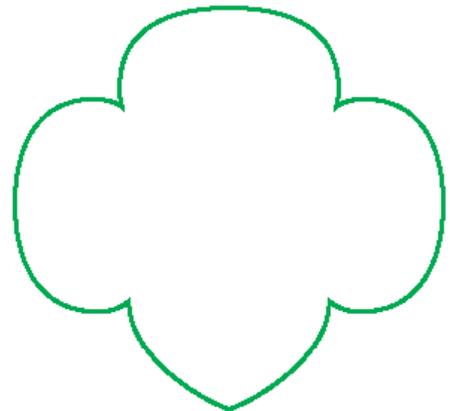


Bridging Ceremonies



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Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Daisies

Ceremony 1 – The Basic Ceremony

Supplies:

- Bridge, stepping stones or arch
- Awards

Preparation: Practice lining up near the bridge, reading the Daisy poem, walking over the bridge, reading the Brownie poem and what to do with the awards once received.

Formation: Girl Scout Daisies and Leader 1 stand on one side of the bridge. Leader 2 stands on the other side of the bridge, welcoming them as Girl Scout Brownies.

The Bridging Ceremony

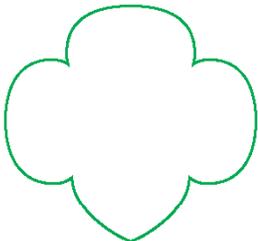
Leader 1:

*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.*

Girl Scout Daisies walk over the bridge one at a time and a leader hands them their awards.

Leader 2:

*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!*



Ceremony #2 – The Brownie Elf

Supplies:

- Bridge, stepping stones or arch
- Mirror to represent a pond
- The Brownie story (page 18 of *The Brownie Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*)

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Brownie troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance.
- Read the Brownie Story at least one week before the ceremony, so girls will understand the meaning of the ceremony.
- This ceremony has several parts, make sure to tell the girls what to expect and practice!
- Review the Girl Scout handshake and the Girl Scout slogan (Do a Good Turn Daily.)

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

The Bridging Ceremony

Crossing the bridge: 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 Daisy Ending Certificate. 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 below, the Girl Scout Brownie leader sets up the "pond.")

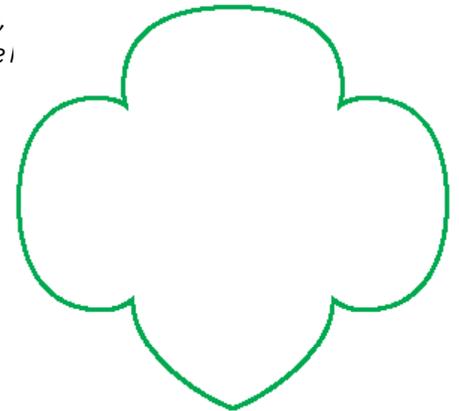
Girl Scout Daisy Leader:

*Our troop has read the Brownie Story about Brownie elf and her magical self.
Now we, too, will perform a little magic of "let's pretend."
Please place your certificates on the floor behind you and close your eyes while I
read a poem.*

*Cross your little fingers, stand upon your toes,
That's a bit of magic every Girl Scout Brownie
Now we all are standing in a forest glade,
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.*



Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Daisies (continued)

