

# Bridging to Juniors 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 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's waiting for you at the next level. Complete one of the following in each step or create your own:

### Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

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 Girl Scout Brownie journey.
  - ◆ Share with your Daisy sisters your favorite parts of being a Brownie. Explain all they have to look forward to when they fly up.
- Help Daisies create and decorate small books (made by stapling blank pages between two pieces of construction paper).
  - ◆ Pass the books around and write messages to the Daisies, telling them what makes them special, why you're glad they're 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 Brownie is all about.
  - ◆ Demonstrate a cool skill you learned on an outdoor adventure. Or show them photos of your trip to the aquarium.
  - ◆ 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!

The best way to find out what it really means to be a Junior is to talk to girls who already are Juniors.

- Ask your 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 Brownies, ask them how being a Junior was different from being a Brownie.
- Talk to one or more of the Juniors who earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award.
  - ◆ 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 Girl Scout Bronze Award.

## 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](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp).





# JUMP INTO JUNIORS

As your Girl Scout Brownies 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 Juniors!

Here are some amazing opportunities to get excited about:



Is there an issue in your local community that your girls care about? Through small group work, girls can make a difference in their area of interest and earn their **Girl Scout Bronze Award**. This leadership award allows the girls to research their community and pick a need that interests them. The pre-requisite for the Bronze Award is to complete a **Junior Girl Scout Journey**:

*Agent of Change*  
*GETMOVING!*  
*aMUSE*  
*Outdoor*

*Think like a Programmer*  
*Think like an Engineer*  
*Think like a Citizen Scientist*

## JUNIOR AIDE

Girls can earn their **Junior Aide Award** by making and completing a plan to guide Girl Scout Daisies (grades K-1) or Girl Scout Brownies (grades 2-3) on one of their Journeys during at least three meetings.



### Fun Events

Space Science Investigation  
Crane Design Challenge  
Journey Jumpstarts  
Detective Badge



### Outdoor Progression

Ready to soar to new adventures? As a Girl Scout Junior, you're able to try:

Low Challenge	Ladder High Ropes
Canoeing	Archery
Climbing Wall	Horseback Riding
Outdoor Cooking	Lodge or Tent Camping

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

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