

Bridging to Brownies Guide

Use this guide to talk to your girls about bridging and get them looking forward to their next step in Girl Scouting. You'll find the bridging requirements listed below to help you guide them along the way.



Earning the Bridging Award

To earn the Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie 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's waiting for you at the next level. Complete one of the following in each step or create your own to fulfill the requirements:

Step One: Pass It On!

As girls get ready to become a Girl Scout Brownie, they should spend time letting younger girls know what they've enjoyed about being a Girl Scout Daisy:

- Teach younger girls the Girl Scout Promise, and then take them through the Girl Scout Law.
 - ◆ *Share a story about how you learned to put the Promise and Law into action.*
- Tell younger girls about Amazing Daisy, Lupe, Tula and the other Flower Friends, then share a story about your favorite.
 - ◆ *Color pictures of the Flower Friends to take home. What did you learn from her about making the world a better place? What did you learn about yourself?*
- Play a game or sing a song together.
 - ◆ *Is there a special one you loved to play or sing as a Daisy that you could teach them?*
- With your Daisy sisters, make a little gift to give to the younger girls that shows them what Daisies are all about
 - ◆ *Picture of a Flower Friend with her line from the Law, a puppet, a special message on a card. Explain what it means when you give it to them and offer them a great big welcome into Girl Scouts!*

Step Two: Look Ahead!

Spend time with some Brownie sisters:

- Say the Promise together. Ask your Brownie friends about her favorite part of the Law?
- Ask them to teach you a game or game they learned to play as a Brownie.
- Ask them 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 Daisy sisters can help your community when you become a Brownie.
 - ◆ Ask them to help you decorate a box or jar that will become your "Take Action Idea Bank."
 - ◆ Start brainstorming some fun projects. Talk to adults who work in the community.

Plan a Ceremony

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 www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp.

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Blast up to Brownies

As your Girl Scout Daisies are wrapping up their second year, 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 Brownies!

Here are some amazing opportunities to get excited about:



We know Girl Scouts want to make a difference in the world and have fun doing it. As a Girl Scout Brownie you'll be able to do just that when you go on a Girl Scout Journey. You'll team up with your friends to identify a problem, create a plan to find a solution, and put your plan in motion by taking action. Check out the **Girl Scout Brownie Journeys** below:

World of Girls

Think like a Programmer

WOW! Wonders of Water

Think like a Citizen Scientist

Brownie Quest

Think like an Engineer

Outdoor

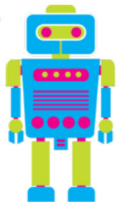


Leadership Awards: This award pin is earned by girls who have completed three Journeys at their grade level. Other awards Brownies can earn include:

Safety Award

My Promise My Faith

Cookie Entrepreneur



Fun Events:

As a Brownie, it is the perfect time to take day trips with your troop! Check out workshops, events and activities in your area to learn more about robots, art, outer space, and more!

Are you already experts at day trips? It might be a good time to try an overnighter, like a weekend at camp or a night at the zoo!



Outdoor:

Did you know that brownies are old enough to:

Rock climb

Outdoor cooking

Slingshots

Letterbox

Fall Family Adventure Day!

Cabin camping

Mother/Father camp

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

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