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

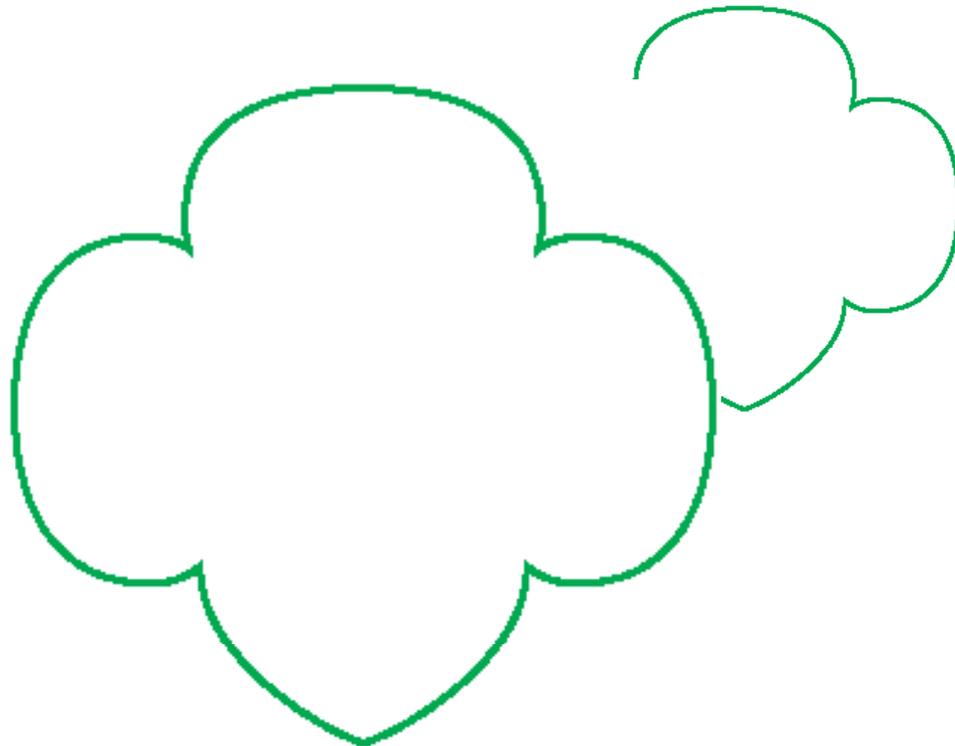
Girl Scout Brownie to repeat the Girl Scout Promise. The Girl Scout Brownie then takes the new Girl

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.*



Ceremony #3 – The Girl Scout Promise and Law

Supplies:

- Bridge, stepping stones, or arch.
- Materials to make 13 paper or cardboard daisies to represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Law and the ten parts of the Girl Scout Promise. Write one promise or law onto the back of each daisy.
- Copies of this script for each girl and adult participating.

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Brownie troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance. Forward a script to them.
- If a Girl Scout Brownie troop is not available, ask leaders or parents to participate and forward a script to them.
- Distribute the daisies the girls made evenly. Let the girls know that they are responsible for reading the promise or law on the back of each daisy.
- Help the girls practice and know when their line is coming up.

Formation: Line girls up in front of the bridge in order of speaking. Girls will step forward when they read. After the reading girls will line up on one side of the bridge with one leader while another leader stands on the other side to welcome them as Girl Scout Brownies.

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Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Daisies (continued)

The Bridging Ceremony

Leader or parent: *As our Girl Scout Daisies prepared to bridge to Girl Scout Brownies we took the time to learn more about Girl Scouting and the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We've invited some friends to help us share what we learned.*

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.*

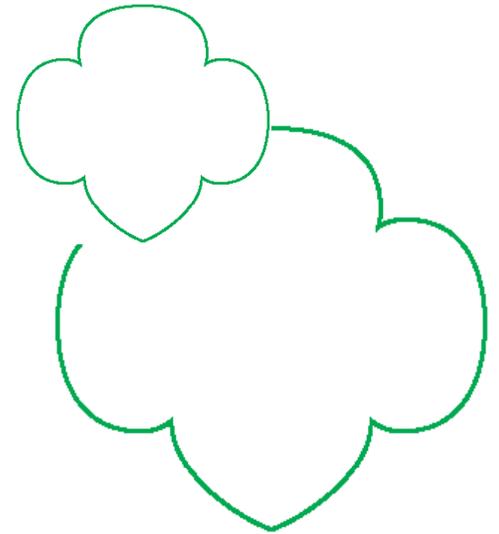
Older Girl Scout: *This means you will be a kind friend to everyone, not just a few people.*

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.*

(Make sure to leave some time for photos before moving on.)

Leader: *Great job! Now I'd like the girls to line up on one side of the bridge. As I call your name you can cross over to become a Girl Scout Brownie. (Read names, use the Girl Scout handshake, and hand out awards.)*



Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Daisies (continued)

Ceremony #4 – Bake a Batch of Girl Scout Brownies

Supplies:

