Bridging at a Distance

Bridging is the progression from one level of Girl Scouting to another for girls in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades. Troops & individuals can celebrate this milestone in a variety of ways even if they can’t meet in person.

Discover
Look at Girl Scout Ceremony Guides as a family or as a troop. What elements will you keep? Check examples here & here.

Girl Led
Girls should plan out their ceremony and can do this with the help of family, a sister who is also in Girl Scouts, troop members, or other Girl Scout friends. If you are using the internet, sign the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge & think about using an avatar.

Connect
To Bridge, you need to pass what you learned to younger girls & learn about your next level. Research online or connect girls you know. Share the favorite parts of your level & what you are excited for next! You might also invite troop members or distant family to your ceremony.

Cooperative Learning
Work with the people around you or other girls with the help of technology to plan your event. Brainstorm together and see what others are doing. You might create videos to share on TikTok, a Minecraft meet up, or a joint ceremony on Zoom, hangouts, or other platforms.

Learning by Doing
What will you create to make it your own? Is there a local bridge for the ceremony location? Can you practice STEM skills and build a bridge at home with popsicle sticks, toilet paper, or something else? Can you ‘cross over’ another way? Get creative!!!

Take Action
Hold your own ceremony. You can assign family members as presenters virtually or in the location you chose. You might also lead the Girl Scout Promise and Law. When you cross over, do the Girl Scout handshake with a parent or sibling (or virtually with your leader).

Celebrate!
You have completed your level of Girl Scouts! After your virtual or home-based ceremony with your family, celebrate the occasion with a special meal or themed dessert. You might also order a bridging kit for your level or renew online for your next level of Girl Scouts.