



Bridging to Girl Scout Juniors

At the end of third grade, Brownies complete a series of activities in preparation for leaving Girl Scout Brownies behind and becoming a Girl Scout Junior. These activities are intended to introduce Brownies to the next level of Scouting.

Bridging to Junior Scouts is different than "flying up." All girls will receive a pair of wings signifying that they have flown up from Brownie Scouts to Junior Scouts. To "bridge," however, girls must complete six requirements, intended to introduce girls to the next level (and retain them!).

One good way to complete the activities is to find a sister troop at the Junior level to help your Brownies complete the requirements. This can be done by getting in touch with your Service Unit. Not only is their presence necessary for some of the steps, but the girls will get to meet some new friends.

The bridging steps can be easily incorporated into your regularly scheduled troop activities if you start early. Thinking Day (for example) is a natural activity in which Brownies and Juniors can intermingle and complete the requirements.

At the ceremony, girls receive the following insignia and awards:

- Bridge to Junior Patch
- Membership Star & Green Disc
- Bridging Certificate
- Brownie Wings

The six activities are as follows:

1. Find out about Junior Girl Scouting

- Ask a Junior Girl Scout or an adult who works with Junior Girl Scouts to tell you about Junior Girl Scouting.
- Find out about the awards (badges and signs) for Junior Girl Scouts by looking at a Junior Girl Scout sash, vest, catalog picture, or the Awards, Badges and Other Insignia section on Girl Scout central at www.girlscouts.org.
- Look through the Junior Girl Scout Handbook and Girl Scout Badges and Signs.
- Find out about the badges, the signs, and the leadership pin. Look for differences between Brownie and Junior Girl Scout activities.
- Take part in a special event put on by your community service unit, council, or a Junior Girl Scout troop for Brownie Girl Scouts bridging to the Junior Girl Scout level.

2. Do a Girl Scout Junior Activity

- Do an activity from the Junior Girl Scout Handbook or Junior Girl Scout Badgebook.
- Do an activity from a Junior Girl Scout Issues for Girl Scouts booklet, such as Connections, Read to Lead, Girls Are Great, or Media Know-How.
- Do a Junior Girl Scout online science or technology activity from the "Awards, Badges and Other Insignia" section on Girl Scout central at www.girlscouts.org

3. Do something with a Girl Scout Junior or a Girl Scout Junior troop or group.

- Attend a meeting or event as the guest of a Girl Scout Junior troop or group.
- Do a service project with Girl Scout Juniors.
- Write to a Girl Scout Junior pen-pal who lives in your area or another state.

4. Share what you learn about Junior Girl Scouting with Brownie or Daisy Girl Scouts.

- Make a poster or collage, or create a poster or flier on the computer, to show others what Girl Scout Juniors is all about.
- Put on a skit or special program about a service project or activity that you did with a Girl Scout Junior.
- Teach a song or game that you learned from a Girl Scout Junior.

5. Plan and do a summer Girl Scout activity

(If your Brownie Girl Scout troop or group has its bridging ceremony before summer, you can receive your Bridge to Girl Scout Juniors award before doing this activity. However, you should do the activity before your first Girl Scout Junior meeting in the fall.)

- Go to a Girl Scout day or resident (sleep away) camp.
- Plan and do an outdoor activity with other Girl Scouts and their families.
- Have a cookout, swim or skate party, campfire, or stargazing activity with other Girl Scouts.
- Participate in a GirlSports activity with other Girl Scouts.
- Plan a get-acquainted activity for fall for your new Girl Scout Junior troop buddies.
- Write a summer newsletter for your group.
- Do a summer project with other Girl Scouts.

6. Help Plan your fly-up Ceremony

- Learn a new opening or closing that you can use in your flying-up ceremony.
- Write a poem, song, or skit about going from Brownie to Girl Scout Juniors that you can use in your ceremony.
- Design and make invitations for the ceremony.
- Make decorations that you can use at the ceremony.

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