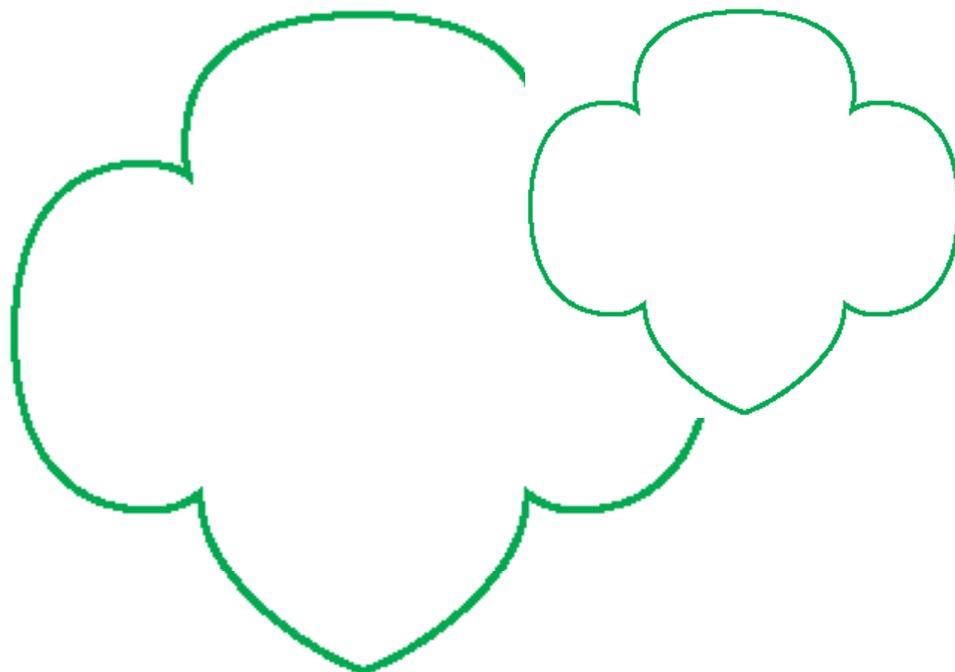
- Oven (very large box decorated to look like an oven with a large opening in the back)
- The Brownie Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting (1 per girl)
- Whisk or spoon
- Measuring spoons
- Measuring cups
- Aprons
- Sifter
- Baking pan
- Spatula
- Large table
- Bowl
- Containers of 'ingredients'

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Brownie troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance. Forward a script to them.
- If a Girl Scout Brownie troop is not available, ask leaders or parents to participate and forward a script to them.
- Decorate the box that will serve as the oven.
- Make sure each bridging girl has a Daisy and Brownie uniform.
- Help the girls practice and know when their line is coming up.

Formation: 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.



The Bridging Ceremony

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. (Girls and leaders pull out their Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting).*

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.*

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Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Daisies (continued)

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!

The 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)

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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)

Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Brownies

A Girl Scout Brownie “flies up” to become a Girl Scout Junior. If possible, have your fly-up ceremony with a Girl Scout Junior troop.

Bridging/Fly-Up Ceremony #1 – Take My Hand

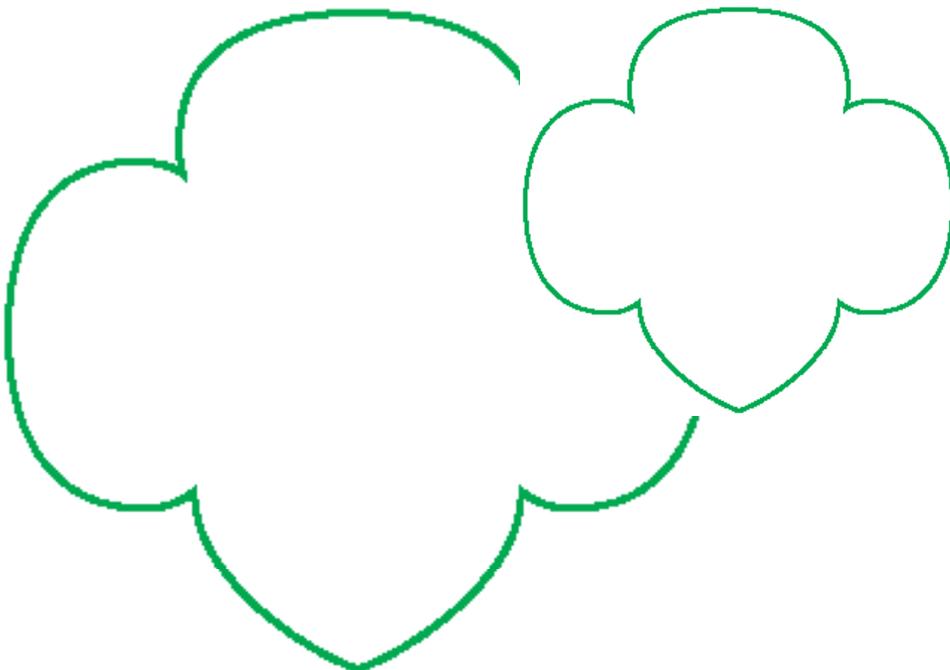
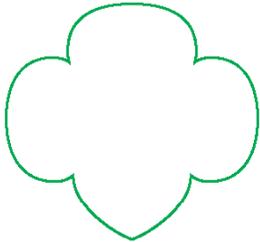
Supplies:

- Bridge, stepping stones, or arch

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Junior troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance. Be sure to provide a script to them.
- If a Girl Scout Junior troop is not available, ask leaders or parents to participate and be sure to provide a script to them.
- Decorate a bridge, stepping stones, or an arch.
- Make sure each bridging girl has a Girl Scout Junior uniform with her fly-up wings.
- Help the girls practice.

