inspiring:

- Invite Girl Scout Ambassadors to a roundtable.
 - ◆ Ask your Ambassador sisters about their achievements and challenges. Get their tips on how to make the most of your Ambassador experience.
- Find Ambassadors online by starting a Facebook, Google or Yahoo group.
 - ◆ How did others choose their Gold Award projects? How they connected with mentors? What outdoor adventures/trips did they go?
- How does Girl Scouting in the United States and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girls Scouts 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.
- Join a council event, camping trip, overnight or Take Action project that involves Ambassadors.
 - ◆ See what you can learn about expanding your current interests as you move into your next step in Girl Scouting.

Plan a Ceremony

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. Celebrating this change should be fun, personalized and memorable for everyone involved. And most of all, it should be designed by the girls in true partnership with adults. Bridging ceremonies usually take place at the beginning or end of the Girl Scout year and can have three parts:

- **Opening:** Guests are welcomed and the tone is set.
- **Main Section:** The ceremony is explained and the girls celebrate moving from one level to the next.
- **Closing:** Girls can participate in Friendship Circles and thank their guests.

Each of the ceremony's parts offers plenty of room for the girls' creativity and individuality. And whether the ceremony includes an actual bridge or a symbolic one, or if it includes props like candles, flowers or flags, the ceremony should always focus on paying tribute to the girls as they move forward.

For more information go online to http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp.





ADVENTURE TO AMBASSADOR

As your Girl Scout Seniors are ready to advance, now is a great time to talk with girls and their families about the fun and exciting new opportunities they will experience next year as Ambassadors!

Here are some amazing opportunities to get excited about:



The **Girl Scout Gold Award** is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. Once achieved, it shows colleges, employers, and your community that you're out there changing the world. Remember the prerequisite to earning your Gold Award is to Earn your Silver and complete one or two of the Senior Girl Scout Journeys listed:

Justice

Outdoor Journey

Your Voice, Your World

Bliss: Live It, Give It!

Think like a Citizen Scientist

Think Like a Programmer

Think like an Engineer



Leadership Awards:

Gold Leadership Torch

Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Community Service Bar

Mentoring Awards:

Counselor in Training

Volunteer in Training

Junior Instructor



Fun Events:

High Ropes Challenge

Career Exploration events

Backpacking Weekend

Junior Instructor or Counselor in Training at camp

Zipline

First Aid CPR Certification



Travel:

Troop Trips

Primitive Camping

National and International Trips with the Council

National and International Trips with Girl Scouts USA

Check out the Program Events Guide and Safety Activity Checkpoints for more fun activities for Girl Scout Ambassador.

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