



Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a celebration of her achievements and the beginning of new adventures and responsibilities. Bridging ceremonies can take place at any time throughout the spring, summer or fall. During this pandemic, you can have fun doing your own Virtual Bridging.

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All Girls

Bridging is about passing it on and looking ahead. The week before your ceremony, have your girls take a virtual trip to a bridge anywhere in the world. We've included some to choose from at the end of this packet. Girls can choose their favorite to inspire their ceremony.

Learn about that bridge, why it is important or a fun fact about the bridge. Think about why they are choosing this bridge to cross for their bridging ceremony. Brownies & Juniors are also encouraged to also think about what the bridge represents and why (ie: freedom, innovation, connectivity, beauty) and why we use a bridge to symbolize transitioning from one level to another level.

Once they have learned about the bridge of their choice, have the girls create it somewhere in their house using things found at home (pillows, blankets, boxes, toys, etc).

Daisy to Brownie Ceremony

Next to their bridge they should have a table with a flag, a vase, 10 flowers (real or made from materials at home), and a mirror at one end of the bridge.

Leader: Welcome to Daisy Girl Scout Troop ____'s Bridging Ceremony.
Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise.

Leader: Please be seated.

Our daughters began their Girl Scout Journey as Daisies. They joined Girls Scouts with anticipation and discovery. We, as parents, were hoping that they would meet new friends and have a lot of fun; and those of us who were Girl Scouts and remember our own experiences may even have hoped for more: that they would be learning to be good citizens and build lasting friendships, experiences and memories.

Girl Scouting is an exciting, adventurous journey that I hope every one of these girls will continue on, not just next year, but throughout their years.

It has been a very busy, exciting year; and the girls have progressed well. They have worked hard to reach their two goals: learning the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law. Their awards for learning the Promise were their Daisy pins and the Daisy centers on their tunics. They then earned one petal for every two elements of the Girl Scout Law. They would now like to demonstrate what they have learned.

Turn to the girls. And say all together:

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.

Have each girl step up to their table and place a coordinating flower into the vase as you read each point of the Girl Scout Law (if your troop is smaller, each girl can be responsible for placing more than one flower)

Girl 1: I will do my best to be

Girl 2: Honest and Fair (place flower 1)

Girl 3: Friendly and Helpful (place flower 2)

Girl 4: Considerate and Caring (place flower 3)

Girl 5: Courageous and Strong (place flower 4)

Girl 6: Responsible for what I say and do (place flower 5)

Girl 7: Respect myself and others (place flower 6)

Girl 8: Respect authority (place flower 7)

Girl 9: Use resources wisely (place flower 8)

Girl 10: Make the world a better (place flower 9)

Girl 11: And be a sister to every Girl Scout. (place flower 10)

Leader: These Daisies have successfully completed all of the requirements for bridging to Brownie Girl Scouts; and so we are here today to mark the first milestone in their journeys. They arrived, today, as Daisies but they will go home as Brownies.

The tradition of bridging has been a part of Girl Scouts since its founding in 1912. It is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life; a defining moment when each girl is rewarded for her achievements and welcomed to a new level of adventures and responsibilities.

Today, each Daisy will cross the Bridge of Enlightenment. She has earned her Brownie vest, an annual membership star pin, and a Brownie pin signifying the start of her Brownie adventures.

Leader Call each girl's name. Girl walks over or next to the bridge she created at home. At the other end of the bridge the Daisy will find the mirror, look into it and repeat the poem:

"Twist me and turn me and show me the elf.

I looked in the water and saw myself!"

Continue until all girls have bridged.

Once you have completed the ceremony, ask each girl to tell about their bridge - what the bridge represents and why they choose it as the bridge to cross for this ceremony.

New Brownies sing Make New Friends.

Leader: At this time I would like to acknowledge some people who were instrumental in making this ceremony happen: [list]

This concludes our bridging ceremony.

Brownie to Junior Ceremony

Fly-Up Ceremony

“Flying up” is an old Girl Scout tradition that dates back decades.