Formation: Begin with all Girl Scouts standing in front of the bridge. All Girl Scouts read the poem together. The next part can be done a couple of ways. One way is to pair up the bridging Girl Scout Brownies, have them 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 and have them join hands, and then cross the bridge together.



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.

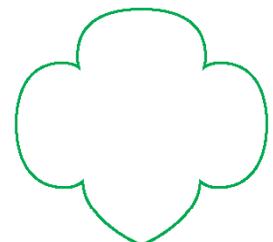
Take my hand in thanking
Our leader and our guide.
With sincere appreciation
For standing by our side.

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!



Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Brownies (continued)

Bridging/Fly-Up Ceremony #2 – Stepping Stones

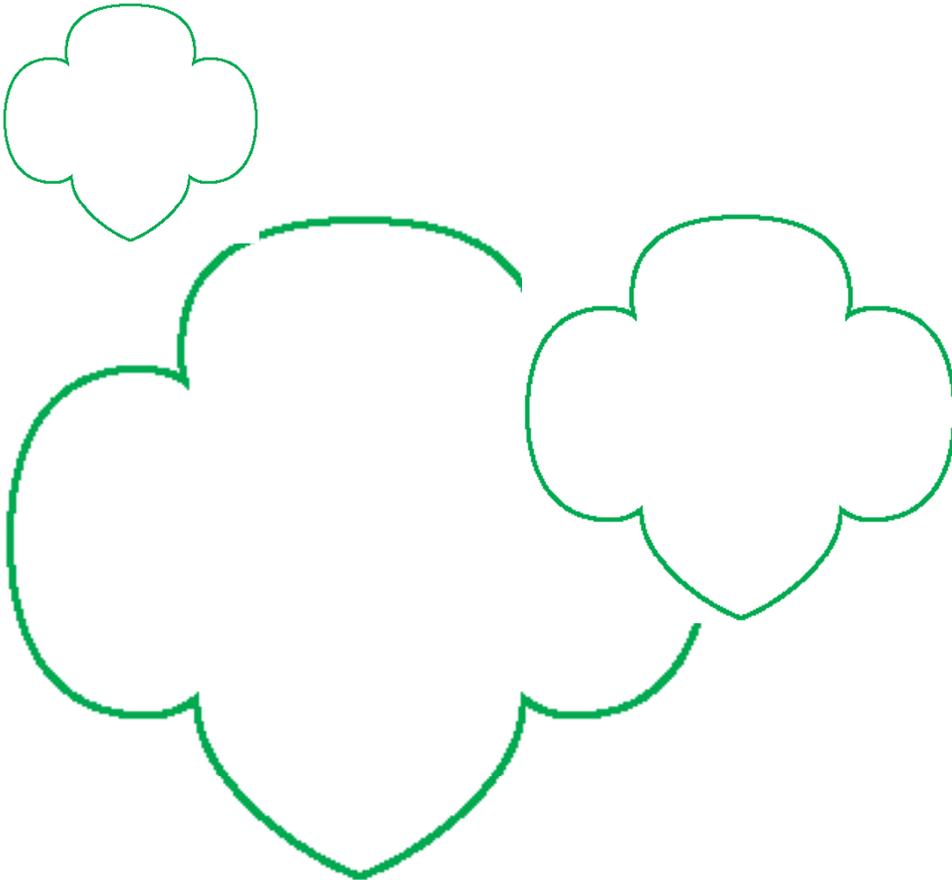
Supplies:

1. Brown construction paper, cut to represent stones
2. Markers to write the Girl Scout Law onto the stones

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Junior troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance. Be sure to provide a script to them.
- If a Girl Scout Junior troop is not available, ask leaders or parents to participate and be sure to provide a script to them.
- Decorate the construction paper stones.
- Make sure each bridging girl has a Girl Scout Brownie and Girl Scout Junior uniform with her fly-up wings.
- Help the girls practice and know when their line is coming up.

