Girl Scout Bridging Awards

Fly Up to Junior!

Get ready! Get excited! You are almost a Girl Scout Junior. What fun lies ahead?

When you fly up to Girl Scout Junior, you'll get to take part in cool new experiences, like going on an overnight at a science museum, working on a farm, attending a baseball game, visiting a wildlife preserve, making a robot, or trying new sports like archery. Now that you're older, little kids look up to you, so you may decide to do something for younger Girl Scouts—perhaps plan a Teddy Bear tea for Daisies!

As a Girl Scout Junior, you can choose to go on any (or all!) of three journeys: *Agent of Change, Get Moving!,* and *aMUSE*. On a journey, you and your Junior friends can team up to make a difference in the world. Every time you complete a journey, you'll earn three awards. And after you've finished one journey, you'll be able to earn your Girl Scout Bronze Award—one of Girl Scouting's highest awards.

Earning the 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.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!
Share your talents and skills by teaching younger Girl Scouts something you learned to do as a Brownie.

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 Brownie journey. Share with your Daisy sisters your favorite parts of being a Brownie. Explain all they have to look forward to when they become Brownies. Inspire your Daisy sisters to climb the ladder of leadership!
- Help the Daisies create and decorate small books (you can make these easily by stapling blank pages between two pieces of construction paper). Make sure each Daisy writes her name on the cover of her book! 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. Maybe you can demonstrate a cool skill you learned on an outdoor adventure. Or show them photos of your trip to the aquarium. Or teach them what you learned about taking care of your bicycle. 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!
Find out What Girl Scout Juniors Do

The best way to find out what it really means to be a Girl Scout Junior is to talk to girls who already are Juniors. To complete this step, get together with your Junior friends and do one or more of the following activities (choose whatever sounds like the most fun to you and other Brownies!).

- 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 Girl Scout Brownies, ask them how being a Junior was different from being a Brownie.

- Talk to one or more of the Girl Scout Juniors who earned her Girl Scout Bronze Award. Wow! That's a big accomplishment. 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 Bronze Award. Does hearing about a Junior's experience inspire you to go for the Bronze, too?

Plan a Ceremony

Congratulations! You've earned your Bridge to Girl Scout Junior Award! Celebrate with a favorite ceremony you learned on your Brownie journey—or make up a new one. Then add your Bridging patch to your Junior sash or vest. Some girls receive their Brownie wings at this ceremony, too.