Girl Scout Brownies assemble next to their bridge with their leaders or parent.

Brownie Leader mentions each girl who is flying up by name.

First Brownie Leader:

Now it's time to say goodbye,
Break the ring and out you fly.

Second Brownie Leader says:

Brownie (her name), you are just about

To become a Junior Girl Scout.

In the troop/group you soon will find

Junior Girl Scouts are true and kind.

So now, I give you Brownie Girl Scout Wings

That you may fly to bigger things.

Have Girl cross the bridge she made at home by either going over it or alongside it. At the end of the bridge the Girls flying up say the Girl Scout Promise out loud to the groups.

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.

Repeat for each girl flying up to the Junior Girl Scout level.

Once all girls have bridged, ask each girl to tell about their bridge - what the bridge represents (ie: freedom, innovation, connectivity, beauty). How does your bridge symbolize the significance of passing your current level and looking ahead to new experiences?

To conclude the ceremony:

Girls remain standing for the rest of the ceremony.

1st Brownie Girl Scout Leader: You have 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.

2nd Brownie Girl Scout Leader: In commitment to promises and showing 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 Girl Scout Wings

That you may fly to bigger things.

1st Brownie Girl Scout Leader: Now it's time to say good-bye.

Break the ring and out you fly.

Junior to Cadette Ceremony

Bridging to Cadettes Challenge

Each part read by the girls.

#1 As we enter this new level of Girl Scouting – this higher level, we'll find ourselves stepping out of our childhood and entering a world of new experiences. In this new world, we will gain more of an understanding of our own self-worth and individuality. As we accept more responsibility, we will experience growth. Growth in knowledge, growth in abilities, growth in judgment, and growth in maturity.

#2 We'll join the ranks of the "older girls" in Girl Scouting. We'll be given more opportunities to try new things. We'll be given more responsibility and we'll be given more freedom to accomplish the things we want to accomplish on our own.

#3 Our green vests are shed for new khaki uniforms. New doors open. The rules are different for older girls. We're going to love this!

#4 Cadette Girl Scouting is the time to begin combining our Girl Scout life with our personal life. We'll try some high-adventure things. Plan trips. Explore careers. Volunteer for something. It's the best of both worlds.

#5 Are we ready and willing to accept the challenges and responsibilities of a Cadette in Girl Scouts?
(Response: Yes)

#6 As we commit to the challenges of Cadette Girl Scouting, we will light the candles before us in order. We'll light one candle for each challenge as a symbol of our acceptance. Please repeat each part of the challenge. (use any color candles you choose for #7-11)

#7 – I challenge myself to a greater understanding of Nature, Science and Health. (repeat)

#8 – I challenge myself to learn and use new Life Skills. (repeat)

#9 – I challenge myself to seek new means of Communications. (repeat)

#10 – I challenge myself to have a better insight and appreciation of the Arts and History. (repeat)

#11 – I challenge myself to understand and try new adventures through Sports and Recreation. (repeat)

#12 – I challenge myself to continue to develop my leadership skills, to give service where and when I can, to continue to accept and live the Girl Scout Promise and Law. (green candle) (repeat)

#13 – I challenge myself to accept and live the challenge of being a Girl Scout and I challenge myself to achieve the highest award as a Cadette, the Silver Award. (silver candle) (repeat)

Everyone recites the promise & law.

Leader: As you cross the bridge from Juniors to Cadettes and officially become a Cadette Girl Scout, we will present you with a symbol of this transition, a Silver Key. This Silver Key will symbolize that you are seeking to unlock the door to Cadette Girl Scouting and experience all that lies behind it. Wear it as a symbol of pride for Girl Scouting and as a symbol of friendship for each other. But most of all, this key represents admiration and support from us to you. Not as your parents, but as your advisors.

Co-Leader: Wear your key to symbolize all that is yet unknown in the world of “older girls” and in your individual world. This silver key should remind you to do your best, try your best and be your best. Your key is your link to this troop and all of us who are a part of it. Treat it as if it were a one-of-a-kind treasure. In time, you’ll come to realize that it is.