Formation: The Girl Scout Brownies sit on one side of the room in a Brownie Ring, wearing their Brownie vests. 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 to the floor.



The Bridging Ceremony

Girl Scout Brownie Leader:

Brownies, you are just about
To become a Junior Girl Scout.
Next year, you will find
That Juniors are true and kind.
So we've given you Brownie Wings
So you may fly to bigger things.

Leader holds up a Girl Scout Junior vest and points to the wings.

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 Girl Scout Brownies and we like
to have fun.
Girl Scout Juniors we'd like to become.

Girl Scout Junior Leader:

By what right
do you ask?
By the right of our
wings. (Point to their wings)

*We see that
you are ready to fly-up. Once you cross
the bridge we will welcome you as Girl
Scout Juniors. 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. Her Girl Scout Brownie vest or sash is removed and she is given her Girl Scout vest or sash and led to the horseshoe by the Girl Scout Junior.

Girl Scout Juniors:

Welcome to Girl Scout Juniors
You're a Girl Scout Brownie no more.
We'll have lots of fun and lots of games,
As we teach you Girl Scout lore.

Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Brownies (continued)

Bridging/Fly-Up Ceremony #3 – Wings to Fly

Supplies:

- A large piece of cardboard to paint a tree branch and nest onto
- Bridge, stepping stones, or arch
- Cardboard wings for each girl

Preparation:

- Make tree branch and nest.
- Make wings.
- Remind parents and guardians to have Girl Scout Junior vests ready.
- Practice the ceremony.

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 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 the shorter piece on the longer piece, sticky sides 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.

The Bridging Ceremony

Formation: 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 GIRL SCOUT 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 Girl Scout Brownies fly on and find
That Girl Scout Juniors 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 gives her the Girl Scout handshake and her awards.
- 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

Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Juniors

A Girl Scout Junior “climbs up” to become a Girl Scout Cadette. If possible, have your bridging ceremony with a Girl Scout Cadette troop. Girls at this level should take a large part in planning their celebration.

Bridging Ceremony #1 – Candle Lighting Ceremony

Supplies:

- Bridge, stepping stones, or arch
- 1 candle per bridging Girl Scout Junior
- Candle lighter

Preparation:

- Invite a Girl Scout Junior troop to help during the bridging ceremony. Inform them of the time and date of the ceremony and confirm their attendance. Forward a script to them.
- Ask girls to make sure new Girl Scout Cadette uniforms are prepared for the ceremony.

Formation: Girl Scout Juniors form a horse shoe on one side of the bridge while Girl Scout Cadettes form a horse shoe on the other. Leaders stand in the middle.

Bridging Ceremony

Each bridging Girl Scout is presented with a candle. One by one each bridging Girl Scout Junior walks to the middle of the bridge to meet 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 knowing that you will live your challenge in 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.*

(The new Girl Scout Cadette stands in the horse shoe with her Girl Scout Cadette sisters.)

The same procedure is repeated until all girls are bridged.

Bridging Ceremony #2 – The Girl Scout Promise and Law

Supplies:

- Bridge, stepping stones, or arch
- 10 white candles
- 3 green candles
- Candle holders
- Candle lighter
- 13 silk daisies
- Ribbon in colors: purple, blue, orange, red, gold, white, yellow, green, brown, and silver.

Preparation:

- Attach a daisy to each candle.
- Tie a colored ribbon around each white candle.
- Place candles on one table in front of the bridge.

Formation: All girls stand behind the table in a horse shoe in front of the bridge.

Bridging Ceremony

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 Girl Scout Juniors tried and true
Cross over the bridge we made for you.*

Bridging Girl Scout leader presents awards and hands one white candle to each girl. Bridging Girl Scouts cross over the bridge and form a horse shoe around the table with the candles.

Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Juniors (continued)

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

New Girl Scout Cadettes light the appropriate candle and recite the following lines:

All: *On my honor, I will try*

Green candle #1: *To serve God and my country (Light candle)*

Green candle #2: *To help people at all times (Light candle)*

Green candle #3: *And to live by the Girl Scout Law (Light candle)*

All: *I will do my best to be*

Purple candle: *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. (Light candle)*

