

BRIDGING / FLY-UP CEREMONIES

BRIDGING / FLY-UP (from G.S. of Rolling Hills website)



Flying up/Bridging from Daisy to Brownie Girl, or from Brownie to Junior is a special time for your troop. Prepare ahead of time by making invitations and centerpieces and by planning a special ceremony signifying unity and friendship.

As each girl says her verse, she stretches out her hand to the next girl to speak, until all the girls are standing across the stage (or bridge) linked like paper dolls.

Verses may be split if you have more than seven girls flying up/bridging, and girls who do not have speaking parts may stand on stage also linked like paper dolls.

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 have found.

Take my hand in giving
Our knowledge of true Girl Scouts
To girls we meet and talk to
Who have so many doubts.

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

Take my hand in eagerness
To be an older Girl Scout.
We're proud to be a fly-up
It's what we're going to shout.

So, take my hand to follow
New Girl Scouting paths in sight.
We'll join hands with each other
And in friendship we'll unite.

(in unison)
We give our thanks in promise
To hold our country dear,
And abide the Girl Scout Law
Each day throughout the year.

Girls step forward to say the Girl Scout Promise and receive pins.

Brownie Girl Scout Fly-Up (to Junior Girl Scouts)



A Brownie Girl Scout "flies up" to Junior Girl Scouting in the spring, and receives her Brownie Wings. If possible, have your fly-up ceremony with a Junior troop in your Service Unit. Often all age groups of Girl Scouts are involved, including the parents.

Materials: Order your Brownie Wings ahead of time, also your Girl Scout pins and Membership Stars and green discs if you plan to present them now. Brown construction paper, cut to represent stones, or paper bags cut the same way. Write a Girl Scout Law on each one.

The Brownie Girl Scouts sit on one side of the room in a Brownie Ring, and the Junior Girl Scouts 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 down to the floor.

Everyone sings "Girl Scouts Together", found in the Girl Scout Pocket Songbook (or others)

Brownie Leader: You've been a Brownie and you've earned your wings of sunlight gold. Now you're ready for Junior Girl Scouts, new adventures you've been told. (The girls all stand)

Brownie Leader: I would like to present my Brownie Girl Scouts their wings; they are ready to fly-up to the next level of Girl Scouting. As I call your name, would you please come forward? (as they come forward, pin on their wings).

Bake a Batch of New Brownies

Have the girls design their own "oven" out of a cardboard box, etc, that is large enough for the new members to fit inside/hide behind. The other Girl Scouts stand behind the table as "chefs."



Leader: "Since some of our girls have bridged up to Juniors (or moved, etc.) we have extra spaces in our Brownie (Girl Scout) ring."

1st girl "Yes, what can we do about it?"

2nd girl "I know, let's whip up some new Brownies (Girl Scouts)."

All girls "Yes, yes!"

3rd girl "We can look in the handbook for the recipe."

4th girl "Here it is. To make Brownies (Girl Scouts) we must mix in a few basic ingredients, along with the GS Promise, and the GS Law."

5th girl "In a large bowl, cream together 1 cup each of the GS Promise to serve God, my country, and mankind."

6th girl "To this mixture add 2 cups of honesty and 4 tablespoons of cheerfulness. Mix together until well blended."

7th girl "Stir in one cup of thoughtfulness."

8th girl "Beat together 1/2 cup fairness and 1/2 cup helpfulness and add to the mixture."

9th girl "Sprinkle over the mixture 2 tablespoons of sisterhood of Girl Scouting and mix well".

10th girl "Add 1 cup of respect for herself and 1 cup of respect for others."

11th girl " Sift together 1/2 cup of a wise use of resources and 6 tablespoons of a promise to protect and improve the world. Stir into mixture."

12th girl "In a prepared pan spread the batter evenly. (*Quickly put pan in oven so no one sees the girls inside*).

13th Girl Bake at a moderate temperature until done".

Leader: (*Ring Bell*) "They're DONE! Open the oven door and have the new Brownies (GS) walk out. "Look! A brand new batch of Brownies (GS)".

Multi-Level Bridging Ceremony

Materials needed: 5 Stepping Stones

1. As the Daisies step over the stepping stones, the Leader says:

- Stepping stones are for you Daisies,
- Cross them while you sing.
- Your Daisy days are over now,
- Come and join our Brownie ring.

Girls now join the Brownie ring, where they repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the leader.

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



2. The Brownies are in the Brownie Circle and the Bridging Brownies are in the middle.

- Now is the time to say good-bye.
- Break the ring and away you'll fly.

Brownies then cross over the Bridge to Juniors, they repeat the Girl Scout Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the leader. At this time you may also wish to give the girls their Membership stars and green disc. Brownie Leader: We will now all sing "Make New Friends"

- 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.



Junior Leader: Each step of Junior Girl Scouting can be filled with fun and adventure. As a troop, we would like to welcome you.

- Junior Girl Scouts you'll be for a few 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!

The Brownies walk on the stepping stones and enter the horseshoe. With the Brownies facing the Juniors, the Girl Scout Sign is made and the girls recite the Girl Scout Promise.



Junior Leader: With the help of (Brownie Leader's Name) we would like to present our new Juniors with the Girl Scout membership pin. (pin on Girl Scout Pins).

Juniors cross over the Bridge to GS 11-17, they repeat the Promise and are pinned by a sister Girl Scout or the 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.

A 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 watched you girls grow And marveled at the sight,
- Your caring, talents and abilities and using them just right.



Repeat the Girl Scout Promise. Close by the Color Guard retiring the flags .