Repeat after me as I light the last silver candle:

I challenge myself to unlock all that is possible as a Cadette. I challenge myself to reach for the highest award as a Cadette, the Silver Award.

Each girl should now walk over or next to the bridge they created at home and receive their silver key as they reach the other side.

Once all girls have bridged ask each girl to tell about their bridge - what the bridge represents (ie: freedom, innovation, connectivity, beauty). How does your bridge symbolize the significance of moving on and looking ahead to what you want to this upcoming GS year to be?

BRIDGES AROUND THE WORLD

Golden Gate Bridge

Where: San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

Constructed: January 5, 1933

Description: The iconic Golden Gate Bridge was built in 1933 to connect the northside of San Francisco to downtown San Francisco. The Golden Gate Bridge's color is actually called international orange, and it was used to compliment the natural surroundings and increase visibility in fog. However, at sunrise and sunset the bridge appears as if it is glowing gold illuminating the harbor. The towers on the bridge stand 746 ft which held the world record until 1993. Today the bridge is still one of the most iconic landmarks in San Francisco connecting the city to the Marin area and beyond.



Brooklyn Bridge

Where: Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.

Built: May 24, 1883

Description: This bridge is just over a mile long and connects two of the busiest parts of New York City: Manhattan and Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Bridge was the first steel wire suspension bridge in the world. Today you can drive and walk across the Brooklyn Bridge. The bridge is an important piece of U.S history and walking across it offers an immersive experience, and great views of Lower Manhattan.



Sydney Harbour Bridge

Where: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Built: July 28, 1923

Description: Designed by Dorman Long, the Sydney Harbour Bridge is the most iconic bridge in all of Australia. This bridge connects both sides of the Sydney Harbour. Even though the bridge is only .7 miles long, it is one of the most recognized spots in all of Australia. On New Year's Eve, the entire harbor lights up with a large firework display. The Sydney Harbour Bridge is always the center of action making New Years a night to remember.



Tower Bridge

Where: London, England, UK

Built: June 30, 1894

Description: After 8 years of contemplating, Horace Jones and George D. Stevenson's design was approved for the Tower Bridge. This bridge was built to span the River Thames while also allowing water traffic to flow down the river into the ocean. In 2008, the bridge underwent a renovation to modernize it. Some metal parts were repainted, walkways were added, and background lights were installed to make the bridge more pleasant and friendly towards pedestrians.



Clifton Suspension Bridge

Where: Clifton, England, UK

Built: December 8, 1864

Description: The Clifton Suspension Bridge was designed by Sarah Guppy, who was one of the most prolific female architects of her time. Sarah Guppy was one of the first people to use the concept of suspension bridges, which eliminate the dangers of flooding and water damage to the bridge. The Clifton Bridge has been given an A rating after over 150 years due to its structural strength and innovative design.



Aizhai Bridge

Where: Guo Dao, Jishou, Xiangxi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Hunan, China

Built: March 31, 2012

Description: The Aizhai Bridge was constructed as part of a high speed Expressway through Hunan, China. The Aizhai Bridge is regarded as the tallest bridge in the world standing at 1,148 ft tall. The Aizhai Bridge crosses the Dehang Grand Canyon and is suspended far above the bottom of the canyon below. The bridge reduced the travel time between Jishou and Chadong from 4 hours to less than 1 hour.



Danyang Kunshan Grand Bridge

Where: Beijing, China

Built: June 30, 2011

Description: The Danyang Kunshan Grand Bridge is the longest bridge in the world connecting Beijing and Shanghai for a high-speed railway. This bridge is 102.4 miles long and significantly reduces travel time. Only trains can use this bridge, eliminating traffic altogether. The bridge has significantly shortened travel time between Beijing and Shanghai to about 2 hours. This bridge serves as one of the first high speed railways. Now there are plans for more of these railways across the world.