Blue candle: *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.*

Orange candle: *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.*

Red candle: *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.*

Gold candle: *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: *And to:*

White candle: *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.*

Yellow candle: *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.*

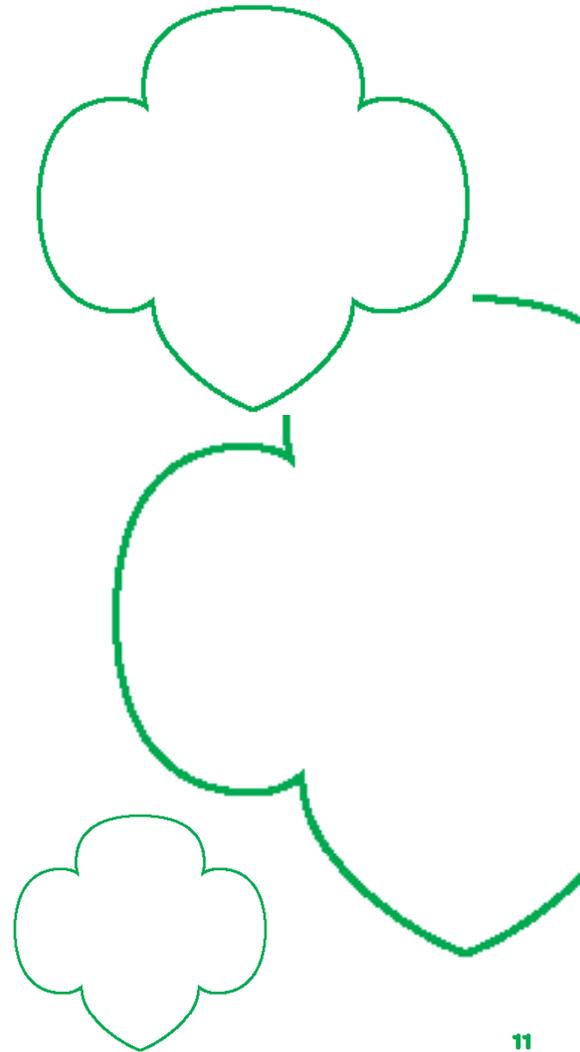
Green candle: *Use resources wisely. The green ribbon on this candle represents a Girl Scout's sense of being careful with resources. She uses her materials, money, time, and energy wisely. A Girl Scout does not waste the Earth's resources.*

Brown candle: *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.*

Silver candle: *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

"Whene'er You Make a Promise."



Bridging Ceremonies for Girl Scout Juniors (continued)

Bridging Ceremony #3 – The Silver Key

Supplies:

- Whatever girls decide is needed for their bridging ceremony
- 1 silver key per bridging girl in a glass bowl

Preparation:

- This ceremony is intended for after the bridging ceremony. Work with girls to determine how they want to bridge or use one of the other examples in this book.
- Distribute the Challenge of Cadette Girl Scouting lines evenly between girls. They may end up with more than one line but they only get one key.
- Ask girls to make sure new Girl Scout Cadette uniforms are prepared for the ceremony.

Formation: To be decided during the planning process. Make sure to place the bowl of keys where girls can reach them and the audience can see them.

AFTER the bridging ceremony and distribution of awards

Leader: *We present you a silver key, which will symbolize that you are seeking to unlock the door to Girl Scout Cadettes as you being 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 entering a world of new experiences where you will gain an understanding of your own self worth and individuality.*

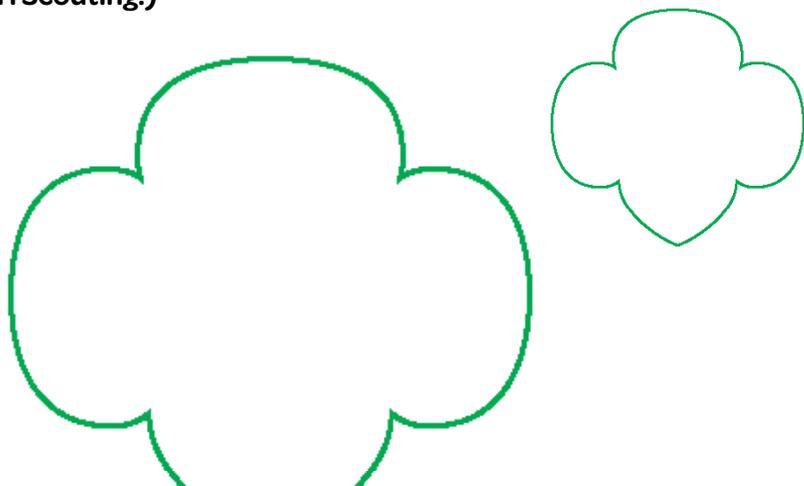
As you accept more responsibility you will experience a growth in your knowledge, abilities and judgments. In these tools place your new enthusiasm for the future—use them wisely.

