



Bridge to Brownie Award

What do Brownie Girl Scouts do?

Brownies have a lot of fun together! They can sing the Brownie Smile song, sleep in tents, go on hikes, and tell stories around the campfire under the stars. They may want to visit zoos, meet people who have interesting jobs, or exchange SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) with new friends. They can earn badges, awards, and do a Take Action project.

Earning the Bridging Award

To earn the Bridge to Brownie Award, complete one activity from the two bridging steps described on this page.

Bridging Step One: Pass It On!

Inspire younger kids by sharing what it was like to be a Daisy. You might connect with a new troop that is just Daisies, or with younger siblings who may want to join in the next few years.

Do one or more of the following or come up with your own idea:

- Teach them the Girl Scout Promise and recite the Girl Scout Law to them. Share a story about how Daisies put the Promise and Law into action.
- Share an activity from a Girl Scout petal or badge that you enjoyed.
- Teach them a favorite game or song and then play or sing along!
- Make a little something to give them that shows what Girl Scouts are all about. This is a great time to introduce SWAPS. Want to know more? Go to www.girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/traditions.html.



Bridging Step Two: Look Ahead!

Spend some time with Brownies.

Do one or more of the following or create your own:

- Say the Girl Scout Promise together. Then find out if the Brownies have a favorite part of the Girl Scout Law. Were they friendly and helpful, or courageous and strong?
- Ask some Brownies to teach a favorite game or song, then play or sing it together!
- Work together to make special “tickets” into the world of Brownie Girl Scouts. Ask the Brownies to write down three things they had fun doing as Brownies on slips of paper. These are your “tickets.” Decorate the tickets together.
- Ask the Brownies to show their badges and awards and explain what they did to earn them. How did they make the world a better place? What new friends did the Brownies meet?
- Start exploring ways to help the community.
 - » Ask the Brownies to help you decorate a box or jar that will become a “Take Action Idea Bank.”
 - » Ask the Brownies how they helped their community.
 - » Get more ideas by talking to an adult who works in the community, such as at a fire station, hospital, library, or local government office.
 - » Tour your community and spot needs in your neighborhood. You can use the ideas to Take Action as Brownie Girl Scouts.
 - » Attend a council event for Brownies during the spring before second grade.

Plan a Ceremony

Celebrate earning the Bridge to Brownie Award with a ceremony at your end of year celebration. Then proudly add bridging patches to sashes or vests!

For more ideas, talk to other troops or go online. If Girl Scouts are working online, remember to sign the **Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge**, found at girlscouts.org.