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.*

(Girls read the lines on the next page and take a silver key from the bowl as a symbolic gesture to show they are willing to accept 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 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.



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

Larger bridging ceremonies can be very moving and powerful. Pre-planning, communication and organization are the keys to a successful event. Make sure to include a flag ceremony, the Girl Scout Promise, and some classic Girl Scout songs.

Ceremony #1

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

Girl Scout Daisies bridge to Girl Scout Brownies

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

Girl Scout Brownies escort bridging Girl Scout Daisies into the Brownie Ring. Present awards at this time if desired.

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. Present awards and Girl Scout Brownie Wings at this time if desired.

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.*

Bridging 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. Present awards at this time if desired.

Girl Scout Juniors Climb Up 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 bridging 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. Hand out awards at this time if desired.

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.

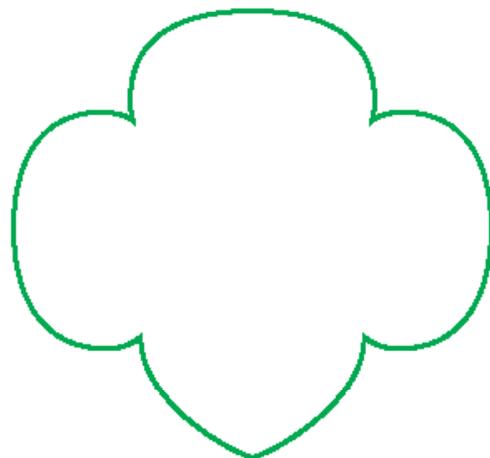
Girl Scout Cadette leader stands at the end of the bridge and gives the Girl Scout Cadettes the Girl Scout Handshake before they start across the bridge. Girl Scout Seniors will meet them at the other end. Hand out awards at this time if desired.

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. Hand out awards at this time if desired.

Close the ceremony by singing “Girl Scouts Together.”



Service Area or Multi-Troop Fly-Up and Bridging Ceremonies (continued)

Ceremony #2 – Stepping Stones

Opening flag ceremony.

Before the Girl Scout Daisies step over the stepping stones:

Leader:

Stepping stones are for you Daisies,
Cross them while you sing.
Your 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.

Brownie leader:

When you were a very young girl
You wore Girl Scout Daisy 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.

Leader:

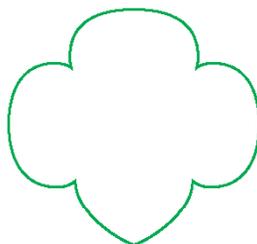
Now is the time to say goodbye
Break the ring and away you'll fly.

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.

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.

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:

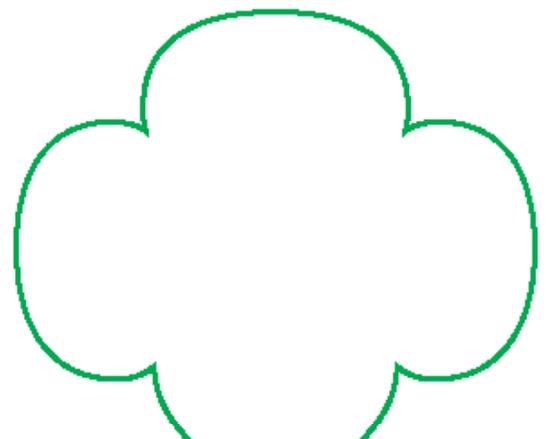
When I hear of young girls
Who haven't been a Girl Scout
I think of all the wonders
That she has never seen.
We've watch you girls grow
And marveled at the sight,
Your caring, talents and abilities,
And using them just right.

Leader:

*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 flag ceremony.

Submitted by Liz, Pennsylvania, USA



Service Area or Multi-Troop Fly-Up and Bridging Ceremonies (continued)

Ceremony #3 – Passing through the Arch

The arch can be formed by:

- Girl Scouts standing facing each other and either raising their arms or holding branches
- Flowers
- Balloons

Bridging Girl Scout Daisies assemble before the arch.

Leader:

*When I was a very young girl,
I learned the joy of singing.
But now that I am older
I'll take along my 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.

Leader:

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 cross under the Arch to bridge to Girl Scout Juniors.

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

Leader:

*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 cross under the Arch to bridge to Girl Scout Cadettes.

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

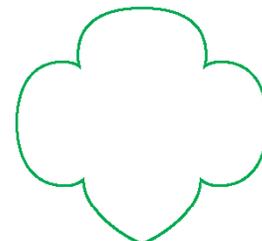
Leader:

*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:

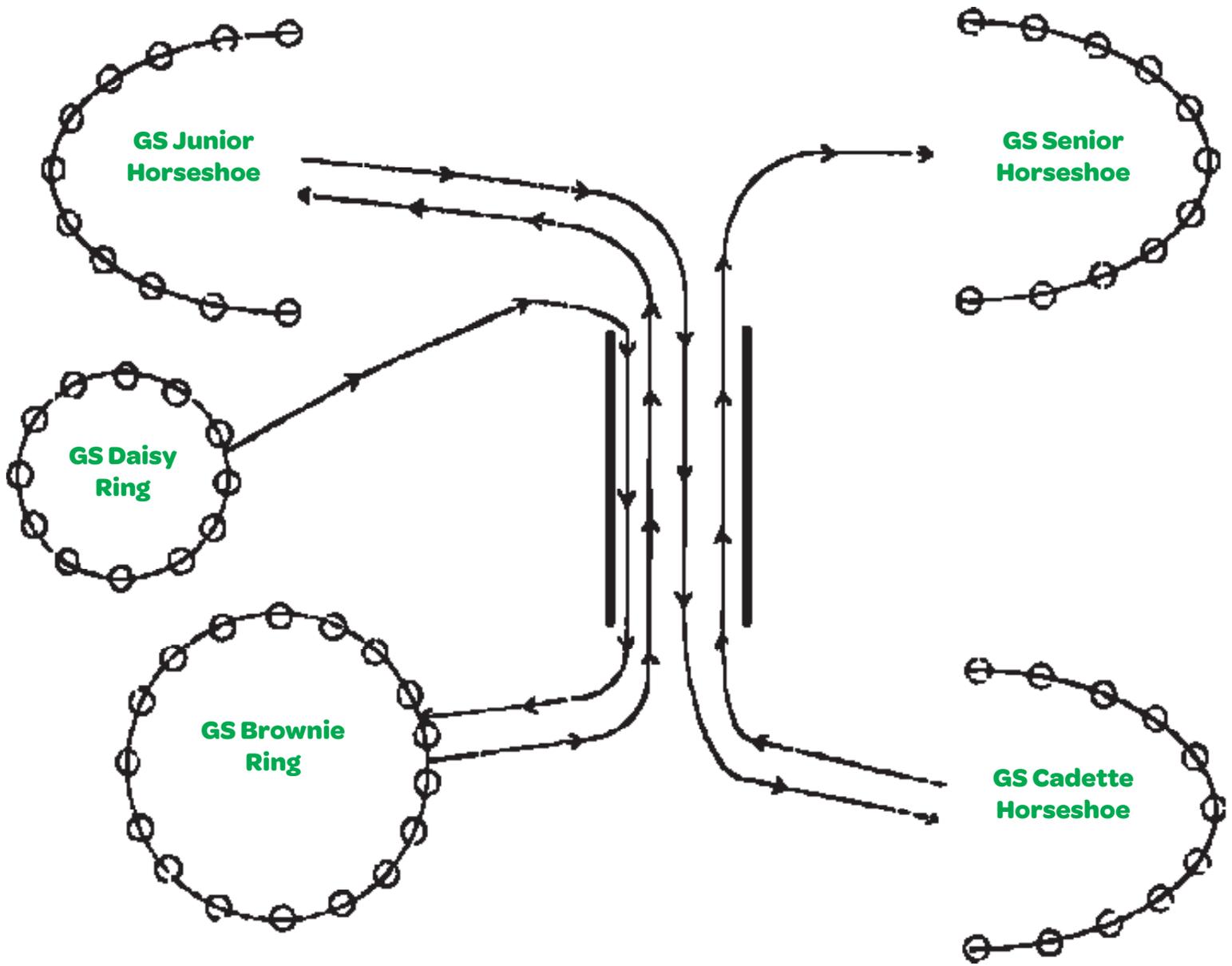
*When I see young girls...
Who haven't worn our dress of
green.
I think of all the wonders
That they have never seen.
We've watched our girls grow,
And marveled at what we've seen.
And now that we are older
We still love our dress of green.*

Submitted by Liz, Pennsylvania, USA



Service Area or Multi-Troop Fly-Up and Bridging Ceremonies (continued)

Multi-Level Bridging Ceremony Formation



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.

